FAMILY BYTURIDAE
(Fruitworm beetles)

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Two species of this family are found in North America of which one, Byturus unicolor, the raspberry fruitworm, is common and widely distributed across Canada. Adults of this species feed on leaves and flowers and the larvae feed on, or in, the receptacle or drupelet of the red raspberry, Rubus idaeus.

Byturus unicolor has been known under a variety of scientific and vernacular names, but a recent revision by Springer and Goodrich (1983) of the North American species of the family recognized only one, somewhat variable species.

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Tribe Byturini

Genus BYTURUS Latreille
Horticola Lindemann

B. unicolor Say
  americanus Gemminger & Harold
  bakeri Barber
  brevicollis Casey
  punctatus Casey
  rubi Barber
  sordidus Barber

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