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Amphiscolytus — a new genus, and Amphiscolytini — a new tribe of Scolytidae (Coleoptera) for *Dacryophthorus capensis* Schedl

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Abstract

A new genus *Amphiscolytus* and a new tribe Amphiscolytini are described to include *Dacryophthorus capensis* Schedl, 1971 — a poorly known species of Scolytidae (Coleoptera) with a unique set of features from South Africa. *Amphiscolytus capensis* (Schedl, 1971) is redescribed and figured.

Key words: Scolytidae, Curculionidae, *Dacryophthorus capensis*, new genus, South Africa

Introduction

Dacryophthorus capensis was described by Schedl (1971b) on the basis of one badly preserved specimen. It was the second species described in the genus. Wood (1984) studied the type species of the genus *Dacryophthorus* Schedl — *D. brincki* Schedl 1971 (Schedl, 1971a) and synonymized *Dacryophthorus* with *Liparthrum* Wollaston in the tribe Hypoborini. Later (Wood and Bright, 1992), *D. capensis* was transferred to the genus *Xylechinus* Chapuis in the tribe Tomicini. Recently, a second specimen of *D. capensis* collected in South Africa by Roy Danielsson (Zoological Museum of Lund University, ZLM), was kindly loaned by him with other undetermined African Scolytidae from the ZLM collections, to MYM. In addition, seventeen further specimens collected by S. Endrödy-Younga in various parts of South Africa were made available to RAB by the Transvaal Museum (TVM). Thanks to Dr. Heinrich Schönmann, the holotype of *D. capensis* from the Natural History Museum in Vienna (NHMW) was available for comparison. Reexamination of the specimens has brought us to the conclusion that *D. capensis* forms a new unknown genus of Scolytidae, named here *Amphiscolytus*, and that this new genus can not be assigned to any of the currently known tribes of Scolytidae. Thus, a new

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