

**Three new *Indasclera* species from Laos
including new data on distribution and list of species
(Coleoptera: Oedemeridae)**

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Abstract. Three new species of the genus *Indasclera* Švihla, 1980 are described and illustrated: *Indasclera nigripes* sp. nov., *I. josefi* sp. nov. and *I. jelineki* sp. nov. (all from Laos). *Indasclera chapaensis* (Pic, 1927), *I. dalatensis* (Pic, 1928) and *I. griseicornis* (Pic, 1922) are reported as new for the fauna of Laos. A list of all described *Indasclera* species including their distribution is presented.

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Introduction

The genus *Indasclera* Švihla, 1980 was originally described for three Himalayan species. When species of the genus were revised (ŠVIHLA 1997), several species originally described in the genera *Asclera* Dejean, 1834 (synonym of *Ischnomera* Stephens, 1832), *Ascleropsis* Seidlitz, 1899 and *Probosca* Schmidt, 1846 were transferred to *Indasclera* and one species originally included in *Indasclera* was transferred to the newly established genus *Dainsclera* Švihla, 1997. Additional new species were described and new data on the distribution were published by AKIYAMA (2003), MIZOTA (1999) and ŠVIHLA (2002, 2004, 2006), so that 52 species-group taxa have been known to date.

The genus *Indasclera* occurs in the south-eastern Palearctic and in the Oriental Regions. It reaches as far as the eastern half of the Himalayas and the Indian subcontinent in the west, Tibet and other Chinese provinces of Sichuan, Gansu, Shaanxi, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Guangdong and Fujian in the north, southern Kuril Islands, Japan (including the Ryukyu Islands), Taiwan and Hainan in the east and Indochina and Borneo (one undescribed species) in the south-east. The Palearctic species were catalogued by ŠVIHLA (2008).

Three new species from Laos are described here but the number of known species will undoubtedly increase significantly: at this moment I have at my disposal six undescribed species represented only by females. Therefore, I have not updated the key to species as it would have only a short applicability.