









lining the Missouri River. Many of these trees have canopies filled with large dead branches and the ground beneath them is littered with fallen twigs and dried leaves.



The decayed trunks of the trees had large, C-shaped, grubs burrowing in the powdery wood. These are the larvae of the flower hermit beetle (*Osmoderma eremicola*). The larvae are not the cause for the tree decline, they are just living in rotted wood.



The adults are one of the “June bugs” we find buzzing around porch lights during the summer. There is an extended period of adult emergence, so it is common to find larvae, pupae and adults during late summer.