THE HOST OF STACHIETTA RETUSA MARTIS WERNER
(MALLOPHAGA: TRICHODECTIDAE)

Ferris, in 1916 (Psyche 23:98) reported Trichodectes retusus found on “Numerous specimens from two individuals of Martes sp.? the Pine Marten; a single specimen from Culo luscus ssp.?, a wolverine (all taken at Lyell Canyon, Mariposa Co., Calif.); and a single immature specimen from a skin of Mustela vison nesolestes (Admiralty Is., Alaska.)” In the introduction to his paper he identifies the general locality as the Yosemite National Park.

Werneck, in 1948 (Malofagos de Mamíferos, Parte I: 156, figs. 231-232) described Stachiella retusa martis for the specimens Ferris collected off Martes sp. cited above.

The University of California (Berkeley) Museum of Vertebrate Zoology has two skins, a male (#22109), and a female (#22110) with data “head of Lyell Canyon, Yosemite National Park, Tuolumne Co., 9,700 ft., California collected by C. F. Ferris on July 19, 1915.” These two skins are the types of Martes caurina sierraæ described by Grinnell and Storer in 1916 (Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool. 17:2).

Based on this evidence, it is apparent that the type host of Stachiella retusa martis Werneck, 1948 is Martes caurina sierraæ Grinnell and Storer.

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