

A new species of *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse, 1881 (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Dynastinae) from Maranhão State, Brazil

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Abstract

A new *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse species, of the *B. minicola* group, in the subgenus *Minisiderus* Endrödi, *B. (M.) mielkeorum* sp. nov. is described, discussed and illustrated based on four specimens collected in Maranhão State, northeastern region of Brazil. A key to subgenera and species is also provided.

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Introduction

The genus *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse is composed of six species. Four are in the subgenus *Minisiderus* Endrödi, 1970, three of which were described by Ohaus (1930), and are closely related to the new species described here. The new species is described based on four males collected at light in Balsas Municipality of Southern Maranhão State. A key to subgenera and species is provided based on Endrödi's (1985) key.

Brachysiderus (Minisiderus) mielkeorum Grossi & Grossi, new species

Material examined: Holotype, , Brasil, MA, Balsas, Serra do Penitente, 480 m, 6-XI-2004, C. Mielke leg., Ex Col. E.& P.Grossi, deposited in Museu de Zoologia da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Paratypes, 2 ♂ same data as Holotype, 1 ♂, same except 13-XI-2004, 500 m, Ex Col. E. Furtado. In col. E. & P. Grossi.