# Family RACHICERIDAE

Rachicerids are very similar to xylophagids in habit and form. Larvae are known to be predaceous and have been found in decayed trunks of trees.

Extant forms of the genus *Rachicerus* Walker are known worldwide except from Africa, Australia, Chile, and Argentina. The remainder of the genera of extant forms of the family are known only from Burma and the Philippines. The fossil taxa of the family are known only from Baltic amber records.

Ref.: Hennig (1938, 1967a, fossil Rachiceridae); Nagatomi (1970, review of Oriental and Palearctic taxa).

#### Genus CHRYSOTHEMIS Loew

CHRYSOTHEMIS Berendt, 1845: 57. Nomen nudum. CHRYSOTHEMIS Bronn, 1847: 595. Nomen nudum.

**CHRYSOTHEMIS** Loew, 1850*b*: 39. Type species: *Chrysothemis speciosa* Loew, 1850, by monotypy.

speciosa Loew, 1850b: 39. PA: Baltic Region (Eocene/Oligocene) [A].

#### Genus LOPHYROPHORUS Meunier

**LOPHYROPHORUS** Meunier, 1902 d: 397. Type species: *Lophyrophorus fla-bellatus* Meunier, 1902, by monotypy.

flabellatus Meunier, 1902 d: 398. PA: Baltic Region (Eocene/Oligocene) [A].

## Genus PALEORACHICERUS Nagatomi

ELECTRA Berendt, 1845: 57. Nomen nudum.

ELECTRA Bronn, 1847: 595. Nomen nudum.

ELECTRA Loew, 1850b: 38. Type species: Electra formosa Loew, 1850, by monotypy. [Preoccupied by Lamouroux, 1816.]

**PALEORACHICERUS** Nagatomi, 1970: 420 (new replacement name for *Electra* Loew). Type species: *Electra formosa* Loew, 1850, automatic.

TRECELA Carpenter, 1986: 576 (new replacement name for *Electra* Loew). Type species: *Electra formosa* Loew, 1850, automatic.

formosus Loew, 1850b: 57 (Electra). PA: Baltic Region (Eocene/Oligocene) [A].

### Genus RACHICERUS Walker

- RACHICERUS Walker, 1848: 124. Nomen nudum.
- \*RACHICERUS Walker, 1854: 103. Type species: *Rachicerus fulvicollis* Walker, 1854, by monotypy.
- RHACHICERUS Loew, 1872a: 114 (unjustified emendation of Rachicerus Walker). Type species: Rachicerus fulvicollis Walker, 1854, automatic.
- Unidentified sp.—PA: Baltic Region (Eocene/Oligocene) [A] (Hennig, 1938: 35, 37).