I ask that the WFIWC Standing Committee on Common Names of Insects facilitate the submission of the following common name or name change to ESA and ESC.

1. Proposed new common name (English): *western ash bark beetle*

1b. Proposed new common name in French (optional): *(none)*

2. Previously approved ESA common name (if any): *(none)*

2b. Previously approved English ESC common name (if any): *western ash bark beetle*

2c. Previously approved French ESC common name (if any)-include direct translation to English: *(none)*

3. Scientific name (genus, species, author): *Hylesinus californicus* (Swaine)
   
   Order: *Coleoptera*
   
   Family: *Curculionidae: Scolytinae*

3b. List important previous scientific names *(esp. note if this scientific name is different from that noted in Western Forest Insects or in the literature cited).*

*Leperisinus californicus* (Swaine)

**Supporting Information**

4. Reasons supporting the need for the proposed new or changed common name:

*Hylesinus californicus* infests twigs and branches of ash, *Fraxinus* spp., over much of western North America. The proposed common name is used by Furniss and Carolin in their classic text *Western Forest Insects* (Furniss and Carolin 1977). A revision of this text is currently underway, which discusses this insect and also uses the proposed common name. An ESA approved common name is desirable for the discussion of this insect in this revision plus other publications. In addition, with the recent introduction of emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, into North America, it is desirable to have ESA approved common names for the native complex of ash bark beetles, which are often associated with EAB. The proposed common name is already approved by the Entomological Society of Canada.

This proposal is accompanied by two additional proposals for common names of North American bark beetles of the genus *Hylesinus*.

5. Stage or characteristic to which the proposed common name refers:

Proposed common name refers to this insect’s general distribution, western North America, and its host genus, ash, *Fraxinus* spp.

6. Distribution *(include author-year citations; full citation in #10b):*

Mexico: Chihuahua
USA: AZ, CA, CO, MT, NM, ND, OK, OR, TX, UT (Wood 1982). Infestations have recently been found in Maryland (Rabaglia and Williams 2002).

7. Principal hosts (include author-year citations; full citation in #10b):
*Fraxinus americana, F. latifolia, F. pennsylvanica, F. velutina, Olea europea.* (Wood 1982).

8. Cite references containing previous use of the proposed common name (use author-year citations; full citation in #10b):

9. Cite references using English common names (provide names) other than that proposed (use author-year citations; full citation in #10b):
In California *H. californicus* attacks weakened olive trees and recently pruned olive branches and has been referred to as “olive bark beetle” (Furniss and Carolin 1977).

Members of the genus *Hylesinus* are sometimes collectively referred to as “ash bark beetles” (City of Edmonton n.d.), Colorado State University 2004, Cranshaw 2004).

9b. References using common names in a non-English language (give the common name in the non-English language and give the direct translation to English, if possible) (use author-year citations; full citation in #10b):
None found

10. Other insects or organisms to which the proposed common name might apply (give scientific name and include citations, if applicable):
None

10 b. List references cited in questions 6-10:
City of Edmonton n.d. Ash bark beetles.


11. Steps you have taken to consult with other workers who are familiar with the insect or organism as to suitability of and need for the proposed common name:
A number of forest entomologists in the U.S. in addition to the WFIWC-CNC were contacted and asked to provide review comments to this proposal. The following individuals were contacted (note if they didn’t respond):

Rob Flowers, Forest Entomologist, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem, OR (rflowers@odf.state.or.us; now with USDA FS FHP at robbiewflowers@fs.fed.us)

Glenn Kohler, Forest Entomologist, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA (glennkohler@dnr.wa.gov) No response

Dave Leatherman, forest entomologist (retired), Colorado State Forest Service, Fort Collins CO (daleatherman@msn.com)

Joel McMillin, USDA Forest Service, Boise, ID (jmcmillin@fs.fed.us)

Bob Rabaglia, USDA Forest Service, Washington DC (brabaglia@fs.fed.us)

S. Sky Stephens, USDA Forest Service, Lakewood, CO (ssstephens@fs.fed.us) No response

Iral Ragenovich, USDA Forest Service, Portland, OR (iragenovich@fs.fed.us)

11b. What type of literature searches/checks did you conduct (e.g. CABI, ESA and ESC web pages, USDA FS library, formal library search engine-list, etc.)

Search on ESA Common Names site (http://www.entsoc.org/Pubs/Common_Names/index.htm) to determine if this species had a common name, if the common name belonged to another species – negative in both accounts

Review of the ESC Common Names publication (http://www.esc-sec.ca/ee/index.php/cndb/) to determine if this species had a common name in either English or French, or if the English common name proposed belonged to another species – negative in all accounts

Search of www using the Google search engine

Search of personal literature files

See list of citations in #10

12. Proposed by:

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