

**New species of the subfamily Malthininae
(Coleoptera: Cantharidae)
from the western Palaearctic Region**

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Abstract. The following new taxa of the subfamily Malthininae from the western Palaearctic Region are described and illustrated: *Malthinus hulai* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. ciraliensis* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. malinkai* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. egadiensis* sp. nov. (Italy: Egadi Is.), *Malthodes malinkorum* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. zdeneki* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. flagellatus* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. aphroditae* sp. nov. (Cyprus), *M. fritzleri* sp. nov. (Cyprus), *M. lysosensis* sp. nov. (Cyprus), *M. anadyomenae* sp. nov. (Cyprus), *M. cyprogenius* sp. nov. (Cyprus), *M. denizlianus lesvosensis* ssp. nov. (Greece: Lesvos I.), *M. andreasii* sp. nov. (Turkey), *M. paveli* sp. nov. (Iran), and *M. lycicus* sp. nov. (Turkey). Species status is given to *Malthodes bucakensis* Wittmer, 1970, stat. nov., elevated from *M. besucheti bucakensis* Wittmer, 1970. *Malthinus fasciatus* Olivier, 1790 is synonymised with *Malthinus bulgaricus* Švihla, 1990, syn. nov. Additional characters of *Malthinus peyerimhoffi* Constantin, 1979 are illustrated.

Key words. Coleoptera, Cantharidae, *Malthinus*, *Malthodes*, new species, new subspecies, status change, new synonym, Palaearctic Region

Introduction

The subfamily Malthininae is a large group of small and weakly sclerotized soldier beetles (Cantharidae). It occurs in all zoogeographical regions except of the Australian continent (DELKESKAMP 1977). The highest taxonomic diversity of the Malthininae is known from the Holarctic region, while the number of species in other regions is much lower, even though it would undoubtedly increase when some remote areas are better investigated.