

Taxonomic and nomenclatural notes on *Agrilus suvorovi* Obenberger (Coleoptera: Buprestidae: Agrilinae)

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Abstract

A taxonomic and nomenclatural analysis of *Agrilus suvorovi* Obenberger, 1935 is presented. The literature is reviewed and the taxonomic status of all synonyms is discussed. *Agrilus vernadskii* Obenberger, 1927 is considered the junior subjective synonym of *A. viridis* (Linné, 1758) with no relation to *A. suvorovi*. *Agrilus brussae* Obenberger, 1956 and *A. populneus* Schaefer, 1946 are placed in synonymy of *A. suvorovi* and their lectotypes are designated.

Key words: Taxonomy, nomenclature, synonymy, Coleoptera, Buprestidae, Agrilinae, *Agrilus*, Palearctic Region

Introduction

Agrilus suvorovi Obenberger, 1935 is a member of *A. viridis* (Linné, 1758) group, comprising widely distributed and highly variable taxa with many ecological forms, of which the taxonomic status is often ambiguous. *Agrilus suvorovi* was described as a species from Far East, later considered conspecific (Obenberger 1956) with *A. populneus* Schaefer, 1946, then divided into two subspecies (Schaefer 1961) and lastly (Alexeev and Volkovitsh 1989) synonymized with *A. vernadskii* Obenberger, 1927.

Material and methods

The material examined for this study is deposited in the following collections: EJCB, Collection of E. Jendek, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia; MNHN, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France; NMPC, Národní muzeum, Prague, Czech Republic; ZIN, Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia.