

reddish brown and fuscous; pronotum with yellowish and blackish rays; scutellum margined with blackish, leaving a Y- or heart-shaped area yellowish; hemelytra reddish brown or blackish, streaked with yellowish or gray.

This is the commonest species of the family Miridae in the eastern United States and is found everywhere frequenting many kinds of plants. It is a pest on nursery stock, ornamental plants, and cultivated crops.

Common throughout the state.

L. pratensis var. **strigulatus** (Walker).

Walker, Cat. Heteroptera, vi, 94, 1873.

A very dark form of *pratensis*, having all pale markings much reduced; head blackish but with four longitudinal yellowish marks on front.

New Haven, 9 Nov., 1919 (H. C. Fortner).

L. pratensis var. **rubrosignatus** Knight, new variety.

Apparently not differing appreciably from the typical *pratensis*, but somewhat smaller and having a different color aspect.

Male: Length 5.4 mm., width 2.47 mm. Head: Pale to yellowish, more or less tinged with reddish, tips of juga and sometimes spot above base of antenna, blackish. Antennae nearly black, segment ii somewhat brownish at middle.

Pronotum: Pale to yellowish, calli except inner half, extending rather broadly to anterior angles of disk, and two short rays behind each callus, black; basal angles infuscated, a black ray just above coxal cleft. Scutellum yellow, black at middle of base, the dark color sometimes extending to middle of disk; mesoscutum black but narrowly exposed.

Hemelytra: Pale translucent, tip of clavus and more or less broadly on apical area of corium, bright red; clavus becoming brownish black bordering scutellum; cuneus pale translucent, apex scarcely infuscated, inner margin slenderly red. Membrane pale fuscous, slightly paler on middle and bordering tip of cuneus; veins red or becoming reddish.

Legs: Pale to yellowish, femora with two blackish, subapical bands.

Venter: Yellowish, genital segment becoming infuscated on lower side at base.

Female: Length 4.9 mm., width 2.48 mm.; very similar to the male but more broadly pale; antennal segment ii black but showing brown at middle; each callus with spot on outer basal angle and another just behind middle on disk, black; tip of clavus and a small spot at apex of corium bright red.

Holotype: Male, 15 July-6 Aug., 1917, Woods Hole, Massachusetts (Chris E. Olsen); author's collection. Allotype: same data as type. Paratypes: Male, topotypic. Male, 9 Aug., 1911, Nantucket, Mass. (C. W. Johnson).