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## SCIENTIFIC NOTE

### FIRST SOUTHEASTERN U.S. RECORDS FOR *LACCONOTUS PUNCTATUS* LeConte (COLEOPTERA: MYCTERIDAE), AN EARLY-SEASONAL CANOPY SPECIALIST?

A recent project carried out within the Oconee River watershed in northeastern Georgia produced six specimens of *Lacconotus punctatus* LeConte, a species formerly known only from the northeastern United States (New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan) and Canada (Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia) (Majka and Selig 2006, and references therein). Georgia represents a **new state record** for this beetle.

The project involved suspending flight intercept traps 0.5, 5, and 15 m above the ground at 24 locations in mature bottomland hardwood forests (see Ulyshen *et al.* 2010 for details). The 72 traps were operated from 7–14 March, 4–11 April, 2–9 May, 2–9 June, 13–20 July, and 17–24 August 2006. All specimens were captured in April, five at 15 m and one at 5 m. Four were collected at Sandy Creek Nature Center, Clarke Co., one at the Georgia State Botanical Gardens, Clarke Co., and one at Watson Springs Forest, Greene County. Voucher specimens have been deposited in the Georgia Museum of Natural History, Athens, Georgia. Although the biology of *L. punctatus* remains unknown, closely related species live under bark and are saproxylic

(Majka and Selig 2006, and references therein). Our findings suggest *L. punctatus* may be an early-seasonal canopy specialist, possibly explaining why it has been so infrequently collected.

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