
FAUNISTIC RECORDS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC – 558

Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Aphodiinae

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Acrossus bimaculatus (Laxmann, 1770). Bohemia centr., “Prag [= Praha]” (58–6051–54), “Coll. [F.] Höhm”, 1 ♀; “Umg[ebung]. Prag [= environs of Praha], [F.] Höhm”, 1 ♀, both specimens probably lgt. by [F.] Höhm, D. Král det., coll. Naturhistorisches Museum in Wien, Austria (NHMW).

Widely distributed species in Eurasia, from northern and central Europe to Kazakhstan and western parts of Siberia (Yenisey region) (e.g., Nikolajev 1987, Dellacasa et al. 2016); regarded as extinct in central Europe, historical records (most of them up to the beginning of the 20th century) from Austria, Hungary, Germany, Poland, and Slovakia summarized by Endrödi (1957), Horion (1958), Burakowski et al. (1983), and Rößner (2012). Even in the eastern parts of its distribution range, it is becoming an increasingly rarely recorded species (e.g., Frolov & Akhmetova 2006, Akhmetova & Frolov 2014, Zinchenko et al. 2002). The two specimens mentioned here probably date back to the 19th century. I have managed to find out that the probable collector of the above material was Prague high school professor Ferdinand Höhm (1850–1926). He was a botanist, in 1899 he was registered among the members of the “Lotos” Society (Deutsche naturwissenschaftlich-medizinische Verein für Böhmen). Based on the above specimens, this species was also included in the list by Juřena & Týr (2008), repeated by Dellacasa et al. (2016) and Král & Bezděk (2017), but without exact locality data. First precise record from Bohemia and the Czech Republic.

Loraspis frater (Mulsant et Rey, 1870). Moravia mer., “Mähren [= Moravia], Butschowitz [= Bučovice, ca. 49°08'N, 16°59'E]” (6867–6868), “Coll. Wingelmüller”, 1 ♂, probably lgt. by A. Wingelmüller, D. Král det., coll. NHMW.

Widely distributed species in Eurasia, from Spain to Kazakhstan, northwestern China and western part of Siberia; mostly saprophagous (e.g., Nikolajev 1987, Veiga 1988, Král 1997, Akhmetova & Frolov 2014, Dellacasa et al. 2016); very rarely collected in central Europe, known mostly from old historical records until about the 1950s, from Austria, Germany, Hungary, and Slovakia summarized by Endrödi (1957), Tesař (1957), Horion (1958), and Sternhammer et al. (2003). More recent records known only from the Hortobágyi National Park (Ádám 1981), Kiskunság National Park (Ádám 1987, Enyedi & Ádám 2009), and the Bükk Mts. (Enyedi 2004) in Hungary. The above mentioned specimen probably dates back to the 19th or the beginning of the 20th century. Alois Wingelmüller (1848–1920) was a Viennese entomologist who also often collected in Moravia (Holdhaus 1920) and his collection is deposited in the NHMW. Based on the above specimen, this species is also

included in the list by Juřena & Týr (2008), repeated by Dellacasa et al. (2016) and Král & Bezděk (2017), but without exact locality data. First precise record from Moravia and the Czech Republic.

Melinopterus punctatosulcatus punctatosulcatus (Sturm, 1805). Moravia mer., “Frain [= Vranov nad Dyjí, 48°53'N, 15°48'E]” (7060–7160), [without date and collector’s name], 2 ♂♂, 11 ♀♀, D. Král det., coll. NHMW.

Eurasian species, widely distributed from Great Britain (Kent) to Lake Baikal and Eastern Siberia. In central Europe it is known from all neighboring countries (e.g., Juřena et al. 2008, Dellacasa et al. 2016, Rößner 2018). Evidence of distribution in Bohemia or Moravia in old works (mostly lists or annotated lists) probably refers to the species *Melinopterus sphacelatus* (Panzer, 1798), because this common species is not mentioned at all in these works (e.g., Müller 1863, Lokaj 1869, Reitter 1870, 1909, Klima 1902, Kral 1915, Fleischer 1930). Only one old record from Bohemia (“Choceň, leg. Ecler, coll. Orlické muzeum Choceň”) has been published so far (Poláček 1977). Based on the material presented here, this species is also included in the list by Juřena & Týr (2008), repeated by Dellacasa et al. (2016) and Král & Bezděk (2017), but without exact locality data. First reliable record from Moravia.

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