A new species of Parandrinae from the Central Andes of Colombia (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

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Abstract

All known species of Parandra (Parandra) are distributed in Central America and the Caribbean region; a new species, Parandra (P.) antioquensis (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Parandrinae: Parandrini) from Colombia is here described. A key to the species of Parandra (Parandra) is presented.

Key words: Cerambycidae, new species, Parandra, taxonomy.

Resumen

Todas las especies conocidas de Parandra (Parandra) se distribuyen en Centroamérica y la región del Caribe; se describe una nueva especie de Colombia, Parandra (P.) antioquensis (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Parandrinae: Parandrini). Se presenta una clave para las especies de Parandra (Parandra). Palabras clave: Cerambycidae, nueva especie, Parandra, taxonomía.

Introduction

During a revision of the specimens of Parandrinae deposited in Colombian entomological collections, we found a specimen which differed significantly from all known species of the subfamily. Through an examination of the specimen we determined that it represents a new species of the genus Parandra Latreille, 1804; this genus was reviewed by Santos-Silva (2002) in his revision of Parandrini. The species belonging to Parandra (Parandra) are keyed including the new species of the subgenus.

The political instability makes it impossible to explore the area and look for more specimens that could be used in the description of the species; no additional specimens were found during the examination of many Colombian entomological collections and some field trips made to localities near Granada in order to collect Parandrinae were unsuccessful.

The holotype is deposited at the Colección de Entomología of the Universidad de Antioquia (CEUA), in Medellín, Colombia.