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Synopsis of the genus *Pseudosparna* Mermudes & Monné (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae, Lamiinae), with description of two new species

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Abstract

Two new species of *Pseudosparna* Mermudes & Monné, 2009 are described: *P. tucurui* sp. nov. from Brazil (Pará) and *P. pichincha* sp. nov. from Ecuador (Pichincha). A key to the species of *Pseudosparna* is also included.

Key words: Acanthocinini, Neotropical, taxonomy

Resumo

Duas novas espécies de *Pseudosparna* Mermudes & Monné, 2009 são descritas: *P. tucurui* sp. nov. do Brasil (Pará) e *P. pichincha* sp. nov. de Equador (Pichincha). Chave de identificação de espécies de *Pseudosparna* é apresentada.

Palavras-chave: Acanthocinini, Neotropical, taxonomia

Introduction

The genus *Pseudosparna* was originally proposed for four Neotropical species (Mermudes and Monné, 2009). A fifth species, from Bolivia (*P. boliviiana* Monné & Monné, 2010), has since been added. In the present paper we describe two new taxa, one from Brazil (Pará) and one from Ecuador (Pichincha), resulting in seven species.

Material and methods

Abbreviations cited in the text:

- BMNH The Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom.
MNRJ Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Taxonomy

***Pseudosparna* Mermudes & Monné, 2009**

Pseudosparna Mermudes & Monné, M. A., 2009: 64; Monné, M. A., 2012: 74.

Type-species: *Pseudosparna luteolineata* Mermudes & Monné, 2009 (original designation).

The genus is related to *Piezocerus* Melzer, 1932 (Mermudes & Monné, 2009), but differs primarily by the structure of the scape, which is slightly dilated toward the apex, and by having the prosternal and mesosternal processes very narrow. In *Piezocerus* the scape is not dilated and the intercoxal processes are half as wide as the respective coxae.

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