The horned passalus beetle, *Odontotaenius disjunctus* Illiger, is subjected to a high number of parasites, both externally and internally, with at least 16 species of parasites living on or in the beetles (Pearse et al. 1936. Ecol. Monogr. 6: 456 - 490). These include mites, a gregarine, 2 nematodes and a tachinid fly. The tachinid fly parasite, *Zelia vertebrata* Say, has been reported in passalus beetles at a number of locations throughout the beetle range in eastern North America, including in Georgia (Fattig 1949. Emory Univ. Mus. Bull. No. 8: 1 - 40). Adult flies lay their eggs in the tunnels made by the beetles in rotting logs, and the maggots enter the beetle larvae in the tunnels. The fly larvae then grow inside the host, breathing air through the opening made in the body cavity wall (Mangrum 1942. Ann. Entomol. Soc. Am. 35: 73 - 75). Most of the fly larvae exit the host before the host pupates, though some exit during pupation (Gray 1946. Am. Midl. Nat. 35: 728 - 746). Tachinid flies have never been reported in adult passalus beetles despite a long history of parasite surveys in this species in the past century. Here, we report discovery of 2 adult horned passalus beetles that were parasitized with tachinid fly larvae.

The 2 parasitized beetles were from a collection of 17 passalus beetles made on 22 September 2012 at the Wormsloe Historic Property in Chatham Co., near Savannah, GA. This is a 485-ha property of maritime forest habitat with the dominant trees being mature live oak (*Quercus virginiana* Mill) and southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora* L.). The day after collection, the beetles were transported to our laboratory at the University of Georgia (Athens, GA) and housed in a glass aquarium (50 x 25 x 25 cm) containing hardwood logs for food and cover. On 9 November 2012 (47 days later) the beetles were killed in a killing jar with chloroform and dissected for a separate project examining prevalence of nematodes in this species. During this process, we discovered that 2 of the beetles were parasitized with tachinid fly larvae, and 1 had a large...