

TRECHUS BEETLE

COLEOPTERA: CARABIDAE
Trechus spp.



Did you know? There are over 50 species of *Trechus* found only in Appalachia! There are relatively few common names for these beetles.

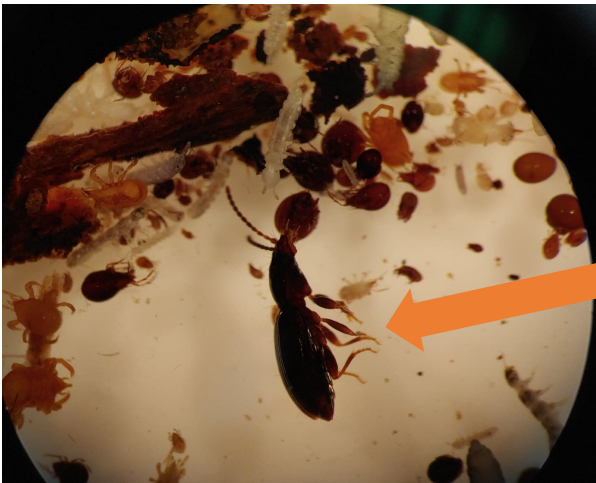
What would you call a new species of little brown beetle?

Did you know? Some *Trechus* are found on only a single mountaintop! Because *Trechus* like it cool and moist, only the tops of mountains are suitable, limiting the interaction between populations

Did you know? *Trechus* are a type of ground beetle (Carabidae). There are other ground beetles in your mini museum. Can you find them?

Did you know? These beetles live in leaf litter, where they are apex predators. Do you see anything on this fact sheet that might be a tasty snack for a *Trechus*?

Look and see!



***Trechus* are tiny!**
About 4 mm long.
Scientists use a
microscope to
study them!

This is a baby
Trechus! Baby
beetles are called
larvae or grubs
and look different
than adults!



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