

Taxonomic revision of the genus *Andrahomanus* (Coleoptera: Anthicidae)

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Abstract. The genus *Andrahomanus* Pic, 1903 is redescribed along with *Andrahomanus luteipes* Pic, 1903 and *Anthicus particularis* Pic, 1932. Five species of the genus are described as new: *A. crassicornis* sp. nov. (South Africa), *A. opacus* sp. nov. (Namibia), *A. ovaliceps* sp. nov. (South Africa), *A. sabulicola* sp. nov. (South Africa), *A. scholaris* sp. nov. (Namibia, Botswana). A new combination, *Andrahomanus particularis* (Pic, 1932) comb. nov. (transferred from *Anthicus* Paykull, 1798), is proposed. A lectotype is designated for *Anthicus particularis* Pic, 1932. A key to species of *Andrahomanus* is provided.

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Introduction

Andrahomanus Pic, 1903 has long been considered a rather enigmatic genus of the subfamily Anthicinae Latreille, 1819 and seen as probably close to the genera of the tribe Formicomini Bonadona, 1974. It was established for *Andrahomanus luteipes* Pic, 1903 from southern Madagascar, and the author mentioned the similarity of his new genus to *Formicomus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1849 and *Anthelephilus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1849 (Pic 1903).

The identity of *Andrahomanus* has never been resolved, and its single known species was never recorded by subsequent specialists. In his review of Madagascan anthicids, BONADONA (1958) just quoted the original description. Later, BONADONA (1974) listed *Andrahomanus* in the Formicomini but did not provide any explanation for this rather tentative placement. UHMANN (1976, 1978) may have been unaware of the classification proposed by Bonadona as he, without any comments, listed all Formicomini genera in the tribe Anthicini Latreille, 1819. In his key to genera, UHMANN (1976) coupled *Andrahomanus* with *Anthelephilus*, and the characters he used (aptery, differences in form of head) were simply adopted/derived from Pic's original description. Finally, KEJVAL (2003, 2009) modified the original concept of Formicomini, based on the examination of type specimens, and confirmed the relationship of *Andrahomanus* to this group of genera.