



New species of the genus *Laena* Latreille (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) from Southeastern Asia*

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*Dedicated to Prof. Dr. Jochen Martens on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Under the supervision of Prof. Martens at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, the author received his diploma (1976) and PhD (1980). Together with other friends we also shared unforgotten months of field work in mountainous Asia, always sifting soil arthropods often under rough conditions and at high altitudes: Kashmir/Ladakh (1976), Nepal (1983, 1988, 1995), Siberia (1986, 1990), Caucasus (1991), Kirgizhia and Kazakhstan (1993), Leyte/Philippines (1991) and Sichuan/China (1999).

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Abstract

New species of the genus *Laena* Latreille, 1829 (Tenebrionidae: Lagriinae) are described from the Malayan Peninsula (*Laena kenyirica* n. sp., *Laena schulzi* n. sp.), Burma (*Laena kurbatovi* n. sp.), Thailand (*Laena inthanonica* n. sp., *Laena khaolaka* n. sp., *Laena rolandi* n. sp.), Laos (*Laena champasaka* n. sp., *Laena jocheni* n. sp., *Laena kiyoshii* n. sp.) and Vietnam (*Laena gialaica* n. sp., *Laena moguntia* n. sp.). A check-list of all species of the genus *Laena* from the Malayan Peninsula (13), Myanmar/Burma (2), Thailand (13), Laos (3) and Vietnam (9) is added.

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Introduction

After the descriptions of new species of the genus *Laena* Latreille, 1829 (Tenebrionidae: Lagriinae) from Thailand (Kaszab & Chûjô 1966, Kaszab 1973) and from Vietnam (Masumoto 1995, 1996a, 1996b) and after my own contributions of additional new species from mountain ranges in Western Malaysia and Thailand (Schawaller 1995, 1998), newly collected specimens have been accumulating from both mountainous and lowland forests of this area, which are described herein. The bulk of the species lives in soil litter of mountainous forests of China and the Himalayas (Schawaller 2001, 2002), whereas tropical southeastern Asia is populated only by a relatively small number of species (see