

ORCHELIMUM, SERV.

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This genus of Orthoptera is confined almost entirely to North America, where it is represented by twenty or more species. Joseph Redtenbocher in his "Monographie der Conocephaliden," published in 1891, united *Orchelimum*, Serv., to *Xiphidium*, Serv. This action seems scarcely justified, as the two groups are quite as distinct as many other Orthopteran genera, and Redtenbocher's authority has not been generally recognized in this country. The species are distinguished with difficulty and the descriptions are widely scattered. These considerations have led me to attempt to make a key for their identification. It is quite possible that some of the species indicated are synonymous, but I am inclined to believe that all I have recognized are good, and I believe there are a considerable number undescribed. Many forms which differ from each other by very few structural differences are distinguished by some peculiarity of song or habit or habitat, and it is certain that a considerable number of them have been overlooked.

KEY TO ORCHELIMUM.

A. Hind femora not armed with small spines on the under side.

b¹. Ovipositor straight or very slightly curved; face not striped medianly, pale.

c¹. Tegmina surpassing the tips of the femora more or less. Length of the ovipositor 10 mm. or more, little if any less than two-thirds the length of the hind femora.

d¹. Pronotum short, less than one-fourth the length of the body and not more than 4 mm. long; tegmina only slightly surpassing the tips of the hind femora; a broad reddish-brown band upon the head and pronotum, somewhat paler in the middle. . . . *Delicatum*, Bruner.

d². Pronotum longer, more than one-fourth the length of the body and more than 4 mm. long; tegmina little if any shorter than the wings and reaching almost to the tip of the ovipositor; two well-defined narrow dark brown diverging lines upon the pronotum. *Gladiator*, Bruner.

c². Tegmina not reaching the tips of the hind femora; ovipositor brown, much less than 10 mm. long. *Minor*, Bruner.