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Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae

Pityophthorus balcanicus Pfeffer, 1940. Bohemia occ., Stříbro, Svojšín env. (6243), v.1997, 3 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀ (+15 specimens not sexed), host: *Pinus sylvestris*, all J. Liška leg., M. Knížek det. et coll.

Species was originally described from Bulgaria (Vitoša), Serbia (Demir Kapia, and Kožuf Planina), Bosnia (Zavidovič), Hercegovina and Albania (Llgora) (Pfeffer 1940), later also recognized in Macedonia and Romania (Pfeffer 1995). This species is most morphologically similar to *P. glabratus* Eichhoff, 1878 and *P. buyssoni buyssoni* Reitter, 1901. *P. buyssoni buyssoni* differs mainly in having sparse hair-like setae on frons in the female, and *P. glabratus* has a pair of tufts of very dense and short hair-like setae on the central part of frons in the female. *P. balcanicus* has these tufts of setae softer, not so dense and of less solid appearance.

The last new occurrence of *P. balcanicus* was published from Slovakia (Whitehead 1999) based on specimens collected in 1995, as the northernmost recent European record. The comprehensive geographical distribution of the species was published by Knížek (2011). Originally known from *Pinus nigra* and *Pinus leucodermis*, in Slovakia it was collected on *Abies alba*. It is evident, that this species is spreading northwards. New species for the Czech Republic and the northernmost record within the known European range.

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