

Gayle H. Nelson (1926-2005) Biography and Memories

The following biographical sketch is from George C. Walters, Jr., a close friend and colleague of Gayle's since they were boys. Following are personal notes and brief anecdotes by buprestid colleagues and collecting companions who knew Gayle from years of collaboration, both in the lab and in the field.

George Walters:

This is in dedication to the memory of the life and times of a famous entomologist Dr. Gayle H. Nelson as seen through the eyes and written by a long time colleague and friend. My memory of Gayle started when we were boys living in Hillsboro, Oregon. My next encounter with Gayle occurred in 1960 at Loma Linda University where he was a professor in the Department of Human Anatomy. He was involved in teaching anatomy to the medical and dental students. It was at that time we started entomological collecting together. We both had an interest in the beetle family Buprestidae. Our friendship and collecting relationship spanned the next 45 years, from 1960 through 2005, during which our last collecting trip together occurred. It was on that occasion that Gayle turned to me and said, "I am getting tired". I did not think much about it. The trip was a success. We collected a series of *Agrius concinnus* Horn, 1891, which was new to my collection and was considered to be rare. We returned to his home, in Blue Springs, Missouri, and for the next couple of days discussed some of the manuscripts which were in the process of being prepared for publication. On my trip home it finally dawned on me what he had been trying to tell me during our collecting trip. I turned to my wife and said, "I have a feeling that I will never see or be able to go collecting with Gayle again".

Gayle was born March 17, 1926 and he passed away, September 24, 2005, at the age of 79 years. His life was filled with many achievements. He graduated from Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Biology) in 1947, from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Master of Science in Entomology in 1953 and a Ph.D. in Anatomy from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1957.

As a professor of close to 60 years, he taught human anatomy to students in the fields of medicine, dentistry, osteopathic medicine and allied health. During that time, he received nine Basic Science Awards, four Distinguished Person Awards, the Excellence in Teaching Award and a Honorary Doctoral Degree Award. He taught at Associate Professor rank at both Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California and College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, Missouri and as Professor at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona.

During his busy schedule as professor, he maintained his physical fitness by devoting time and exercise to the athletic sports of tennis, softball, table tennis and bowling. In each of these sports he received numerous awards and trophies.

He also excelled in singing. Many were the times, while we were collecting, when I would hear his operatic tenor voice. His singing achievements included singing in a men's choral group and at numerous events including a number of banquets.



Young Gayle, with microscope and beetles

However, his main interest was in the field of entomology. Over the years he accumulated a large general collection and a special collection of Buprestidae. Through the years from 1951 through 2004 he published 78 scientific papers. He drew most of the illustrations and other drawings for those publications. He used the "Clay-board India Ink" method in his drawings. The insect taxa described by Gayle included the following: Buprestidae and Schizopodiidae (Coleoptera) and Pentatomidae (Hemiptera).

I remember our first trip to Arizona which included collecting in Madera Canyon, Sabino Canyon, Peña Blanca Lake, and the Southwest Research Station located near Portal. While collecting in tall grass near Peña Blanca, we came in contact with chiggers. That was my first experience with chiggers. Dr. Nelson told me he had had them previously and that they only caused a little discomfort. However, I soon came to the conclusion that he must have been joking with me because he was scratching and complaining as much as I was.

At the Southwest Research Station we met Dr. Mont Cazier. He told us where to collect *Sphaerobothris ulkei* (LeConte), *Polycesta arizonica* Schaeffer, and *Acmaeo-*



In his lecturer attire, teaching anatomy

dera yuccavora Knull. Some of the highlights of that trip were collecting *Agrilus snowi* Fall, *Hippomelas parkeri* Nelson, *Sphaerobothris ulkei* LeConte, *Polycesta arizonica* Schaeffer, and *Acmaeodera yuccavora* Knull.

Besides the first trip to Arizona we had many other interesting collecting trips. I remember a trip that we took to Riverside County, near Pinyon Flats Campground where he first found an elytron of a *Polycesta* which he was not familiar with. He turned to me and said, "I have found a new species of *Polycesta*". We searched for most of that day before we finally found live adults of the *Polycesta*. It was a new species! The *Polycesta*, which works in *Quercus*, he named *Polycesta flavomaculata*.



In front of Gayle's home in Alta Loma, California, summer 1980 (l to r): Chuck Bellamy, Gayle, Frank Beer—photo by R. L. Westcott

I remember another instance when he first found *Juniperella mirabilis* Knull. We were collecting on *Juniperus californica*. I was collecting a few hundred feet away from him when I heard him yelling, "I got it, I got it", he came running toward me, at the same time jumping up and down, waving his arms, one of his hands was closed in a fist. When he got close he kept saying over and over "I got it". I wondered what had happened to him. I thought he was saying "I got bit" and thought he had been bitten by a rattlesnake. Finally he said, "I got a *Juniperella mirabilis*". I then realized it was in his closed hand. I opened his collecting bottle for him and he put the specimen gently in the bottle. During the next few days we were able to collect a number of specimens of that beautiful species.

There were many other trips, too numerous to mention, in which we were able to collect other new species, or species which we did not have in our collections. Collecting with Gayle was always an interesting experience and there was never a dull collecting trip. He made entomological collecting exciting and challenging. Over the years, as I knew him better, I realized that he was always challenging himself to do better than he had done before. He was a man in search of excellence. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Rick Westcott, Salem, Oregon:

The year was 1958, over the long Memorial Day weekend. Dave Mays, Dave Verity and I, all from Los Angeles, picked up Gayle Nelson in Redlands and headed for

Globe, Arizona, in my 1951 Ford hardtop convertible. Those old Fords were notorious for vapor lock and mine was no exception. Even though we were driving at night, we got stymied on the first long grade out of Indio. We had to return and detour south along the Salton Sea route, stopping on the way to have a new fuel pump installed. Losing considerable time, it was not an auspicious beginning. We went to visit the well known beetle collector, Frank Parker, who lived in Sixshooter Canyon. Primary on our list to collect was *Thrincopyge alacris* LeConte; I do not think any of us had collected this strikingly beautiful buprestid, which breeds in dead flowering stalks of sotol, *Dasyilirion wheeleri*. Aside from the obstinate old Ford, what I remember most about this trip happened one afternoon when Dave M. and I went in one direction, Dave V. and Gayle in another. Being teenagers, Dave M. and I were greenhorn collectors, without the staying power, and without as much ability to ferret out the wily buprestids that the "old timers" had. Having minimal success, we returned to the car and started honking, shouting, whistling for those two. We must have waited at least a half-hour then decided to return to base, which we figured was not too far of a walk for Dave V. and Gayle. We arrived, visited with Frank and soon learned that a spot where he collected the sotol bup was right across the road and up a little canyon. We went, we saw, we conquered—and, in my zeal, I got my hands ripped up by the sharp, recurved leaf spines of sotol. The "old timers" returned around dusk, generally annoyed at us for leaving them. However, that was nothing compared to Gayle's response (which must have dwarfed that of Dave V's, as I have no memory of that) when we exhibited our "catch of the day". His face reddening, his look furious, Gayle blurted out "You ... spooned us!" Of course he meant scooped. Given I had been "spooned" instead, I'm sure I would have felt much the same. Next morning Dave V. and Gayle had their turn in the sotol patch, and later the trip home was uneventful. Such stories must be legion in the competitive world of collectors in general.

Stan Wellso, Bastrop, Texas:

I knew Gayle, since 1963 when I wrote him as a graduate student expressing my interest in the Buprestidae. He responded with a letter suggesting that rearing beetles to provide new information about hosts and distribution would be helpful. He also suggested several avenues where I might obtain additional papers about buprestid beetles. Gayle was a sincere friend, and always interested in helping when I had questions concerning these insects. One of my early memories was when Charles Cole found a new species of *Acmaeoderoides* near Presidio, Texas. I mailed the specimen to Gayle, and he suggested that I might want to describe it with him in a forthcoming paper under preparation. He agreed to illustrate the new species. I asked if I could preview the illustration before publication and he sent me a copy. The drawing was absolutely magnificent, as Gayle had spent 40 hours illustrating it. Until then I was unaware of how excellent an illustrator he was.

I was shocked like everyone else to learn that Gayle had died, and would no longer lead the buprestid studies in the United States. He passed away so very quickly. A true friend is gone, but fond memories of his helpfulness, encouragement, insight, and guidance will be with me always.

Joe Cicero, Tucson, Arizona:

Gayle and Jean Nelson, Darwin Tiemann and myself were a fairly well matched foursome for several reasons back in the late 70's early 80's. Darwin and I would work the eastern alluvial flank of the Chiricahua Mountains for *Phengodes arizonensis* and Guadalupe Canyon of the Peloncillos for *Photinus knulli* while waiting for the Nelsons to arrive from Missouri on their annual vacation. Daughter Suzie would sometimes come also. In any case, Gayle would roll in for the monsoon season with his brick red truck, a Chevy Vagabond as I recall, towing a huge, full length trailer which he'd loop across two sites at Stewart campground in Cave Creek Canyon. Darwin would then stay with the women and keep them plenty entertained while Gayle and I would jump in my van and canvas as many areas in the Sky Islands as possible. "Sky Islands", a term with more contemporary popularity, is applied to the complex of mountain range-tops in southern Arizona with flora and fauna that are famous for their remarkable blend of Coloradian and Madrean influences. We'd cover them from the Quinlan Mountains at the west end for the stunning *Crioprosopis magnifica*, to the Huachucas & Chiricahuas at the east end for *Agrilus restrictus* and *Actenodes mimica*, as well as everywhere else for everything else in between, using Stewart as a base. We didn't get into the Peloncillos as I recall. And he didn't blacklight much, as his evenings were best relegated to specimen processing. He was a tall, handsome, well built fellow, and he towered over me. He'd always wear a bleach-white tee-shirt for some unknown reason, as a shirt pocket would otherwise be very useful during collecting trips. This, a smart-looking cowboy hat in a style somewhat like the one Don Imus wears, only considerably cheaper, in fact plastic, and a pair of khakis or jeans pretty much characterized his countenance. We were both assiduous beaters and sweepers and traded specimens on a massive scale. Gayle had several mantras and stories, none of them tall, that he'd keep tabling over and over as we drove. ..." never get out of the vehicle without a net" was one that comes to mind today, three decades later. At our first sighting of *Crioprosopis*, I threw it in park and jumped out to catch it by hand while he fumbled for his net. We never saw another one. And for stories, one of his favorites was a very regrettable accident he had with another collector on another trip. Gayle would redescribe this major boner of his so often and with such laughter and self-ridicule that I remember it as if I were there too. In fact, he was so fond of recounting it that I decided to reenact what he did when we pulled away from a quick refreshment stop during one trip or another. I hopped in, put my jumbo soda on the dash board in front of the steering wheel, buckled my seat belt as he did his, started the van, checked my mirrors, threw it in reverse, and craned my neck for the left blind spot as I backed out. At this point Gayle was jack-knifed left-forward around his seat belt, lunging for the soda before I braked to shift into first gear. Apparently he wasn't so fast when he had the wheel that other day. He was a wonderful fellow, so personable, unassuming, brilliant, and a fabulous collector. He is very much missed.

Ted MacRae, St. Louis, Missouri:

I had the privilege of calling Gayle Nelson both a mentor and a friend. I first corresponded with Gayle in 1984 as a young collector with a budding interest in beetles, and my first communication with him probably mirrors that of many

others—me asking him for help identifying specimens. And, as he likely did for those many others, he graciously agreed. For the next several years, I would send him my “catch” at the end of each season and anxiously await the return shipment. Opening a box of specimens after he’d looked at them was as exciting as Christmas morning, not only to see how well I had fared in my tentative identifications, but also in anticipation of the “gifts” Gayle more often than not included for my collection. On one occasion, I had included examples of a strange looking *Agrilus* from south Texas that I had found during one of my earliest collecting trips outside of Missouri. They turned out to be *A. toxotes*, known previously only from Mexico, and a species not represented in Gayle’s collection (a true rarity by that point in his life). In his return letter, Gayle’s excitement about this find was obvious as he politely asked permission to retain a male/female pair. I agreed readily, and when the box of beetles was returned, I found added to its contents several dozen especially colorful examples of western U.S. *Acmaeodera*. To this young Midwesterner, those beetles were as “exotic” as if they had come from Brazil or Africa. During those early years, Gayle’s letters were rich with advice on collecting and suggestions for localities I should explore, and his kindnesses did much to solidify my passion for buprestids and eventually led to the first of our several coauthored publications.

It was not until 1991, however, that I finally met Gayle in person while he was still residing in California. I had moved from St. Louis to Sacramento and was eager to explore the “buprestid heaven” that is southern California. Gayle had extended an open invitation to collect with him, so in early June I traveled to his home in Rancho Cucamonga, where he and his wife Jean graciously hosted me for the first two days of a weeklong collecting trip. That first evening I marveled at what was undoubtedly the most impressive private insect collection I had ever seen. Not only was it larger than any collection I had seen, but the exacting and careful manner in which the specimens had been curated and organized was enough to impress even the most retentive among us. We talked about the collecting localities he planned to show me and what species we might find there. To this still relatively “green” buprestophile whose collecting experience was limited primarily to the Missouri Ozarks, the prospect of collecting species of such “exotic” genera as *Acmaeoderoides*, *Anambodera*, *Prasinalia*, and *Lepismadora*—in one trip—almost seemed too good to be true. But true it was! Our first day in the field I met his longtime friend George Walters, and the three of us visited several of their favorite collecting localities in the San Bernardino Mountains near Wrightwood and in Lone Pine Canyon. I collected around 15 species of buprestids that day—more than I had ever collected on any previous field trip. The next day he took me to the beautiful Santa Rosa Mountains and its fabled Pinyon Flats, Whitewater Canyon and Palm Desert localities, where I added another dozen or so species to my catch—all different from the previous day. During those two days, I was not only astounded by Gayle’s endurance—he was well into his 60s by then—but also impressed with his dogged persistence in searching for his quarry. It didn’t take me long to figure out that this was one of the secrets to his great success as a collector. By the end of the second day, I was so exhausted that I slept during most of the long drive back to his home. I spent the rest of the following week visiting many of the other southern California localities Gayle had recommended, looking on the plants he had suggested, and ended up with a whopping trip total of ~60 buprestid species. During the years that followed, I had the good fortune to accompany Gayle on field trips as far away as southern



Vicinity of Wrightwood, California, 4.vii.1988 Gayle with his propellor cap—photo by R. L. Westcott

Mexico and close to home in Missouri and Kansas. Each time he taught me something new and re-energized my passion for collecting buprestids. I knew I was “learning from the Master!” Gayle Nelson was large in stature and in life. He was a scientist, a teacher, a dedicated family man and a friend to us all. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Chuck Bellamy, Sacramento, California:

My experience with Gayle at the beginning of our correspondence and relationship is much as Ted described above. I began writing to Gayle in 1976 and my first letter from Gayle is dated April 26 of that year. By some strange serendipity, I met Gayle in Stewart campground, Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona on July 9, 1977. I was alone on a fieldtrip and stopped for the night in that campground, although I had traditionally stayed at the Sunny Flats campground at other times. I recall sitting on the tailgate of my small truck after a typically dismal camp meal, reading a book when a woman approached and asked if I was an insect collector, having seen a net in the truck. After we chatted a few moments, she introduced herself as Jean Nelson and that her husband Gayle was down at their trailer. I followed her back to meet Gayle and he offered to take me collecting the next day, to show me both host plants and good spots for things I had never heard of, such as *Sphaerobothris ulkei* (LeConte) on the *Ephedra* and *Spectralia cuprascens* (Knull) on the desert honeysuckle, *Anisacanthus thurberi*. Neither of those species landed in my net for several more years, but at least I knew where to look. The next year several of



Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, 11.vii.1992—(l to r): Svata Bílý, Chuck Bellamy, Hans Mühle, Gayle Nelson, Dave Verity, Ted MacRae, Mark Volkovitsh—photo by R. L. Westcott

us tried to organize a buprestid collectors' get-together at Parker Canyon Lake and we were disappointed to learn that Gayle would not be able to join us. When Gayle first moved back to southern California in 1980, I first encountered him at a meeting of the Lorquin Entomological Society at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, where I had delivered a short collecting report on my first trip to Australia. During the next few years we both lived relatively close, I visited him several times each year until I left in August 1983 for my doctoral work in South Africa; and one notable holiday gathering hosted by Gayle and Jean in December of 1984 included most of the West Coast buprestid fraternity. Gayle served as one of two external examiners of my D.Sc. thesis in 1987. When I returned to California in early June of that year, I rendezvoused with Gayle and Rick Westcott at the old canal west of the Algodones sand dunes and Glamis, Imperial Co. to collect the recently described *Lepismadora algodones* Velten and I almost suffered heat stroke having recently come from the southern hemisphere winter to the early summer heat of that habitat. As I sat in an air-conditioned car to recover a bit, I watched Gayle and Rick slowly walking the wash before we drove back to Gayle and Jean's house where I spent the night before we went collecting together again the next day. In the summer of 1992, Gayle joined a small group of American and European buprestid fanatics for a multi-week collecting foray in southern Mexico. One of our goals was to find *Oaxacanthaxia viridis* Bellamy, which I had described the year before. None

of us found that species, however during our time down in the lowland habitat in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Gayle, Ted MacRae and Dave Verity collected a second species of that genus and later Gayle and Ted described *O. nigroaenea*. Prior to my second emigration to South Africa in 1994, Gayle and I made plans to collaborate on a revision of the genus *Paratyndaris* Fisher, which was finally published in 2004. We had been discussing further collaboration, e.g., *Hesperorhipis* Van Dyke, but with Gayle's death those plans fall either to me alone or to other partnerships. What I learned from Gayle was as much in his silent example as anything he taught me in correspondence or in his publications, i.e., perseverance, a quest towards excellence, dedication, passion and always an interest to share his knowledge with others. Gayle raised the bar for many colleagues and fellow collectors he met and worked with over the years. He was a kind man who rarely uttered anything save the most diplomatic commentary about any topic that came up. As I learned from my late father, I also learned from Gayle; these two men were, and are, two of the best examples from whom I have gained much of real worth.

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Schizopodidae

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Glyptoscelimorpha juniperae viridiceps Nelson, in Nelson & Bellamy 1991:1005

Buprestidae

Agaeocerini Nelson 1982:440

Barrellus Nelson & Bellamy 1996:903

Beerellus Nelson 1982:438

Dicerca (*Neoargante*) Nelson 2006:

Panapulla Nelson 2000a:248

Paratyndaris (*Waltersia*) Nelson & Bellamy 2004:68

Squamodera Nelson 1996a:167

Acmaeodera apiata Nelson 1994b:277

Acmaeodera aquila Nelson 1994b:279

Acmaeodera ceanothae Nelson 1967b:57

Acmaeodera constrictinotum Westcott & Nelson 2000:305

Acmaeodera lupinae Nelson 1996b:176

Acmaeodera lysilomae Nelson 1994b:281

Acmaeodera navajo Nelson & Westcott 1995:82

Acmaeodera quadrivittatoides Nelson & Westcott 1995:77

Acmaeodera riograndei Nelson 1980b:175

Acmaeodera rubrocuprea Westcott & Nelson 2000:302

Acmaeodera rubroguttula Nelson 1994b:275

Acmaeodera rubrovittata Nelson 1994b:272

Acmaeodera tenuidigna Nelson 1994b:276

Acmaeodera tildenorum Nelson & Westcott 1995:85

Acmaeoderoides cazieri Nelson 1968c:137

Acmaeoderoides confusus Nelson 1999:371

Acmaeoderoides depressus Nelson 1968c:136

Acmaeoderoides distinctus Nelson 1968c:129

Acmaeoderoides ferruginis Wellso & Nelson, in Nelson 1968c:132

Acmaeoderoides knulli Nelson 1968c:139

Acmaeoderoides rufescens Nelson 1968c:144

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Actenodes davidi Nelson 1979:87

Agrihus harenus Nelson 1994a:261

Agrihus hespenheidei Nelson, in Nelson & Westcott 1991:133

- Agrilus inhabilis cuprinus* Nelson, in Nelson & Westcott 1991:140
Agrilus parvus californicus Westcott & Nelson 2000:308
Agrilus turnbowi Nelson 1990:374
Agrilus waltersi Nelson 1985a:89
Beerellus taxodii Nelson 1982:438
Chrysobothris brevitarsis Nelson 1975a:24
Chrysobothris explicationis Nelson 1975a:20
Chrysobothris fabulosa Nelson 1988b:339
Chrysobothris georgei Nelson 1980a:89 (replacement name for *C. vogti* Nelson 1975)
Chrysobothris knulli Nelson 1975a:23
Chrysobothris nigropicta Nelson 1988b:341
Chrysobothris paramodesta Nelson 1975a:14
Chrysobothris paratabalipa Nelson 1975a:29
Chrysobothris purpureovittata cercocarpi Westcott & Nelson 2000:310
Chrysobothris verityi Nelson 1975a:26
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Dicerca callosa frosti Nelson 1963:65
Dicerca tenebrosa knulli Nelson 1975c:105
Gyascutus jeaneae (Nelson) 1988a:279 (as *Hippomelas*)
Gyascutus paragranelatus Nelson 2000c:2275
Gyascutus westcotti Nelson 2000c:2278
Hippomelas martini Nelson, in Nelson & Bellamy 1996:872
Hippomelas parkeri Nelson, in Nelson & Bellamy 1996:891
Jelinekia barri (Nelson) 1975b:169 (as *Polycesta*)
Oaxacanthaxia nigroaenea Nelson & MacRae 1994:149
Panapulla strongyliformis Nelson 2000a:249
Paratyndaris costata Nelson & Bellamy 2004:53
Paratyndaris dozieri Nelson & Bellamy 2004:27
Paratyndaris mimica Nelson & Bellamy 2004:61
Paratyndaris paralateralis Nelson & Bellamy 2004:33
Paratyndaris pulchra Nelson & Bellamy 2004:18
Paratyndaris similis Nelson & Bellamy 2004:19
Paratyndaris turbida Nelson & Bellamy 2004:65
Paratyndaris uniformis Nelson & Bellamy 2004:63
Paratyndaris verityi Nelson & Bellamy 2004:47
Paratyndaris westcotti Nelson & Bellamy 2004:49
Poecilonota viridicyanea Nelson 1997a:1
Polycesta flavomaculata Nelson 1960b:30
Polycesta plana Nelson 2000b:263
Spectralia parafrontalis (Nelson) 1971:37 (as *Cinyra*)
Xenorhipis klapperichorum (Nelson) 1978a:319 (as *Isophaenus*)
Xenorhipis mexicana Nelson 1968b:95

HEMIPTERA

Pentatomidae

- Dendrocoris neomexicanus* Nelson 1955:64
Dendrocoris parapini Nelson 1957:198
Dendrocoris variegatus Nelson 1955:60

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Family Buprestidae

Acherusia (Nelsonila) Cobos, 1980 (synonym of *Mimicoclytrina* (s. str.))

Acmaeodera nelsoni Barr, 1972a

Agrihus nelsonodaimio Ohmomo, 2006

Ancylotela nelsoni Barr, 1972b (now in *Paratyndaris*)

Chrysobothris nelsoni Westcott & Alten, 2006

Coraebus nelsoni Akiyama & Ohmomo, 1989

Cypriacis (Nelsonocheira) Kurosawa, 1988

Dactylozodes (Nelsonozodes) Bellamy & Moore, 2006

Dicerca horni nelsoni Beer, 1974

Holmia nelsoni Cobos, 1980 (synonym of *Neopolycesta caffra*)

Lampetis nelsoni Akiyama & Ohmomo, 1994

Nelsonagrilus Jendek, 2006

Neotrachys nelsoni Hespeneide, 2006

Philanthaxia nelsoni Bilý, 2006

Polycesta (Nelsonella) Cobos, 1981

Spectralia nelsoni Westcott, 2006

Family Carabidae

Pseudanophthalmus nelsoni T. C. Barr, 1965

Family Cerambycidae

Cacostola nelsoni Chemsak & Linsley, 1986

Euderces nelsoni Chemsak, 1969

Eutrichillus canescens nelsoni Dillon, 1956

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Family Cleridae

Enoclerus nelsoni W. F. Barr, 1978

Nelsonoplium jeanae W. F. Barr, 2006

Family Curculionidae

Apion nelsoni Kissinger, 1990

Helleriella nelsoni Hespeneide, 1980

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