

Preliminary revision of the genus *Sparedrus* (Coleoptera: Oedemeridae) from eastern and southeastern Asia

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Abstract. Species of the genus *Sparedrus* Megerle, 1821 in DEJEAN (1821) from eastern and southeastern Asia are revised, illustrated and keyed. Three new species are described and illustrated: *Sparedrus karenorum* sp. nov. (N Thailand), *S. malickyi* sp. nov. (N Thailand) and *S. chiangmaiensis* sp. nov. (N Thailand). The following new combinations are proposed: *Sparedrus atricolor* (Pic, 1935) comb. nov., *S. subserratus* (Gressitt, 1939) comb. nov., *S. latipennis* (Pic, 1923) comb. nov., *S. angustatus* (Pic, 1923) comb. nov., all transferred from *Sparedropsis* Heyden, 1886, in HEYDEN & KRAATZ (1886). Genus *Polacus* Sasaji, 1985, syn. nov. is synonymised with *Sparedrus*. New name, *S. sasajii* nom. nov., is established for *S. longicornis* (Sasaji, 1985), secondary homonym of *S. longicornis* (Iablokoff-Khnzorian, 1970).

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Introduction

Species of the genus *Sparedrus* Megerle, 1821 in DEJEAN (1821) are distributed in arboreal areas of the northern hemisphere, approximately between 5° and 50° of northern latitude. One species is known from the Nearctic region (Texas, California) and four species from the Neotropical region (Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica). The distribution in the Palaearctic and Oriental regions is, according to present knowledge, discontinuous. Four species occur in southern Europe but no species is hitherto known from Transcaucasia and the Near East. Further east, the distribution area resumes more or less continuously from southwestern Iran through southern part of the Palaearctic region and through the Oriental region as far eastwards as Taiwan, Hainan and Vietnam.

Thirty two species are currently recognized as valid. Their taxonomy was revised by ŠVIHLA (1986). The only Nearctic species was redescribed by ARNETT (1951). European species