

their nests and confirming most observations of previous authors.

He observed larvae of *Psenulus fuscipennis* Dahlb., which had been transferred into narrow glass tubes, spinning the cocoon-caps — with their solid brown discs — and found that the spinning of the disc and of the rest of the cocoon took from 7 to 8 days.

From a nest in the dead end of a twig of an ashtree 5 ♂♂ of *Psenulus concolor* Dahlb. hatched first, after which 9 ♀♀ followed. They lived about four weeks on a saturated solution of sugar in water. Two of the cells were filled with dead Psyllid nymphs.

A nest of *Psenulus schencki* Tourn., in a living twig of an ashtree, contained 18 cells, four of which contained Psyllids (imagines), 18 to 19 in each cell. This nest supplied 6 ♂♂, followed by 8 ♀♀.

The copulation of *concolor* Dahlb., as well as of *schencki* Tourn., was performed in a very characteristic way. The ♂, whilst sitting on the ♀, caught her scapes between his jaws, at the same time palpating very frequently with his antennae the front of the flagelli of the ♀. As soon as the ends of their abdomen had found each other the ♂ quickly walked backward until his abdomen, but for the petiolus, was fully bent forward. The copulation lasted from 10 to 15 or even 20 minutes, after which the ♀ refused any further advances.

Of some species (*atratus* Pz., *concolor* Dahlb.) the abdomen is sometimes fully covered with mites. One ♀ of *atratus* carried about 150 specimens.

A list of parasites is given of which *Perithous varius* Grav., reared from the nests of *fuscipennis* Dahlb., seems to be mentioned for the first time.

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Lophopteryx capucina L. Het voorkomen van dit insect op Amerikaanse eik (zie Ent. Ber. 13 (305) : 176, 1 Nov. 1950) kan ik bevestigen. Op 14 October van dit jaar werd ter gelegenheid van een excursie met studenten op de Wageningse Berg, een rups hiervan op een blad van Amerikaanse eik gevonden. De nerven van het blad waren reeds rood verkleurd en de rups had hier flink van gevreten.

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