

## A CHECKLIST OF THE ROVE BEETLES (COLEOPTERA: STAPHYLINIDAE) OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BASED ON PUBLISHED RECORDS

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### ABSTRACT

A review of the literature revealed 17 subfamilies and 355 species of rove beetles (Staphylinidae) reported from South Carolina. Updated nomenclature and references are provided for all species. The goal of this list is to set a baseline for improvement of our knowledge of the state's staphylinid fauna, as well as to goad ourselves and others into creating new, or updating existing, regional faunal lists of the world's most speciose beetle family.

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Staphylinidae, the rove beetles, are a megadiverse family of beetles containing more than 62,000 described species worldwide. The family is found in virtually all terrestrial habitats except in the extreme polar regions. It is the most diverse family across all animal groups. Within the Nearctic region (non-tropical North America), about 4,500 species are known (Newton *et al.* 2000). While some subgroups are reasonably well known in North America (*e.g.*, subtribe Philonthina; Smetana 1995), the Staphylinidae, even within this area, suffer from the full spectrum of taxonomic inadequacies: poorly defined taxonomic boundaries at numerous levels from subfamily to species; undescribed species; inadequately described species; nomenclatural issues; lack of any or updated keys; poor distributional knowledge; unknown/poorly known immature stages; and poor knowledge of natural history even at the generic level. New species are regularly described in revisions of some of the smaller-bodied, litter-inhabiting groups like Pselaphinae, Scydmaeninae, and Aleocharinae. For example, pulling only from unidentified material in one supertribe in one museum, Owens and Carlton (2016b) discovered nine undescribed species of eastern USA Euplectitae (Pselaphinae).

At a regional level, rove beetle diversity is poorly documented due to a combination of insufficient survey work and difficulty of identification. Only a handful of checklists exists at the state or other substantial regional levels (see Discussion for details). As part of a larger goal to improve the status of beetle faunistics in the southeastern USA, we are compiling available literature to establish baselines on which to build. Here we present an initial checklist based on published literature for Staphylinidae in South Carolina.

South Carolina is a rather small, yet diverse state, ranging from low-lying coastal habitats through a variety of mid-elevation communities to montane areas encompassing some of the diversity of higher Appalachia. The easternmost portion of the state is within the Atlantic Coastal Plain, a recently recognized biodiversity hotspot (Noss 2016) that includes coastal strand, sandhills, cypress swamps, and carnivorous plant bogs. The center of the state consists of the rolling hills of the Southern Piedmont with a long history of intensive agricultural use. The Blue Ridge Mountain region in the westernmost portion of the state also hosts high diversity and endemism (Morse *et al.* 1997; Jackson *et al.* 2009).

The state has a reasonably strong history of study on its beetle fauna, thanks initially to Vernon Kirk's (1969, 1970) South Carolina checklists, and a strong foundation of collections to support continuing work. This foundation has grown considerably through several recent contributions in the 'Biota of South Carolina' series, in which the ground beetles (Ciegler 2000), scarab beetles (Harpootlian 2001), aquatic beetles (Ciegler 2003), leaf beetles (Ciegler 2007), weevils (Ciegler 2010), jewel beetles (Harpootlian and Bellamy 2014), and tenebrionoid beetles (Ciegler 2014) have all been thoroughly treated. At the same time, the state is woefully under-collected, as revealed by the large numbers of species reported from immediately across the borders of neighboring states, yet undocumented for South Carolina.

We hope that the work presented here will spur further survey work on the South Carolina beetle fauna, particularly the staphylinids and other more cryptic groups, and on the southeastern insect fauna in general. The Atlantic Coastal Plain's recent

recognition as a biodiversity hotspot lends further urgency to better documenting the regional insect fauna, if entomological data are to play any significant role in regional conservation work.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The core of this work is based on the staphylinid records reported in Kirk's two South Carolina checklists. Together, the northern coastal plain (Kirk 1969) and upstate and southern coastal plain (Kirk 1970) checklists reported 240 species of Staphylinidae from the state (including what were then the families Pselaphidae, Scydmaenidae, and Scaphidiidae, now all subfamilies within Staphylinidae; Grebenikov and Newton 2009). Kirk's works included species known personally to occur in the state, species found within regional collections (mainly, but not exclusively, the Clemson University Arthropod Collection), and some additional species reported to occur in South Carolina in literature published up to that time. To bring his checklist up to date, we scoured all more recent revisionary literature for additional reports of species from South Carolina (adding about 120 species), updated Kirk's nomenclature, and assessed the likelihood of reports for some species whose initial reports had been questionable.

The checklist is presented with little further elaboration. The reference or references citing the species from South Carolina are indicated. Where groups have been revised subsequent to Kirk's works, we have added recent confirming records, to ensure that changing species concepts have not voided earlier records. In a few cases, the only known records remain questionable or require some further interpretation. Such notes are indented following a species name.

## CHECKLIST OF THE STAPHYLINIDAE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### OMALIINAE MacLeay

#### Omaliini MacLeay

- Omalium caesum* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1970.
- Omalium foraminosum* Maklin; Kirk 1970.
- Omalium fractum* Fauvel; Kirk 1969.
- Omalium quadripenne* Casey; Kirk 1970.
- Omalium repandum* Erichson; Kirk 1970.
- Omalium rivulare* (Paykull); Kirk 1970.

#### Eusphalerini Hatch

- Eusphalerum horni* (Fauvel); Kirk 1969; Zanetti 2014.

#### Anthophagini Thomson

- Acidota crenata* (Fabricius); Kirk 1969.

- Anthobium sordidum* (Erichson); Kirk 1970.
- Arpedium schwarzi* Fauvel; Kirk 1970; Campbell 1984.
- Geodromicus brunneus* (Say); Kirk 1970.
- Geodromicus strictus* Fauvel; Kirk 1970.

### Coryphiini Jacobson

- Ephelinus guttatus* (LeConte); Campbell 1978.
- Ephelinus notatus* (LeConte); Herman 2001.

### PROTEININAE Erichson

#### Proteinini Erichson

- Megarthrus americanus* Sachse; Kirk 1969, 1970; Cuccodoro and Löbl 1996.

### MICROPEPLINAE Leach

- Micropeplus sculptus* LeConte; Campbell 1968.

### DASYCERINAE Reitter

- Dasycerus carolinensis* Horn; Löbl and Calame 1996.

### PSELAPHINAE Latreille

#### Faronitae Reitter

- Sonoma tishechkini* Ferro and Carlton; Ferro and Carlton 2010.

### Euplectitae LeConte

#### Trogastrini Jeannel

- Conoplectus canaliculatus* (LeConte); Kirk 1969, 1970.  
- Reported as *Rhexidius canaliculatus* in Kirk (1969, 1970).
- Euboarhexius perscitus* (Fletcher); Chandler 1997.

### Euplectini LeConte

- Euplectus confluens* LeConte; Chandler 1997.
- Euplectus longicollis* Casey; Kirk 1969; Chandler 1997.
- Leptoplectus pertenuis* (Casey); Chandler 1997.
- Pycnoplectus difficilis* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.  
- Reported as *Euplectus difficilis* in Kirk (1969, 1970).
- Pycnoplectus sexualis* (Casey); Kirk 1970.  
- Reported as *Euplectus sexualis* in Kirk (1969, 1970).

### Mayetiini Winkler

- Mayetia pearsei* Schuster, Marsh, and Park; Carlton and Robison 1996.

### Metopiasini Raffray

- Rhinosepsis bistriatus* LeConte; Chandler 1997.

### Trichonychini Reitter

- Actiastes globifer* (LeConte); Kirk 1970; Chandler 1997.  
- Reported as *Actium globifer* in Kirk (1969, 1970).
- Bibloplectus leviceps* (Casey); Chandler 1997.
- Bibloplectus ruficeps* (Motschulsky); Chandler 1997.

- Dalmosanus mollyae* (Park); Chandler 1997.  
 - Reported as *Pygmactium mollyae* in Chandler (1997).
- Dalmosanus steevesi* (Schuster and Grigarick); Chandler 1997.  
 - Reported as *Pygmactium steevesi* in Chandler (1997).
- Eutyphus prominen*s Casey; Chandler 1997; Owens and Carlton 2016a.
- Eutyphus similis* LeConte; Owens and Carlton 2016a.
- Eutyphus thoracicus* Park; Chandler 1997; Owens and Carlton 2016a.
- Melba parvula* (LeConte); Chandler 1997.
- Melba thoracica* (Brendel); Chandler 1997.
- Pseudactium arcuatum* (LeConte); Carlton and Chandler 1994.
- Thesiastes atratus* Casey; Chandler 1997.
- Thesiastes pumilis* (LeConte); Kirk 1970; Chandler 1989.
- Thesium cavifrons* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.
- Trimiomelba dubia* (LeConte); Kirk 1969; Chandler 1997.

#### Batrisitae Reitter

##### Batrisini Reitter

- Arthmius involutus?* Casey; Kirk 1969; Chandler 1997.  
 - Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.
- Arthmius globicollis* LeConte; Kirk 1969.
- Arthmius gracilior?* Casey; Kirk 1969.  
 - Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.
- Batriasymmodes armiger* (LeConte); Kirk 1970; Chandler 1997.
- Batriasymmodes confinis* (LeConte); Kirk 1969, 1970; Chandler 1997.
- Batriasymmodes cavicrus* (Casey); Kirk 1970; Chandler 1997.
- Batriasymmodes monstrosus* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.
- Batrisedes cartwrighti* Sanderson; Kirk 1970; Chandler 1997.
- Batrisedes denticollis* (Casey); Chandler 1997.
- Batrisedes dorothae* Ferro and Carlton; Ferro and Carlton 2014.
- Batrisedes lineaticollis* (Aubé); Kirk 1969.  
 - Reported as *Batrisedes globosus* in Kirk (1969), which was synonymized by Chandler (1999).
- Batrisedes clypeonotus* (Brendel); Kirk 1970.  
 - Reported as *Batrisedes kahli* in Kirk (1970), which was synonymized by Chandler (1999).
- Batrisedes nigricans* (LeConte); Kirk 1970; Chandler 1997.
- Batrisedes schaumii* (Aubé); Chandler 1997.

- Batrisedes schaefferi* Park; Chandler 1997.
- Batrisedes schmitti* (Casey); Chandler 1997.
- Batrisedes uncicornis* (Casey); Kirk 1969.
- Batrisedes virginiae* (Casey); Kirk 1970.

#### Amauropini Janel

- Arianops carteri* Carlton; Carlton 2008.

#### Goniaceritae Reitter

##### Brachyglutini Raffray

- Anchydartron cornutum* (Brendel); Chandler 1997.
- Anchydartron inornatum* (Brendel); Chandler 1997.
- Brachygluta corniventris* (Motschulsky); Chandler et al. 2015.
- Brachygluta dentata* (Say); Chandler et al. 2015.
- Brachygluta floridana* (Brendel); Chandler et al. 2015.
- Brachygluta lareaui* Chandler; Chandler et al. 2015.
- Brachygluta luniger* (LeConte); Chandler et al. 2015.
- Brachygluta ulkei* (Brendel); Chandler et al. 2015.
- Decarthron inusitatum* Park; Chandler 1997.
- Decarthron reciprocum* Park; Chandler 1997.
- Eupsenius glaber* LeConte; Kirk 1970.
- Eutrichites zonatus* (Brendel); Chandler 1997.
- Reichenbachia atlantica* (Brendel); Chandler 1989.
- Reichenbachia chandleri* Carlton; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia congener?* (Brendel); Kirk 1969.  
 - Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.
- Reichenbachia facilis* Casey; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia hardyi* Park; Chandler 1989; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia louisiana* Carlton; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia peregrinator* Casey; Chandler 1989; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia puncticollis* (LeConte); Chandler 1997; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia sandersoni* Carlton; Carlton 2003.
- Reichenbachia sodalis* Casey; Chandler 1989.

#### Tychini Raffray

- Custotychus carloritaorum* Chandler and Geromini; Chandler and Geromini 2016.
- Custotychus daggyi* (Park); Chandler and Geromini 2016.
- Custotychus pocahontas* (Casey); Chandler and Geromini 2016.
- Cylindrarcetus ludovicianus* (Brendel); Kirk 1969.  
 - Reported as *Cylindrarcetus comes* in Kirk (1969), which was synonymized by Chandler (1999).

*Cylindrarctus longipalpis* (LeConte); Chandler

1997.

*Nearctitychus sternalis* (Raffray); Chandler  
1997.

#### Speleobamini

*Prespelea divergens* Caterino and Vásquez-Vélez; Caterino and Vásquez-Vélez 2017.

*Prespelea myersae* Caterino and Vásquez-Vélez; Caterino and Vásquez-Vélez 2017.

#### Pselaphitae Latreille

##### Tyrrini Reitter

*Cedius spinosus* LeConte; Kirk 1970.

*Upoluna batrisioides* Motschulsky; Kirk 1969.

- Reported as *Circocerus batrisioides* Motschulsky in Kirk (1969).

*Hamotus opimus?* Fletcher; Kirk 1969.

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

*Tyrus humeralis* (Aubé); Kirk 1969, 1970.

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Tyrus compar* LeConte and as *Tyrus consimilis* Casey, now both junior synonyms of *T. humeralis* (Chandler 1997, 1999).

#### Tmesiphorini Jeannel

*Tmesiphorus carinatus* (Say); Kirk 1969, 1970; Chandler 1997.

*Tmesiphorus costalis* LeConte; Kirk 1969, 1970; Chandler 1997.

#### Clavigeritae Leach

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*Adranes coecus* LeConte; Kirk 1969, 1970.

### TACHYPORINAE MacLeay

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*Coproporus laevis* LeConte; Kirk 1969; Campbell 1975.

*Coproporus ventriculus* (Say); Kirk 1969; Campbell 1975.

*Sepedophilus basalis* (Erichson); Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus brachypterus* Campbell; Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus cinctulus* (Erichson); Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus crassus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969.  
- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Tachinus crassus*.

*Sepedophilus etenidialis* Campbell; Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus frosti* Campbell; Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus kiteleyi* Campbell; Campbell 1976.

*Sepedophilus macer* (Casey); Kirk 1970; Campbell 1976.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Tachinus macer*.

*Sepedophilus opicus* (Say); Kirk 1969.  
- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Tachinus opicus*.

*Sepedophilus parvulus* (Horn); Kirk 1969; Campbell 1976.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Tachinus parvulus*.

*Sepedophilus scriptus* (Horn); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Tachinus scriptus*.

*Sepedophilus versicolor* (Casey); Campbell 1976.

*Tachinus axillaris* Erichson; Campbell 1973.

*Tachinus basalis* Erichson; Kirk 1969.

- The species is valid, but it is not the one recorded near South Carolina by Campbell (1973). The record may refer to *Tachinus luridus* Erichson, a similar species known from western North Carolina, or to *S. basalis*, which is known from South Carolina and listed separately (several other species belonging to *Sepedophilus* Gistel were listed in *Tachinus* Gravenhorst by Kirk (1969)).

*Tachinus fimbriatus* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1969, 1970; Campbell 1973.

*Tachinus fumipennis* (Say); Kirk 1970.

- Kirk's (1970) record may refer to *T. axillaris*, a common misidentification, but *T. fumipennis* plausibly occurs in South Carolina.

*Tachinus limbatus* Melsheimer; Campbell 1973.

- Campbell (1973) does not explicitly list a South Carolina record for this species, but a dot on his distribution map for the species seems to support its occurrence in the state.

*Tachinus memnonius* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1970.

*Tachinus pubescens* Paykull; Kirk 1969, 1970.

- This species reported by Kirk (1969, 1970) is ambiguous. No citation of a 'pubescens' in *Tachinus* could be found. It may refer to *Sepedophilus pubescens* (Paykull), now a synonym of *Sepedophilus littoreus* (Linnaeus), which is not reported from South Carolina, but its presence in the state is plausible.

*Tachyporus jocosus* Say; Kirk 1969, 1970; Campbell 1979.

*Tachyporus nitidulus* (Fabricius); Kirk 1969.

#### Mycetoporini Thomson

*Bryoporus rufescens* LeConte; Kirk 1969, 1970; Campbell 1993.

*Bryoporus testaceus* LeConte; Campbell 1993.

*Carphacis dimidiatus* (Erichson); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Lordithon dimidiatus*.

*Ischnosoma flavidole* (LeConte); Kirk 1969; Campbell 1991.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Mycetoporus flavidole*.

*Ischnosoma lecontei* Campbell; Campbell 1991.

*Ischnosoma splendidum* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Mycetoporus splendidum*.

***Lordithon appalachianus* Campbell;** Campbell 1982.

***Lordithon axillaris* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1970.

***Lordithon cinctus* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969, 1970; Campbell 1982.

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Bolitobius cinctus*.

***Lordithon facilis* (Casey);** Campbell 1982.

***Lordithon obsoletus* (Say);** Campbell 1982.

***Lordithon thoracicus* (Fabricius);** Kirk 1969; Campbell 1982.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Lordithon cincticollis* (Say), which was synonymized by Campbell (1982).

***Mycetoporus consors* LeConte;** Kirk 1969; Campbell 1991.

***Mycetoporus floridensis* Campbell;** Campbell 1991.

#### ALEOCHARINAE Fleming

##### Deinopsini Sharp

***Deinopsis rapida* Casey;** Klimaszewski 1982.

##### Aleocharini Fleming

***Aleochara bimaculata* Gravenhorst;** Klimaszewski 1984.

***Aleochara bipustulata* (Linnaeus);** Kirk 1970.

***Aleochara lustrica* Say;** Kirk 1970; Klimaszewski 1984.

***Aleochara lata* Gravenhorst;** Kirk 1970; Klimaszewski 1984.

***Aleochara notula* Erichson;** Kirk 1970; Klimaszewski 1984.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *A. nitidicollis* Casey, now a synonym (Klimaszewski 1984).

***Aleochara sculptiventris* Casey;** Klimaszewski 1984.

***Aleochara verna* Say;** Klimaszewski 1984.

##### Oxypodini Thomson

***Cratarea suturalis* (Mannerheim);** Kirk 1970; Brunke et al. 2012.

***Oxypoda opaca* (Gravenhorst);** Klimaszewski et al. 2006.

##### Homalotini Heer

***Gyrophaena affinis* Mannerheim;** Kirk 1970.

***Gyrophaena coniciventris* Casey;** Seavers 1951.

***Eumicrota corruscula* (Erichson);** Seavers 1951. - Reported by Seavers (1951) as *Gyrophaena corruscula*; new combination by Ashe (1984).

***Eumicrota socia* (Erichson);** Seavers 1951.

- Reported by Seavers (1951) as *Gyrophaena socia*; new combination by Ashe (1984).

***Phanerotata fasciata* (Say);** Kirk 1969, 1970.

##### Placusini Mulsant and Rey

***Placusa despecta* Erichson;** Kirk 1970.

##### Philotermitini Seavers

***Philotermes wernerii* Seavers;** Seavers 1957.

##### Athetini Casey

***Philhygra palustris* (Kiesenwetter);** Kirk 1970.

- Reported as *Atheta palustris* by Kirk (1970).

***Sableta infulata* Casey;** Ashe and Gusrarov 2004.

***Stethusa dichroa* (Gravenhorst);** Gusrarov 2003.

##### Falagriini Mulsant and Rey

***Aleodorus bilobatus* (Say);** Kirk 1969, 1970.

- Reported in Kirk as *Aleochara bilobatus*.

***Aleodorus partitus* (LeConte);** Hoebeke 1985.

***Borboroporus quadriceps* (LeConte);** Hoebeke 1985.

***Falagria dissecta* Erichson;** Kirk 1970; Hoebeke 1985.

##### Lomechusini Fleming

***Xenodus reflexa* (Walker);** Hoebeke 1976.

- Kirk (1969, 1970) reported *Xenodus a cava* (LeConte) from South Carolina, but Hoebeke (1976) corrected Kirk's identification and reports only *X. reflexa* from South Carolina.

#### SCAPHIDIINAE Latreille

##### Scaphidiini Latreille

***Scaphidium quadriguttatum* Say;** Kirk 1969, 1970.

##### Cypariini Achard

***Cypharium concolor* (Fabricius);** Kirk 1969, 1970.

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Cypharium flavipes* LeConte.

##### Scaphisomatini Casey

***Baeocera congener* Casey;** Kirk 1969; Löbl and Stephan 1993.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera congener*.

***Baeocera deflexa* Casey;** Löbl and Stephan 1993.

***Baeocera falsata* Achard;** Löbl and Stephan 1993.

***Baeocera laevis* (Reitter);** Kirk 1969; Löbl and Stephan 1993.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera mitchelli* Cornell, which was synonymized by Löbl and Stephan (1993).

***Baeocera nana* Casey;** Kirk 1969; Löbl and Stephan 1993.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera nana*.

***Baeocera picea* Casey;** Cornell 1967; Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera picea*.

***Baeocera securiforma* (Cornell);** Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera securiforma*.

***Baeocera speculifer* Casey;** Kirk 1969.

***Baeocera youngi* (Cornell);** Cornell 1967; Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Eubaeocera youngi*.

- Scaphisoma pusillum* LeConte;** Leschen *et al.* 1990.  
***Toxidium compressum* Zimmerman;** Kirk 1969.  
***Toxidium gammaroides* LeConte;** Kirk 1969.

#### OSORIINAE Erichson

##### Thoracophorini Reitter

- Clavilispinus exiguum* (Erichson);** Kirk 1969, 1970; Peck and Thomas 1998.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Paralispinus exiguum*.  
***Naceus tenuis* (LeConte);** Navarrete-Heredia *et al.* 2002.  
***Thoracophorus costalis* (Erichson);** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Thoracophorus fletcheri* Wendeler, which was synonymized by Ferro (2015).

##### Osoriini Erichson

- Holotrochus brachypterus* Fauvel;** Kirk 1969.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Neotrochus brachypterus*.  
***Molosoma latipes* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Osorius latipes*.  
***Osorius planifrons* LeConte;** Kirk 1969.

#### OXYTELINAE Fleming

##### Oxytelini Fleming

- Anotylus insignitus* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
***Anotylus tetracarinatus* (Block);** Kirk 1970.  
***Apocellus sphaericollis* (Say);** Kirk 1969.  
***Oxytelus pensylvanicus* Erichson;** Kirk 1969, 1970.

##### Blediini Ádám

- Bledius basalis* LeConte;** Kirk 1969.  
***Bledius cognatus* LeConte;** Kirk 1970.  
***Bledius cordatus* (Say);** Herman 1976.  
***Bledius emarginatus* Say;** Herman 1983.  
***Bledius politus* Erichson;** Kirk 1970; Herman 1976.  
***Bledius punctatissimus* LeConte;** Herman 1972.  
 - Reported by Herman (1972) as *Psamathobledius punctatissimus*.  
***Bledius rubiginosus* Erichson;** Herman 1983.  
***Bledius semiferrugineus* LeConte;** Herman 1983.  
***Bledius wudus* Herman;** Herman 1983.

##### Thinobiini Sahlberg

- Carpelimus bilineatus* Stephens;** Kirk 1969.  
***Carpelimus gracilis* (Mannerheim);** Kirk 1970.  
***Carpelimus quadripunctatus* (Say);** Herman 2001 (citing LeConte 1877).

#### OXPORINAE Fleming

- Oxyporus femoralis* Gravenhorst;** Kirk 1969, 1970.

- Oxyporus lateralis* Gravenhorst;** Kirk 1970.  
***Oxyporus occipitalis* Fauvel;** Kirk 1970.  
***Oxyporus vittatus* Gravenhorst;** Campbell 1969; Kirk 1970.  
 - *Oxyporus bicolor* Fauvel, reported separately by Kirk (1970), is a junior synonym of this species (Hanley and Goodrich 1994).

#### MEGALOPSIDIINAE Leng

- Megalopinus caelatus* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969; Puthz 2012.  
***Megalopinus rufipes* (LeConte);** Puthz 2012.

#### STENINAE MacLeay

- Stenus alacer* Casey;** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
***Stenus carolinae* Casey;** Kirk 1969, 1970; Puthz 1971.  
***Stenus colon* Say;** Kirk 1969.  
***Stenus femoratus* Say;** Kirk 1969.  
***Stenus punctatus* Erichson;** Kirk 1970; Puthz 1974a.  
***Stenus reconditus* Casey;** Herman 2001.  
***Stenus stygicus* Say;** Kirk 1970.

#### EUAESTHETINAE Thomson

- Edaphus americanus* Puthz;** Puthz 1974b.  
***Edaphus nitidus* Motschulsky;** Puthz 1974b.  
***Euaesthetus albertae* Puthz;** Puthz 2014.  
***Euaesthetus mundulus* Casey;** Puthz 2014.  
***Euaesthetus pugetensis* Hatch;** Puthz 2014.  
***Stictocranius puncticeps* LeConte;** Puthz 1989.

#### PAEDERINAE Fleming

- Lathrobiini Laporte**
- Achenomorphus corticinus* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
***Astenus binotatus* (Say);** Kirk 1969, 1970.  
***Astenus discopunctatus* (Say);** Kirk 1969.  
***Astenus linearis* (Erichson);** Kirk 1969.  
***Astenus prolixus* (Erichson);** Kirk 1969.  
***Dacnochilus laetus* LeConte;** Moore and Legner 1975.  
***Echiaster brevicornis* Casey;** Kirk 1970.  
***Eustilicus tristis* (Melsheimer);** Herman 1970; Kirk 1970.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Stilocolina tristis*.  
***Lathrobium armatum* Say;** Kirk 1969.  
***Lithocharis nigriceps* Kraatz;** Kirk 1970.  
 - Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Lithocharis ardenus* [sic] Sanderson.  
***Lithocharis ochracea* (Gravenhorst);** Kirk 1969.  
***Lobrathium collare* (Erichson);** Kirk 1969.  
***Lobrathium grande* LeConte;** Kirk 1969.  
***Lobrathium longiusculum* Gravenhorst;** Kirk 1969.  
***Myrmecosaurus ferrugineus* Bruch;** Bugguide.net (86902) January 2012.  
***Pseudolathra dimidiatum* (Say);** Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Lobrathium dimidiatum*.

*Rugilus angularis* Erichson; Kirk 1969, 1970.

*Rugilus biarmatus* LeConte; Kirk 1970.

*Rugilus dentatus* Say; Kirk 1969.

*Stilocopsis paradoxa* Sachse; Kirk 1969.

*Sunius confluentus* Say; Kirk 1969, 1970.

*Sunius debilicornis* (Wollaston); Kirk 1970.

- Misspelled in Kirk (1970) as *Sunius debilis*.

*Tetartopeus angularis* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Lathrobium angularis*.

#### Paederini Fleming

*Homaeotarsus badius* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970.

*Homaeotarsus bicolor* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969.

*Homaeotarsus carolinus* (Erichson); Kirk 1970.

*Homaeotarsus cinctus* (Say); Kirk 1969, 1970.

*Homaeotarsus flavicornis* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.

*Homaeotarsus pallipes* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970.

*Lissobiops serpentinus* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.

*Paederus littorarius* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1969.

*Paederus oblitteratus* LeConte; Kirk 1969.

#### Pinophilini Nordmann

*Palaminus luteus* Casey; Kirk 1969.

*Palaminus normalis* LeConte; Kirk 1970.

*Palaminus testaceus* Erichson; Kirk 1969.

*Pinophilus latipes* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1969, 1970; Abarbanell and Ashe 1989.

*Pinophilus opacus* LeConte; Kirk 1969, 1970; Abarbanell and Ashe 1989.

*Pinophilus parcus* LeConte; Abarbanell and Ashe 1989.

#### STAPHYLININAE Latreille

##### Diochini Casey

*Diochus schaumii* Kraatz; Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1982.

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Diochus nanus* Erichson.

##### Xantholinini Erichson

*Gyrohypnus fracticornis* (Müller); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Gyrohypnus obsidianus* Melsheimer.

*Leptacinus pusillus* (Stephens); Smetana 1982.

*Lithocharodes longicollis* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Nematolinus longicollis*.

*Lithocharodes nigripennis* (LeConte); Smetana 1982.

*Microlinus pusio* (LeConte); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1982.

*Neohypnus emmesus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969; Smetana 1982.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Gyrohypnus emmesus*.

*Neohypnus fuscipes?* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Gyrohypnus fuscipes*, but the identification of this species was uncertain.

*Neohypnus obscurus* (Erichson); Kirk 1969.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Gyrohypnus hamatus* (Say). Smetana (1982) separated *N. obscurus* from *N. hamatus*, and although he reported neither from South Carolina, *N. obscurus* has a broader distribution and would appear far more likely to occur in the state.

*Neohypnus pusillus* (Sachse); Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1982.

- Reported as *Gyrohypnus pusillus* in Kirk (1969, 1970); also reported as "Hypongrus" (misspelling of *Hyponygrus*) *pusillus* in Kirk (1970).

*Nudobius cephalus* (Say); Kirk 1969.

*Nudobius luridipennis* Casey; Smetana 1982.

*Phacophallus parumpunctatus* (Gyllenhal); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1982.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Leptacinus cephalicus* LeConte.

*Stenistoderus rubripennis* (LeConte); Smetana 1982.

#### Staphylinini Latreille

##### Acylophorina Outerelo and Gamarra

*Acylophorus lecontei* Duvivier; Smetana 1971.

##### Amblyopinina Seevers

*Heterothops fumigatus* LeConte; Kirk 1969.

##### Cyrtocuediina Brunke and Solodovnikov

*Cyrtocuedius verres* (Smetana); Smetana 1971.

- Reported as *Quedius verres* by Smetana (1971).

##### Erichsoniina Brunke and Solodovnikov

*Erichsonius parcus* (Horn); Kirk 1969; Frank 1975.

*Erichsonius patella* (Horn); Kirk 1969; Frank 1975.

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Erichsonius loxatus* (Horn), which was synonymized by Frank (1975).

*Erichsonius rusticus* Frank; Frank 1975.

##### Philonthina Kirby

*Belonuchus rufipennis* (Fabricius); Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1995.

*Bisnius blandus* (Gravenhorst); Smetana 1995.

*Bisnius inquietus* (Erichson); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Philonthus inquietus*.

- Bisnius sordidus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Philonthus sordidus*.
- Hesperus apicalis* (Say); Kirk 1969.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Philonthus apicalis* [sic].
- Hesperus baltimorensis* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1995.**
- Hesperus serpentinus* (Horn); Kirk 1970.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Philonthus serpentinus*.
- Laetulonthus laetus* (Say); Smetana 1995.**
- Neobisnius jocosus* (Horn); Frank 1981.**
- Neobisnius jucundus* (Horn); Kirk 1970.**
- Neobisnius ludicrus* (Erichson); Frank 1981.**
- Neobisnius paederooides* (LeConte); Kirk 1969; Frank 1981.**
- Neobisnius sobrinus* (Erichson); Frank 1981.**
- Philonthus asper* Horn; Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus caeruleipennis* (Mannerheim); Herman 2001.**  
- Reported as *Philonthus cyanipennis* (Fabricius) by Kirk (1969). According to Herman (2001), all New World records attributed to this Old World species should refer to *P. caeruleipennis*.
- Philonthus cautus* Erichson; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus cruentatus* (Gmelin); Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus cunctans* Horn; Kirk 1970.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *P. cinctans* [sic].
- Philonthus flavolimbatus* Erichson; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus hepaticus* Erichson; Kirk 1969; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus lomatus* Erichson; Kirk 1969.**
- Philonthus longicornis* Stephens; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus merorientis* Smetana; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus politus* (Linnaeus); Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus quadricollis* Horn; Kirk 1969.**
- Philonthus rectangularis* Sharp; Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**
- Philonthus rufulus* Horn; Kirk 1969, 1970; Smetana 1995.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Philonthus alumnus* Erichson, which was based on an earlier misidentification of that species (Smetana 1995).
- Philonthus sericans* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**  
- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *P. brunneus* Gravenhorst, which was synonymized by Muona (1977).
- Philonthus umbrinus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**

***Philonthus validus* Casey; Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**

***Philonthus varians* (Paykull); Kirk 1970.**

***Philonthus ventralis* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1995.**

#### Staphylinina Latreille

***Creophilus maxillosus* (Linnaeus); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Staphylinus maxillosus*.

***Ontholestes cingulatus* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1970.**

***Platydracus cinnamopterus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970; Brunke et al. 2011.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Staphylinus cinnamopterus*.

***Platydracus comes* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Staphylinus comes*.

***Platydracus exulans* (Erichson); Kirk 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Staphylinus exulans*.

***Platydracus femoratus* (Fabricius); Kirk 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Staphylinus femoratus*.

***Platydracus fossator* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Staphylinus fossator*.

***Platydracus immaculatus* (Mannerheim); Kirk 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Staphylinus vulpinus*.

***Platydracus maculosus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Staphylinus maculosus*.

***Platydracus pinorum* (Casey); Kirk 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1970) as *Staphylinus pinorum*.

***Platydracus praetermissus* Newton; Brunke et al. 2011.**

***Platydracus tomentosus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969, 1970) as *Staphylinus tomentosus*.

***Platydracus violaceous* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Staphylinus violaceous*.

***Platydracus zonatus* (Gravenhorst); Brunke et al. 2011.**

#### Quediiina Kraatz

***Quedius capucinus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1970; Smetana 1971.**

***Quedius laticollis* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969; Smetana 1971.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Quedius molochinus* (Gravenhorst). *Quedius laticollis* was reported by Smetana (1971) as *Quedius neo-molochinus* Korge because he indicated that most New World records of the European *Q. molochinus* were in error. However, Smetana (1973) subsequently synonymized *Q. neo-molochinus* with *Q. laticollis*, whose identity had previously been uncertain.

***Quedius mesomelinus* (Marsham); Kirk 1969.**

#### SCYDMAENINAE Leach

##### Scydmaenini Leach

***Scydmænus grossus* (LeConte); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

***Scydmænus motschulskii* (LeConte); Casey 1897; Kirk 1969, 1970.**

***Scydmænus occipitalis* (Casey); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

***Scydmænus retrusus* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

- Reported in Kirk (1969) as *Acholerops retusa* [sic].

##### Chevrolatiini Reitter

***Chevrolatia amoena* LeConte; Kirk 1969; O'Keefe 1997.**

##### Glandulariini Schaufuss

***Euconnus affinis* Casey; Kirk 1969, 1970.**

***Euconnus analis* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus angusticollis?* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus basalis* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus biceps* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus caviceps* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus clavatus* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus decipiens?* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus dentiger?* (Casey); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

- Kirk's (1969, 1970) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus extricatus* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus flavitarsis?* (LeConte); Kirk 1970.**

- Kirk's (1970) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus frustus?* (Casey); Kirk 1970.**

- Kirk's (1970) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus fulvus* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus gratus* Casey; Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus innocuus* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus lacunosus?* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus lynceus* (Casey); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

***Euconnus magister?* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk (1969) reported this (uncertainly) as *Napochus schaumi* Casey, a homonym now replaced by *E. magister*. *Napochus* Thomson is now treated as a subgenus of *Euconnus* Thomson.

***Euconnus nigrescens?* Casey; Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus novellus* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus oreophilus?* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

- Kirk's (1969) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus politus?* (Say); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

- Kirk's (1969, 1970) identification of this species was uncertain.

***Euconnus procerus* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus pumilus* (Casey); Kirk 1970.**

***Euconnus schmitti* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Euconnus trinifer* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Microscydmus misellus* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

- Reported as *Euconnus misellus* in Kirk (1969).

***Stenichnus badius* (Casey); Kirk 1969.**

***Stenichnus cibrarius* (LeConte); Kirk 1969.**

***Stenichnus perforatus* (Schaum); Kirk 1969, 1970.**

#### REMARKS ON SOME SPECIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

##### Omaliinae

***Omalium caesum* Gravenhorst; Kirk 1970.** This species was probably misidentified, as it is now considered to be strictly Palearctic (Löbl and Löbl 2015). We cannot speculate what Kirk may have actually seen.

##### Proteininae

***Megarthrus angulicollis* Maklin; Kirk 1970.** This species was listed as *Megarthrus sinuaticollis* [sic] Fauvel, an Old World species that in the past has been considered synonymous with *M. angulicollis*. *Megarthrus angulicollis* does not occur in the Southeast according to Cuccodoro and Löbl (1996), so this was probably a misidentification of *M. americanus*.

##### Tachyporinae:

***Mycetoporus americanus* Erichson; Kirk 1969, 1970.** This is probably a misidentification (based on Campbell 1991). It could be *Mycetoporus lucidulus* LeConte, which would be new to South Carolina. Or, it could refer to *Ischnosoma spendidum* (Gravenhorst), which is known from South Carolina.

***Mycetoporus humidus* (Say); Kirk 1969, 1970.** This name is a *nomen dubium* according to Campbell (1991).

***Tachinus pallipes* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969, 1970.** This is probably a misidentification of this

strictly Palearctic species. Herman (2001) tentatively suggests many New World records of *T. pallipes* refer to *Tachinus frigidus* Erichson, though this species' southern limit appears to be well north of South Carolina (Campbell 1973).

#### Aleocharinae

*Acrotona parvula* (Mannerheim); Kirk 1970. This species is probably a misidentification, as it is strictly Palearctic.

*Sipalia haemorrhoidalis* Heer; Kirk 1970. This name is now synonymous with the Palearctic *Leptusa fumica* (Erichson). It is unclear what Kirk's record may refer to.

#### Osoriinae

*Lispinus tenellus* (Erichson); Kirk 1970. This species, now in the genus *Tannea* Blackwelder (Irmiger 2003), is limited to the Neotropics, though earlier (mis)conceptions included it within what is now *N. tenuis*, which is validly recorded in South Carolina.

#### Staphylininae

*Acylaphorus pronus* Erichson; Kirk 1969. This species does occur in the southeastern USA according to Smetana (1971); it may be a misidentification.

*Bisnius filicornis* (Horn) [as *Philonthus*]; Kirk 1970. This species only occurs in Arizona and California (Smetana 1995).

*Philonthus chalceus* Stephens; Kirk 1970. This European species is not known to occur in the New World. Some reports of *P. chalceus* in the New World (e.g., Leng 1920) refer to *P. succicola* Thomson, which is not believed to be currently

**Table 1.** Number of species of Staphylinidae within each subfamily reported from South Carolina.

Subfamily	# species
Omaliiinae	14
Proteininae	1
Micropeplinae	1
Dasyserinae	1
Pselaphinae	79
Tachyporinae	37
Aleocharinae	25
Scaphidiinae	14
Osoriinae	6
Oxytelinae	16
Oxyporinae	4
Megalopsidiinae	2
Steninae	7
Euaesthetinae	6
Paederinae	38
Staphylininae	69
Scydmaeninae	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>

established (Smetana 1995). Kirk's identification most likely refers to *P. validus*, for which there are valid South Carolina records.

*Philonthus fusiformis* Melsheimer; Kirk 1970. This species' occurrence in South Carolina is unlikely, as the nearest Smetana (1995) record is northern Virginia.

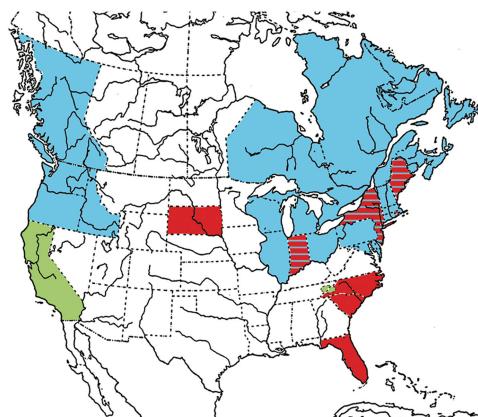
*Philonthus gopheri* Hubbard; Kirk 1970. Smetana (1995) reported this species from Florida only; Kirk's record probably refers to another gopher tortoise inquiline, *Philonthus testudo* Smetana, but this should be confirmed.

*Philonthus micans* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969. This species is Old World only (Smetana 1995); the record may refer to *Philonthus opacipennis* Notman, though this would represent a perhaps surprising southward range extension from West Virginia (Smetana 1995).

*Quedius molochinus* (Gravenhorst); Kirk 1969. Smetana (1971) rejected records of this Old World species from the southeastern USA. This record probably refers to *Q. laticollis*, which is known from South Carolina (see further details above).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The current checklist of Staphylinidae known from South Carolina includes 355 species within 17 subfamilies (Table 1). Revisionary work over the past 40 years has added a little over 120 species since Kirk's (1969, 1970) checklists. While a number of other state or regional level checklists can help put this list into perspective (Fig. 1), most or all suffer from similar deficiencies (lack of dedicated effort, difficulty of identifying many species). Many are also due for updates. Nonetheless, we offer some comparisons from other regions around North America. Perhaps most relevant would be the fauna



**Fig. 1.** States and regions with lists of species of Staphylinidae. Red = state list; blue = regional list; green = unpublished list. See text for details.

of North Carolina, with a reported 286 staphylinid species as of 1970 (Brimley 1938; Wray 1967). Straddling the North Carolina/Tennessee border, Great Smoky Mountains National Park hosts 376 staphylinid species (C. Carlton, personal communication). To the south, Florida's staphylinid fauna stands at 429 species (Peck and Thomas 1998). Elsewhere in the eastern USA, New Jersey is reported to have 368 species (Smith 1900, 1910), Indiana 379 species (Blatchley 1910), New York 793 species (Leonard 1926), Rhode Island 290 species (Sikes 2004), and Maine 358 species (Majka *et al.* 2011). To the west, South Dakota has 79 species (Kirk and Balsbaugh 1975), and California has 1,485 species (M. Caterino, unpublished data). On a regional scale, Downie and Arnett (1996) listed 2,425 species of staphylinids in "north eastern North America", and the "Pacific Northwest" region hosts 1,050 species (Hatch 1957; Park and Wagner 1962). The whole of Canada hosts over 1,400 species (Brunke *et al.* 2011). At this point, the significance of any of these differences is difficult to evaluate, but the presence of such lists, however old or incomplete, provides a starting point for a more comprehensive and synthetic inventory.

Biogeographic patterns relevant to regional conservation planning should become clearer once we have a more complete picture of species distributions. It is anticipated that broad-scale digitization projects will accelerate this effort, but there will still be major holes in collections that can only be filled by intensive field and identification work. Dedicated efforts to address such shortfalls in our knowledge of the North American insect fauna will be critical to adequately conserving our entomological heritage, as well as to resolving the Nearctic biogeographic history and anticipating its future.

Lastly, we recognize and reflect on the limitations of a static and admittedly incomplete checklist. With continued work in collections and in the field, this list will grow substantially and may relatively quickly come to be viewed as obsolete (a view which we would dispute). A first justification is based on the great benefits of peer attention to a properly published version. The careful review of an earlier version resulted in numerous improvements (though even that underscored the dynamic nature of taxonomy, with several relevant recommendations dating only to 2016 literature). As importantly, we emphasize the necessity of advancing knowledge through a progression of fixed points. While we can and have established a more dynamic web-based version of this checklist, which we can continually update (sites. google.com/site/clemsonarthropodcollection/research/ SC\_Staphylinidae), it is important for future workers to be able to refer back to solid, verified, and unaltered foundational documentation. Reliability

of a continually evolving and dynamic online resource will be uneven without comprehensive metadata to document its complete history. While we do not dispute that the technology exists to provide this, such a system remains to be fully embraced by the taxonomic community.

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