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Coleoptera: Curculionidae

Otiorhynchus* (*Otiorhynchus*) *armadillo (Rossi, 1792). Bohemia sept., Lenešice (5648b), in the village near the Lenešický rybník pond, on basal leaves of *Alcea rosea*, 11.ix.2002, 1 ♀, P. Špryňar leg.; Bohemia centr.: Praha-Hrnčíře, street Za Šmatlíkem (6053a), in a garden, 1.-18.viii.2004, 11 ♂♂, 14 ♀♀; 31.viii.2004, 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; 29.ix.2004, 9 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀; all specimens collected after nightfall on the leaves of *Rhododendron* spp., J. Dvořák leg.; Praha-Kyje, Hajní street (5853c), in a hedgerow, 6.ix.2004, 12 ♂♂, 8 ♀♀; 10.ix.2004, 6 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀; at night, beaten from *Ligustrum vulgare*, P. Špryňar leg. All specimens P. Špryňar det. et coll. Distribution area: northern Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, reported also from the northwestern part of the Balkan Peninsula (Hoffmann 1950, Frieser 1981, Köhler & Klausnitzer 1998, Barclay 2003). Recently it was introduced also to Sweden and Great Britain (Barclay 2003). In southwest London *O. armadillo* has been colonizing gardens as a serious pest since 1998 (Barclay 2003). Adults are nocturnally active leaf-feeders able to cause damage to ornamental plants. They prefer to feed on a wide range of woody plants with tough waxy leaves, such as *Viburnum* spp., *Prunus laurocerasus*, *Hedera helix*, *Laurus nobilis*, *Syringa vulgaris*, *Euonymus fortunei*, *Olea fragrans*, *Rhododendron* spp. (incl. *Azalea*), *Ligustrum vulgare* etc. (e. g. Del Bene & Parrini 1986, Barclay 2003). Soil-dwelling larvae are the overwintering stage (Del Bene & Parrini 1986). New alien species for the Czech Republic.

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