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Note on the Type Specimen of Bagous sellatus Leconte (Coleoptera: Curculionidæ).—Leconte's description of Bagous sellatus (Rhync., p. 184) mentions that the elytra have "the striæ deep, interspaces convex, first, third, and fifth more elevated, the last terminating in a large conical tuberosity, which is surrounded by a black cloud." Blatchley (Rhync. N. E. Am., p. 236) redescribes the species and states, "sides and tips of elytra ash-gray, leaving a large, elongate triangular space black."

In 1942, when examining the type for Prof. Tanner, the present author subjected the specimen to degreasing in order to see the structural characters more easily. At this time the black cloud or spot disappeared, indicating that it had been merely an oil spot. It had been so symmetrical that it had misled both discriminating students.

The description stands on the basis of structural characters, the specimen now being entirely ash-gray. Any further specimens placed in this species because of possessing a black spot will undoubtedly turn out to be of another species.—Floyd G. Werner, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University.



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