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Recent Range Expansion into Connecticut by *Orocharis saltator* (Orthoptera: Gryllidae)¹

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Orocharis saltator Uhler has expanded its distributional range northward during the last 5 decades. In an early account, Blatchley (1920, Pp. 742–743, Orthoptera of Northeastern America with Especial Reference to the Faunas of Indiana and Florida, The Nature Publishing Co., Indianapolis, IN) reported New Jersey as the northern range limit along the eastern seaboard. Walker (1969, Ann. Entomol. Soc. Am. 62: 752–762) published the first detailed range map, showing that *O. saltator* reached its northern limit in central New Jersey and central Ohio. Subsequently, Capinera et al. (2004, P. 204, Field Guide to Grasshoppers, Katydid, and Crickets of the United States, Cornell Univ. Press, Ithaca, NY) showed that its range had moved slightly more northward. Recently, Walker (2016, Jumping Bush Cricket, *Orocharis saltator*. Accessed 21 December 2016. <http://www.entnemdept.ufl.edu/walker/buzz/686m.htm>.) produced an updated range map, showing additional northward expansion in midwestern states and in eastern coastal states. The two northernmost records given by Walker (2016) were Ithaca, NY and Cambridge, MA; both locations are at about 42.4° north latitude. In this paper, specimen-based records will be used to document the presence of *O. saltator* in Connecticut. Apparently, Himmelman (2009, Pp. 112–113, Guide to Night-singing Insects of the Northeast, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA) first mentioned that this cricket had reached Connecticut, but he did not provide any precise distributional information. There are no specimens of *O. saltator* from Connecticut or Massachusetts in major insect collections in Connecticut or in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Various aspects of the biology of *O. saltator* were discussed by Riley (1873, Pp. 119–120, *In* Fifth Annual Report of the Noxious, Beneficial, and Other Insects, of the State of Missouri, Regan and Carter, Jefferson City, MO), Blatchley (1920),

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