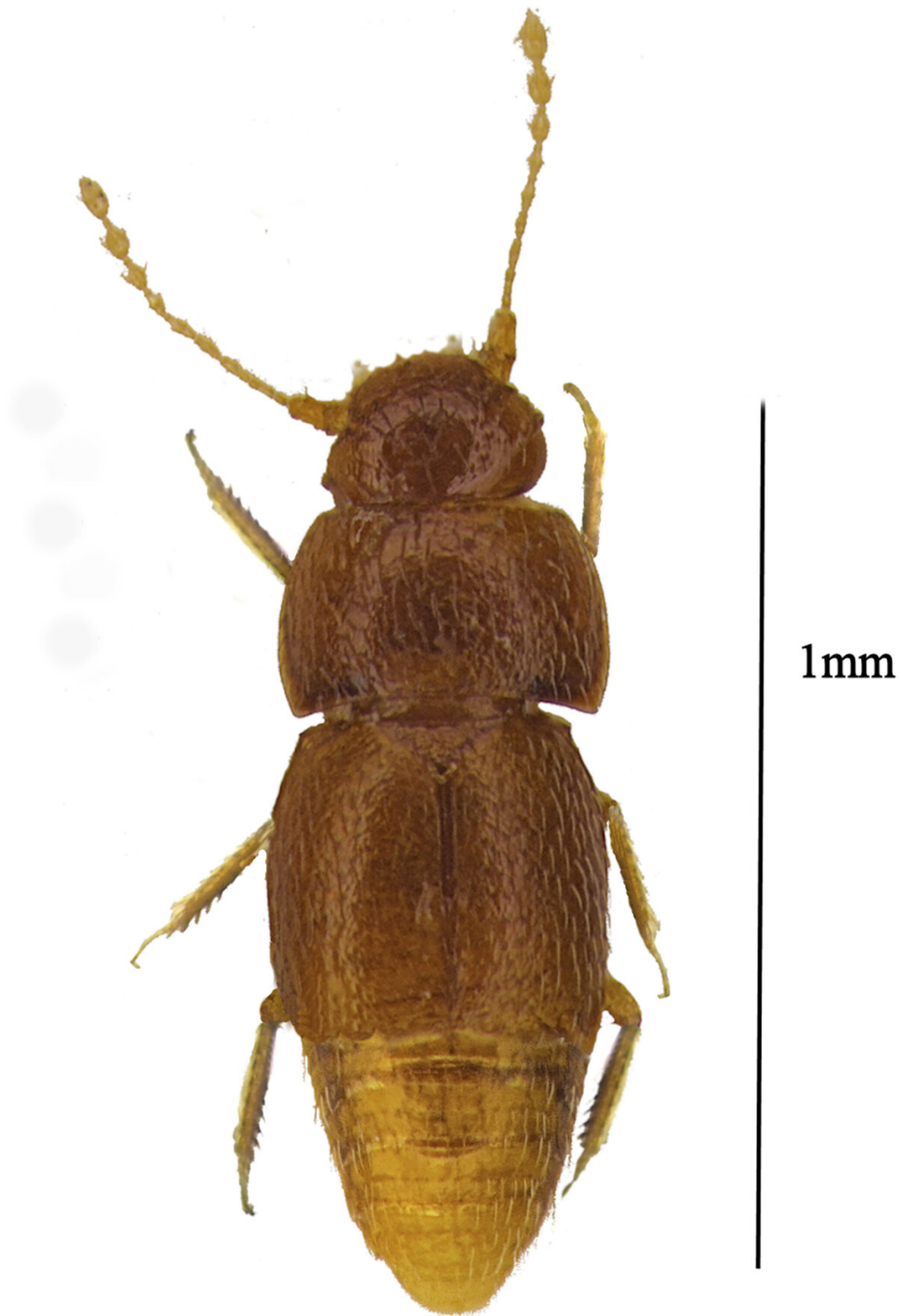


Tiny beetle named after climate activist Greta Thunberg

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Nelloptodes gretae Darby

In this undated photo issued by Entomologist's Monthly Magazine, showing the new species of beetle *Nelloptodes gretae*, named after Swedish environmental campaigner Greta Thunberg. The scientific paper written by Michael Darby is published in Entomologist's Monthly Magazine Friday Oct. 25, 2019, describes and names the new species of beetle *Nelloptodes gretae* that measures about one Millimetre (0.04 inch) long. (Michael Darby/Entomologist's Monthly Magazine via AP)

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has a tiny new namesake.

London's Natural History Museum said Friday that a minute species of beetle is being named "*Nelloptodes gretae*" in honor of the 16-year-old Swede who has pressed the world to do a better job fighting climate change.

Michael Darby, a scientific associate at the [museum](#) who found the insect in its collection of millions of animal specimens, chose the name to acknowledge Thunberg's "outstanding contribution" to raising awareness of environmental issues.

The beetle is less than 1 millimeter long and has no eyes or wings. It belongs to a 1960s [collection](#) from samples of soil and [leaf litter](#) in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, which was donated to the Natural History Museum in 1978.

It is part of the Ptiliidae family of beetles, which includes some of the world's smallest insects.



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg takes part in a march and rally at the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton, Alberta, on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. (Dave Chidley/The Canadian Press via AP)



Climate change activists gather in Edmonton for a march and rally with Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg at the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton, Alberta, on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. (Dave Chidley/The Canadian Press via AP)

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