

**Contributions to the knowledge of the “Staphylinus-complex”
(Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Staphylinini) of China. Part 13.
The genus *Sphaerobulbus* Smetana 2003. Section 3**

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Abstract

This is the third paper dealing with the Chinese species of the genus *Sphaerobulbus* Smetana, 2003. Two species are described as new: *S. biplagiatus* (from Yunnan) and *S. ornatus* (from Shaanxi). New distributional records for *S. bisinuatus* Smetana, 2003 and *S. abdominalis* Smetana, 2003 are given. *Sphaerobulbus ornatus* is the first member of the genus to occur in the province of Shaanxi.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, *Sphaerobulbus*, Palearctic, taxonomy, new species, distribution

Introduction

The genus *Sphaerobulbus* was established by Smetana (2003), with six originally included species from mainland China, all described as new. In two subsequent papers (Smetana 2005a, 2005b), five additional new species were described. Additional material of the genus was collected in 2005 by M. Schülke, D. W. Wrase (both Berlin, Germany) and the author during a joint collecting trip, and some further specimens taken by different collectors also became available. This paper presents the results of the study of this material. The genus *Sphaerobulbus* contains at present thirteen species and its representatives are known so far from the provinces of Shaanxi, Sichuan and Yunnan.

Depositories

- ASC Collection of Aleš Smetana, Ottawa, Canada (The collection to be eventually deposited in the Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland)
- MSC Collection of Michael Schülke, Berlin, Germany