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## Taxonomic review of Chinese species of ground beetles of the subgenus *Pseudoophonus* (genus *Harpalus*) (Coleoptera: Carabidae)

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## Abstract

A taxonomic review of 23 species of the subgenus *Pseudoophonus* Motschulsky, 1844, the genus *Harpalus* Latreille, 1802, occurring in China is given, and a key to these species is provided. The species are divided in three species groups and five subgroups, the distinctive characters of which are listed. The following new synonyms are established: *Harpalus calceatus* Duftschmid, 1812 = *Anisodactylus propinquus* Ballion, 1870, **syn. n.**; *H. davidi* (Tschitschérine, 1897) = *H. kailiensis* Huang, 1992, **syn. n.**; = *H. adenticulatus* Huang, 1992, **syn. n.**; = *H. cilihamerous* Huang, Hu & Sun, 1994, **syn. n.**; *H. fokienensis* Schäuberger, 1930 = *H. muculus* Huang, 1992, **syn. n.**; *H. griseus* (Panzer, 1796) = *H. xinjiangensis* Huang, Hu & Sun, 1994, **syn. n.**; *H. hauserianus* Schäuberger, 1929 = *H. disaogashimensis* Huang, 1995, **syn. n.**; *H. pastor* Motschulsky, 1844 = *H. penglaius* Huang, Hu & Sun, 1994, **syn. n.**; = *H. chiloschizontus* Huang, 1995, **syn. n.**; *H. rufipes* (De Geer, 1774) = *H. scabripectus* Huang, Hu & Sun, 1994, **syn. n.**; *H. singularis* Tschitschérine, 1906 = *H. chengjiangensis* Huang, 1993, **syn. n.**; *H. sinicus* Hope, 1845 = *H. periglabellus* Huang, 1992, **syn. n.**; = *H. longihornus* Lei & Huang, 1997, **syn. n.**; and *H. tridens* Morawitz, 1862 = *H. hypogeomysis* Huang, 1993, **syn. n.**; = *H. pilosus* Huang, 1995, **syn. n.**. Statuses of *H. yinchuanensis* Huang, 1993 and *H. disimuculus* Huang, Lei, Yan & Hu, 1996 are discussed. Lectotypes are designated for *H. capito* Morawitz, 1862, *H. japonicus* Morawitz, 1862 and *H. eous* Tschitschérine, 1901. New data on distribution of *Pseudoophonus* species in China are provided. *Harpalus babai* Habu, 1973 is reported from China (Jiangxi) for the first time. The following taxa are recorded from the following Chinese provinces for the first time: *H. ussuriensis* Chaudoir, 1863 from Hunan; *H. aenigma* (Tschitschérine, 1897) from Hubei, Jiangxi, and Guangxi; *H. pastor* Motschulsky, 1844 from Beijing and Xizang; *H. fokienensis* Schäuberger, 1930 from Anhui and Jiangxi; *H. simplicidens* Schäuberger, 1929 from Beijing, Shanghai, and Fujian; *H. coreanus* (Tschitschérine, 1895) from Anhui, Henan, Zhejiang, Shanghai, Hubei, and Guangdong; *H. suensoni* Kataev, 1997 from Yunnan; *H. sinicus* Hope, 1845 from Hainan; *H. davidi* (Tschitschérine, 1897) from Zhejiang, Hunan, and Guizhou; *H. pseudothauserianus* Kataev, 2001 from Sichuan; *H. indicus orientalis* Kataev, 2014 from Xizang, Guangxi, and Guangdong; *H. hauserianus* Schäuberger, 1929 from Xizang and Guizhou; *H. singularis* Tschitschérine, 1906 from Taiwan; and *H. calceatus* Duftschmid, 1812 from Guangxi. In addition, *H. sinicus* and *H. singularis* are reported from Laos for the first time.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Carabidae, Harpalini, *Harpalus*, *Pseudoophonus*, China, taxonomy, new synonyms, new records

## Introduction

*Pseudoophonus* Motschulsky, 1844 is a moderately diverse Holarctic taxon treated here as a subgenus of the genus *Harpalus* Latreille, 1802 (Kataev *et al.* 2003; Kataev 2009), though some modern authors (for example, Martínez-Navarro *et al.* 2003, 2005) working mainly with limited material consider *Pseudoophonus* as a separate genus. Based on our treatment, *Pseudoophonus* belongs to the pseudoophonoid subgeneric complex of the genus *Harpalus*, which also includes the Palaearctic subgenus *Cephalophonus* Ganglbauer, 1892 and the Nearctic subgenera *Megapangus* Casey, 1914 and *Plectralidus* Casey, 1914, each of them with an unique combination of non-specific distinctive characters (Kataev 2006, 2009). *Pseudoophonus* comprises about 40 species, most of which (28 species) are distributed in the Palaearctic, predominantly in eastern Asia, and the northern portion of the Oriental Region; 12 species occur in North America, mostly in its eastern portion to south up to northern Mexico and Florida. Most species are widely distributed, many species occur sympatrically. The species of *Pseudoophonus* live in open areas, mainly meadows, and light deciduous forests; many species are common in agricultural landscapes and disturbed areas.

The American and Eurasian faunas have no common species and are taxonomically separated. The North American species were revised by Ball and Anderson (1962), and more recently one new species, *Harpalus poncei* Will, was described from Florida (Will 2001). The East Asian species were revised by Schäuberger (1929, 1930, 1932, 1933), and some additions were published by Mlynář (1974) and Kataev (1997, 2001, 2014). Regional reviews and revisions with keys were published by Habu (1968, 1973) for Japan (15 species), Lafer (1989) for the Russian Far East (12 species), and Moon and Paik (2006) for Korea (16 species). The fauna of China is most diverse and still poorly known. The most recent information on species and subspecies occurring in China and data on their distribution were published by Hua (2002) and Kataev *et al.* (2003); unfortunately, the former publication includes many taxonomic errors and at least some records need confirmation because they might be based on misidentification. Moreover, during two last decades 16 new species from China were described by Huang Tongling with coauthors (Huang 1992, 1993; Huang *et al.* 1994; Huang & Zhang 1995; Lei & Huang 1997), but the taxonomic status of these species was obscure and needed revision. Based on examination of the type specimens

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