



## A revision of the genus *Ora* Clark, 1865 (Coleoptera: Scirtidae) in Argentina (part II)—redescriptions, updated distributions and a key to species

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### Abstract

This second part of the revision of the Argentine species of *Ora* Clark, 1865 provides detailed redescrptions, habitus photos, illustrations of male and female genitalia for eight species, an identification key and updated distributions for all the species. A lectotype is hereby designated for *Ora bruchi* Pic, 1928. *Scirtes brevenotatus* v. *mediolineatus* Pic, 1928 and *S. brevenotatus wagneri* Pic, 1928 are here raised to species level and transferred to *Ora*. The females of *Ora atroapicalis*, *O. depressa*, *O. mediolineata*, *O. platensis*, *O. semibrunnea* and *O. wagneri* are described. *Ora bivittata* Pic, 1922 is newly recorded from Argentina and several provincial records are added to the geographical range of early known species. Eleven species of *Ora* are now recognized to occur in Argentina: *O. atroapicalis* Pic, 1928, *O. bivittata* Pic, 1922, *O. brevieminentia* Libonatti, 2014, *O. bruchi* Pic, 1928, *O. depressa* (Fabricius, 1801), *O. mediolineata* (Pic, 1928) **comb. n.**, *O. megadepressa* Libonatti, 2014, *O. platensis* Brèthes, 1925, *O. semibrunnea* Pic, 1922, *O. sigmoidea* Libonatti, 2014 and *O. wagneri* (Pic, 1928) **comb. n.**

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### Introduction

In the first part of this revision the morphology of the Argentine members of the genus *Ora* Clark, 1865 was studied and three new species were described (Libonatti 2014). In addition to the discovery of those taxa, many specimens of previously known species were collected during recent expeditions in Argentina. Unfortunately, the original descriptions of those species, dating back to the beginning of the 20th century, were brief and lacked detail and illustrations. Neither the male nor the female genitalia were studied, and no identification key for the species is available. Therefore, this second part of the revision concerns those species not treated in the first part, plus one species herein recorded for the first time from Argentina. The goals of this contribution are: to redescribe in detail eight Argentine species, to expand their known distributional ranges, and to provide a key for the identification of all known Argentine species of the genus *Ora*.

### Material and methods

Type specimens studied were borrowed from the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France (MNHN) and the Carlos Bruch Collection (BR), presently held in the Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales Bernardino Rivadavia, Buenos Aires, Argentina (MACN). In addition, ca. 580 unidentified specimens were studied, most of them obtained in expedition trips to several Argentine provinces (Buenos Aires, Chaco, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Misiones, Salta and Santa Fe) during 1991–2014 and held in my personal collection (MLLC, Laboratory of Entomology, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina). This material was either captured using mercury vapor light traps or reared from larvae. A small fraction of these specimens was borrowed from the museums mentioned above and from F. Angelini's collection (AC) (held in the Museum of Natural History, University of Florence). Label data are cited *in extenso* for historical specimens. Each label is cited with quotation marks, lines are delimited by a forward slash.