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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF CORYMBITES
FROM THE SONORAN ZONE OF
WASHINGTON STATE.

(COLEOPTERA; ELATERIDÆ.)

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The following new species was reared in the course of economic wireworm investigations in the Pacific Northwest.

Corymbites noxius sp. nov.

General form moderately elongate. Color black with very obscurely brown to black legs. Moderately pilose. Head slightly deflexed, width including eyes not equal to one half width of prothorax; front flat, strongly and densely punctate, anterior margin interrupted at middle so that front is confluent with that part of the head which gives attachment to the labrum; antennae very short, not as long as the pronotum, very strongly serrate beyond third joint, third joint subconical and more slender than fourth, third longer than fourth in female, equal to fourth in male. Prothorax slightly longer than broad; sides parallel, strongly bent inward anteriorly; pronotum convex with median channel indistinct anteriorly, strongly and confluent punctate on sides, punctuations becoming smaller as they approach the disc, disc of pronotum without punctures or very finely and sparsely punctulate, very glistening, posterior angles of the pronotum divergent and strongly carinate. Prosternal sutures straight. Elytra two and one half times as long as the prothorax, sides straight and parallel, about same width as the pronotum, strongly punctate-striate, interstices slightly rounded and very obscurely punctulate. Length 10 to 13 mm.

Type locality.—Govan, Washington.

Type.—No. 18,268, U. S. National Museum.

Paratypes.—Five other specimens, three from type locality and two from Wilbur, Washington.

This species was reared from larvæ which were attacking wheat in the Big Bend Country of Washington. It falls in Horn's group IV and in Candèze's section VI. According to the latter author it falls next to *Corymbites conjungens* Lec., from which it can be easily distinguished by the confluent punctuation on the sides of the pronotum and by being entirely black except for a very slight brownish tinge on the legs.