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The known distribution of the predator *Propylea quatuordecimpunctata* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) in the United States, and thoughts on the origin of this species and five other exotic lady beetles in eastern North America.

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Abstract : A total of 86 new collection records is provided for the exotic *Propylaea quatuordecimpunctata*, increasing its range from 13 to 99 counties and from 13 to 99 counties in the USA. The recovery data indicated that the actual distribution is probably systematic and broad surveys have been done in only a few areas. Evidence for *Propylaea quatuordecimpunctata* and 5 other coccinellids (*Coccinella undecimpunctata*, *Coccinella septempunctata*, *Harmonia axyridis*, *H. quadripunctata* and *Hippodamia variabilis*) indicated that all 6 species were 1st established accidentally in eastern North America, probably being introduced through sea ports. Inland ports appeared to facilitate establishment compared to urban, coastal ports.

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