

A new species of the weevil genus *Larinus* Dejean from Turkey and Syria (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Lixinae)

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Abstract

Larinus perrinae sp. n. is described from southeastern Turkey and Syria based on material from J. Desbrochers' and M. Pic's collections. Lectotype of *L. lejeunei* Capiomont is designated. *Larinus perrinae* is closely related to *L. lejeunei* but, differing in the elongated body, pattern of pubescence and shape of aedeagus.

Key words: *Larinus perrinae* sp. n., *Larinus lejeunei* Capiomont, lectotype, Coleoptera, Curculionidae, Lixinae, new species, Turkey, Syria

Introduction

According to the world catalogue of Lixinae (= Cleoninae) (Csiki, 1934), *Larinus* comprises about 180 species, these being represented by approximately 140 species in the Palaearctic. About 40 species are known from the Ethiopian Region, and only 3 from the Indo-Malayan Region. Four species are known to have been introduced into the Nearctic Region (McClay, 1988; Sobhian and Fornasari, 1994; Lang et al., 1996), and 1 in New Zealand (Woodburn and Briese, 1996). *Larinus* is most species rich in the Mediterranean, where about 100 species occur. Ter-Minassian (1967) quoted about 75 species as living in the former USSR.

In the course of examination of J. Desbrochers *Larinus* collection in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, in the autumn of 2004, I found a female labelled "Syrie, Akbes" standing as *L. remissus* Faust, 1889 and a male labelled "Syrie", among the unsorted material, clearly differing from *L. remissus* which type I have examined in St. Petersburg loaned by Dr. Boris Korotyaev. In addition, I have found two more specimens in M. Pic ex Delagrange collection in the same museum at my second visit of the 2005 autumn. They were standing under label of the *Larinus centaurii* (Olivier) and both two