



LAEMIP hypotype 3800

← Ladybird beetle, *Coccinella* sp.  
Width (wing-tip to wing-tip) 12 mm.

→ Immature form of a true bug.  
(Actual size not given, but this  
is probably enlarged between  
six and 10 times.)

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Spony 1973 ?  
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Holotype 3152

the old city crumbling into ruins around him, he continued his scientific work through World War II until, in October 1944, a direct hit destroyed his own house. Reluctantly he left for Bavaria with his wife and daughter, his collection finding refuge in the cellars of the Geological Institute.

After VE-Day, the Statzes took the road back to Cologne, to rebuild their lives. Weakened by the years of war, however, Dr. Statz fell ill at Ulm on the Danube, in June 1945, and died August 28. In her correspondence with the Los Angeles County Museum, his widow described his great happiness in his last moments on learning that his life's work was intact. "His collection, after all, was his whole life," she wrote.

His life, and now his monument, the collection includes 45 specimens of four kinds of honey bees, besides fruit flies, true bugs, many of them aquatic, and many plants. Among the most remarkable of the fossils are those of the very perishable water spiders, *Argyroneta antiqua*, forebears of the modern European and Asiatic *A. aquatica* which, encased in a silvery bubble of air picked up periodically at the surface, lives in ponds and quiet streams feeding on tiny aquatic insects and small fishes.

The gathering, preparing, classifying and interpreting of all these thousands of specimens, representing a past remote by tens of millions of years yet directly tied to the present, was the work of a devoted man with the kind of tireless, inquiring mind which brings