

A new species of the genus *Watanabesaruzo* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Ceutorhynchinae) from China

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Abstract

Watanabesaruzo yunnanensis sp. nov. is described from Yunnan Province, China. It is a peculiar species of *Watanabesaruzo* Yoshitake et Yamauchi and represents a new record for the genus in China. The genus *Watanabesaruzo* was erected by Yoshitake and Yamauchi (2002) based on two species, *W. taimiei* and *W. malayanus*. A key to the three species is presented. The type specimen is deposited in the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China.

Key words: Ceutorhynchinae, *Watanabesaruzo*, new species, weevil, Yunnan, China

Introduction

Watanabesaruzo Yoshitake and Yamauchi belongs to the tribe Mecysmoderini in the subfamily Ceutorhynchinae of the Curculionidae. It was established by Yoshitake and Yamauchi (2002) based on two new species, *W. taimiei* Yoshitake et Yamauchi from Indonesia and *W. malayanus* Yoshitake et Yamauchi from Malaysia. The genus is distinguished by the following characters: rostrum long and slender; front deeply depressed; pronotum with reticulate punctuation, sides of apical half strongly compressed; pronotal spine elongated in moderate length, with a median carina running from the distal tip to basal 1/3 of pronotum; velvety black patch covering the base of elytral intervals 1; odd intervals much broader and more prominent than even ones; sternal channel deep only in prosternum; legs slender, claws finely dentate; pygidium with a pair of triangular projections along basal margin. *Watanabesaruzo yunnanensis* sp. nov. adds a new record of the genus for continental Asia and the country of China.