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During the past few years the authors have surveyed the helminth parasites of birds in several localities of the United States. This paper reports some host and

distribution records of *Acanthocephala* which appear to be new. New host and state records are indicated by an asterisk in the following table. The worms are retained in the authors' collections.

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TABLE 1. Some records of *Acanthocephala* from birds

Parasite	Host and State
Polymorphidae	
<i>Polymorphus trochus</i>	<i>Fulica americana</i> Montana*
Van Cleave, 1945	
<i>Polymorphus</i> sp.	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i> * Oregon
<i>Arhythmorhynchus longicollis</i>	<i>Larus delawarensis</i> * Oregon*
(Villot, 1875)	
Plagiorhynchidae	
<i>Plagiorhynchus formosus</i>	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i> * Oregon*, Washington
Van Cleave 1918	<i>Colaptes cafer</i> Washington
<i>Plagiorhynchus paulus</i>	<i>Passerella iliaca</i> Oregon*
Van Cleave and Williams, 1951	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i> * Washington*
Centrorhynchidae	
<i>Sphaerovirostris lanucea</i>	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i> Washington*
Westrumb, 1821)	<i>Perisoreus obscurus</i> * Washington*
Golvan, 1960	
Gigantorhynchidae	
<i>Mediorhynchus grandis</i>	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i> <i>Sternella neglecta</i> * Colorado*
Van Cleave, 1916	
<i>Mediorhynchus papillosus</i>	<i>Turdus migratorius</i> * Colorado*
Van Cleave, 1916	<i>Junco caniceps</i> * Colorado*
	<i>Penthestes gambeli</i> * Colorado*
<i>Mediorhynchus</i> sp.	<i>Sciurus noveboracensis</i> * New York

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IXODES TEXANUS IN EASTERN CANADA

The presence of *Ixodes texanus* Banks has been reported only twice in Ontario, all other records indicate that this tick is restricted in Canada to the west coast area (Gregson, 1956, Can. Dept. Agric. Publ. 930). Reports from the United States, however, record the distribution of *I. texanus* in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida in the eastern area (Clifford, Anastos, and Elbe, 1961, Entomol. Soc. Amer., Miscell. Publ. 2, 215-237).

The author has made several collections of *I. texanus* from Ontario, the records of which are listed below.

Ontario.

South March, 6.II.64, ex *Mephitis mephitis* 1L
Cookstown, 14.II.64, ex *Procyon lotor* 1 ♀
Strathroy, 27.IV.64, ex *Procyon lotor* 30 ♀ ♀, 1 ♂, 6LL
Fletcher, 21.V.64, ex *Procyon lotor* 1 ♀
Mactier, 5.VI.64, ex *Procyon lotor* 3 ♀ ♀