

## Two new species of *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829 from the *A. salicis* (Fabricius, 1776) species-group (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

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### Abstract

Two new species of *Anthaxia* from the *A. (Anthaxia) salicis* (Fabricius, 1776) species-group are described and illustrated: *A. anadyomene* n. sp. (Cyprus) and *A. syriaca* n. sp. (Israel, Syria, Turkey). Differential diagnoses of both new species are given and the *A. salicis* species-group is redefined.

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### Introduction

During our work on the catalogue of Palaearctic Buprestidae we have found some nomenclatorial and taxonomical problems in one of the most spectacular species-groups of the genus *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829: *A. (Anthaxia) salicis* (Fabricius, 1776) species-group. After finishing our study of type specimens from Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Muséum national d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris and National Museum, Prague, we are going to publish the revision of the group from the Palaearctic perspective. To make the revision easier and shorter, and because some problems have arisen in obtaining some types, we decided to describe two new East-mediterranean species before the revision is completed.

The *A. salicis* species-group was firstly defined by Obenberger (1917) and his concept was more or less followed by Rikhter (1949) and Schaefer (1949). As a matter of fact, all three authors used for the definition of the group nearly exclusively conspicuous elytral pattern and pronotal sculpture of the species included, so that the definition of the group must be extended in the following way: