



Redescription of the genus *Formicocephalus* Heller, and description of two new species (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Paederinae)

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Abstract

The genus *Formicocephalus* Heller, 1916 is redescribed. Two new species: *Formicocephalus hermani* **n. sp.** and *Formicocephalus raptor* **n. sp.** are described from New Caledonia and illustrated. The lectotype of *Formicocephalus uranoscopus* Heller is designated.

Key words: *Formicocephalus*, Staphylinidae Paederinae, New Caledonia, taxonomy

Résumé

Le genre *Formicocephalus* Heller, 1916 est redécrit. Deux nouvelles espèces: *Formicocephalus hermani* **n. sp.** et *Formicocephalus raptor* **n. sp.** sont décrites de Nouvelle-Calédonie et illustrées. Le lectotype de *Formicocephalus uranoscopus* Heller est désigné.

Mots-Clefs: *Formicocephalus*, Staphylinidae Paederinae, Nouvelle-Calédonie, taxonomie

Introduction

The genus *Formicocephalus* Heller is endemic to New Caledonia (Heller, 1916; Blackwelder, 1939) and in present classification it is placed in the tribe Paederini, in the subtribe Cryptobiina (Newton and Thayer, 2005). Until now, it was known only from the type species, *Formicocephalus uranoscopus* Heller, described from a single male specimen held in the SMTD collections. The discovery of two new species of *Formicocephalus* provided new morphological data, thus prompting a redescription of the genus. *Formicocephalus hermani* **n. sp.** and *F. raptor* **n. sp.** were collected from “Mont Do” (Bouloupari, South Province). This location is approximately 50 km NW from the type locality (Mont Humboldt).

Material and methods

Abbreviations used.

AMNH	American Museum of Natural History: New York, USA
CTT	Collection T. Théry: Fleury les Aubrais, France
IAC	Institut Agronomique néo-Calédonien: La Foa (Pocquereux), New Caledonia, France
MNHN	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle: Paris, France
SMTD	Senckenberg Museum für Tierkunde Dresden: Dresden, Germany