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Bruchidius siliquastri A. Delobel in Kergoat, P. Delobel et A. Delobel, 2007. Moravia mer., Brno, Arboretum of the Mendel University (6765), 15.–30.viii.2010, 49 ♂♂, 81 ♀♀, reared from the pods of *Cercis siliquastrum*, lgt. et det. H. Šefrová et Z. Laštůvka, J. Bezděk revid., coll. H. Šefrová (6 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀), J. Bezděk (13 ♂♂, 20 ♀♀), J. Strejček (10 ♂♂, 15 ♀♀), Moravian Museum, Brno (10 ♂♂, 20 ♀♀), National Museum, Praha (10 ♂♂, 20 ♀♀). Species described from southern France and also listed from Hungary and China (Fujian and Shaanxi provinces) in the original description (Kergoat et al. 2007); subsequently found in Belgium, Gibraltar, Slovakia and Spain (Anton 2010, Hanssens 2009, Kollár et al. 2009, Yus Ramos et al. 2009a, Pérez & Bensusan 2010). Larvae develop in the seeds of *Cercis siliquastrum* and *C. canadensis* (Fabaceae) (Kergoat et al. 2007, Kollár 2010), the biology has been described in detail by Yus Ramos et al. (2009b). Kergoat et al. (2007) presume an eastern Asian origin for this species, because it was also reported from an unidentified *Cercis* species from China, it has non-European relatives and, except for recent records, it had not previously been found on *Cercis siliquastrum* although the plant is widely distributed in the Mediterranean area and Central Asia. We observed a heavy infestation of the pods of small bushes of this ornamental tree which is planted in the Arboretum of Mendel University in Brno for many years. New naturalized alien species for the Czech Republic.

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