

A new species of *Eulichas* (Coleoptera: Eulichadidae) from Laos

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Abstract. *Eulichas pantherina* sp. nov. from Laos is described, illustrated and compared with related species. The new species belongs to the *E. pacholatkoii* species complex of the *E. funebris* species group, and can be distinguished by the different shape of male genitalia. *Eulichas pantherina* sp. nov. has a lanceolate median lobe and parameres with a very small subapical hook moved to the mid-length of the paramere. New distributional data are published for the following species: *Eulichas haucki* Hájek, 2007, and *E. pacholatkoii* Jäch, 1995, from Laos, and *E. kubani* Hájek, 2007, from Thailand.

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Introduction

The small elateriform family Eulichadidae comprises of two extant genera: the monotypic Californian genus *Stenocolus* LeConte, 1853, and the predominately Oriental genus *Eulichas* Jacobson, 1913, with 30 described and more than 10 undescribed species (JÄCH 1995; HÁJEK 2007, in prep.). The larvae of both genera are aquatic, while the adults live on vegetation near water, and especially the genus *Eulichas* is often attracted at light. *Eulichas* is currently divided into two subgenera, and the nominotypical subgenus is divided into two species groups and several species complexes (see HÁJEK 2007).

While finishing the first part of the revision of *Eulichas*, I received another new species belonging to the *E. pacholatkoii* species complex of the *E. funebris* species group. As I had no possibility to include the new species into the revision, I describe it here separately along with new distributional data for two other *Eulichas* species from Laos and one species from Thailand. These data increase the number of known species from Laos and Thailand to eight and four, respectively.