



# Rare Animals of Louisiana

## Little dubiraphian riffle beetle

*Dubiraphia parva*

**RarityRank:** S1S3/G1G3

**Identification:**

- Body cylindrical.
- Legs long
- Antennae moderately long and slender
- Color black to gray with markings

**Taxonomic comments:** More than 93 species of 26 genera exist.

**Habitat:**

- Creeks and seeps with current.
- Riffle beetles rarely are found in streams with seasonal variations in flow or with heavy sediments.

**Food habits:** Adults and larvae feed on algae, moss, and other plant material, including roots.

**Reproduction:**

- Passes through 4 basic stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.
- Larval stage molts several times.
- The 4 stage cycle typically takes place over on year.

**Threats:**

- Loss of habitat as a result of siltation, and impoundments.
- The addition of pollutants to streams and rivers may also contribute to the decline of this species.
- No direct evidence of decline of this species.  
Lack of information on the distribution and biology of this species.

**Beneficial Management Practices:**

- Erosion prevention
- Preserve SMZ's
- Other practices which contribute to high water quality

**U. S. Range:** LA, OK

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