

On *Euconnus (Napochus) campestris* Schaufuss and its synonymy (Coleoptera: Scydmaenidae)

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Abstract

Eight new synonyms of *Euconnus (Napochus) campestris campestris* (Schaufuss, 1866), a species previously known only from the Neotropical Region, are recognized: *E. duboisi duboisi* Méquignon, 1930 from Europe, *E. titschacki* Lhoste, 1936 from Natal, *E. murielae* Last, 1945 from England, *E. unicus unicus* Franz, 1957 from Spain, *E. unicus lindbergi* Franz, 1962 from Madeira, *E. mussardi* Franz, 1962 from Morocco, *E. tristiculus* Franz, 1967 from Transvaal and *E. duboisi eksilis* Vít, 1999 from the Azores. *Euconnus campestris volkmeri* Franz, 1967 described from Brasil is treated as a valid subspecies pending further study. The lectotype is designated for *Scydmaenus campestris* Schaufuss, 1866.

Key words: Coleoptera, Scydmaenidae, *Euconnus campestris*, *Napochus*, synonymy, lectotype designation

Introduction

Recently a species of *Napochus*, previously unknown in the German fauna, was unexpectedly found in Northern Germany. This species was later determined, with the help of Dr. H. Franz, as *Euconnus (Napochus) unicus* Franz, 1957, a species hitherto known only from Spain (Meybohm 1997). This posed the basic premise for a thorough and critical review of other allied species, namely: *E. duboisi* Méquignon, 1930 and *E. murielae* Last, 1945, and then, finally, *E. campestris* (Schaufuss, 1866). A further study of several suspicious taxa led the authors to synonymize eight taxa with *E. campestris campestris*. The eight new synonyms of *E. campestris campestris* are listed below (chronologically):

Euconnus (Napochrus) duboisi duboisi Méquignon, 1930: 297, **syn. nov.**

Euconnus (Napochus) titschacki Lhoste, 1936: 255, Fig. 10, **syn. nov.**