

TWO HOSTS OF *LOMACHAETA VARIEGATA* MICKEL

(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

Hollow stems of *Eriogonum elatum* Dougl. were collected during the winter of 1960-61 at Verdi, Nevada, by the author. Cocoons extracted from the stems were placed in rearing boxes and gave rise to twenty males and two females of *Solierella similis* (Bridwell) as well as eleven males and five females of *Lomachaeta variegata* Mickel. Also in the stems were seven cocoons of *Solierella blaisdelli* (Bridwell) from which three males of this wasp and two pairs of *Lomachaeta variegata* emerged. Previous biological records of this small velvet ant were by Mickel (1940, Two new species of *Lomachaeta*, with a key to the described species. Pan-Pacific Ent. 16:127-132) who listed the host as Larrinae in twigs, and by Krombein (1958. Family Mutillidae. Hymenoptera of America north of Mexico, synoptic catalog. U.S. Dept. Agr., Agr. Monog. no. 2, first supplement, pp. 101-107) who listed the host as *Solierella* sp. Identification of the mutillid was made by C. E. Mickel and of the *Solierella* by F. X. Williams.—F. D. PARKER, *University of California, Davis*.

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