

"reared from hickory limb bearing large black knots, and from which were reared *Dicerca lurida*, *Chrysobothris femoratus*, *Magdalis olya*, *Lepturges querci* and *Chramesus icoria*, the *Magdalis* being perhaps the more abundant." E. P. Felt *in lit.*; 1 ♀, Washington, D. C. (W. H. Ashmead); 1 ♀, Norfolk, Va.; 2 ♂'s Len Haven Road, Va., bred by Hopkins from a Rattan Vine; 2 ♂'s, Cocoanut Grove, Fla., May, 1887 (E. A. Swartz); 1 ♂, Santa Cruz Mts., Cal.; 1 ♀, Los Angeles, Cal.; 1 ♂, Tuscon, Ariz., reared Feb., 1897, from Mesquite twigs by H. G. Hubbard; 1 ♀, Panamint Mts., Cal., April, 1891, and 1 ♂, 12th Aug., 1907, Ithaca, N. Y.

The other species of the genus *Metapelma* are distributed as follows *M. gloriosa*, West., Luzon, Philippines; *M. rufimana*, Westw., Sarawak, Borneo; *M. taprobanae*, Westw., Ceylon; *M. obscurata*, Westw., Eastern India; *M. mirabilis*, Brues, Cape Colony.

A NEW NAME IN MEGACHILE.

Megachile geophila, n. n.—*Megachile terrestris*, Ckll., Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., March, 1908, p. 260 (not of Schrottky, 1903). Florissant, Colorado.

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