

New data on the distribution of species of *Gastroserica* Brenske, 1897, with descriptions of five new taxa from China and Laos (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Sericini)

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Abstract

Five new species are described: *Gastroserica kucerai* sp. n. (form China: Sichuan prov.), *G. shaanxiana* sp. n. (China: Shaanxi prov.), *G. huaphanensis* sp. n., *G. stictica* sp. n., *G. contaminata* sp. n. (all from Laos, Hua Phan prov.). Additional distribution records of *Gastroserica* species are given.

Key words: Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Sericini, *Gastroserica*, Laos, China, new species, new records

Introduction

The species of *Gastroserica* Brenske, 1897 from the Asiatic mainland have been revised recently (Ahrens 2000). Since that contribution one additional species has been described (Ahrens 2002). During the course of further revisionary work on Asiatic sericine beetles five more new species have been discovered. In this paper, these five new species are described and new distributional records are given for some previously described species.

Depositories

CA	D. Ahrens collection, Eberswalde
CABB	A. Ballerio collection, Brescia
HAHC	H. & A. Howden collection, Ottawa
MEMU	Mississippi State University