

6 Subfamily Orthotyliinae

Tribe Halticini

Halticus apterus (L.)

Distribution (Map 39). Uhler (1878a) assumed he was giving the first North American records of this species (as *Halticocoris pallicornis*). Knight (1917a), however, pointed out that the common, native mirid *H. bractatus* Say [= *citri* (Ashmead)] has often been labeled *H. apterus*, and it appears that Uhler's specimens were misidentified. Uhler remarked that New World specimens were not coarsely punctate above as Fieber had noted for European *H. apterus*. He also said the specimens he examined from the United States had hemelytra "sprinkled with minute dots of prostrate silvery hairs," a character that fits *H. bractatus* or *H. intermedius* Uhler but not *H. apterus* (Knight 1941: 77, Henry 1983: 610). Therefore, Parshley's (1917) record from Patten, Maine, confirmed by Knight (1917a), should be considered the first valid Nearctic record for *H. apterus*. Knight (1923) listed it from "Canada" and (Knight 1941) specifically from Nova Scotia and Ontario; Laroche (1984) recorded Quebec. Henry (1983) was unable to confirm a Wisconsin record reported by Akingbohunge et al. (1972).