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THE FIRST RECORD IN ILLINOIS OF AELIA AMERICANA (HEMIPTERA:PENTATOMIDAE)

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ABSTRACT. -- The first record in Illinois of *Aelia americana* is presented.

While working with some undetermined Illinois specimens of Scutelleroidea housed in the Entomology Collection, Zoology Research Museum, I found five adults of *Aelia americana* Dallas (1851); this species has not previously been recorded from the state. The data for the specimens are as follows:

Jackson Co., Carbondale, 22 July 1963, 1♀, R. C. Heidinger Coll.; 21 April, 9 May, 18 May 1964, 3♀♀, F. Russell Coll.
Union Co., Pine Hills, 26 May 1961, 1♂, N. Berry Coll.

A. americana is an uncommon mid-western and western species. It ranges from Colorado and Arizona east to Missouri and Michigan and north into Canada (Torre-Bueno, 1939; Froeschner, 1941; McPherson, 1970). Since Missouri and Michigan are on either side of Illinois, the discovery of this insect in the state is not unexpected.

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