Notes on the the genus Parmena Dejean, 1821 (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) from Turkey

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Abstract: Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 2004 is recorded from Ovitdagi Geçidi (Rize province) and Ilgaz Geçidi (borderline between Kastamonu and Ilgaz provinces). Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 2004 and Parmena populations from Adzharia (Georgia) recorded as Parmena aurora Danilevsky, 1980 are supposed to be one species. Parmena sericata Sama, 1996 is accepted as unavailable name (Art. 15.1: conditional proposal). Parmena bialookii sp. n. is described from South Anatolia: NW Erdemly, Aydinlar (36°46'N, 34°7'E) env.

Three specimens of the genus *Parmena* Dejean, 1821 from three rather distant localities of Anatolia were received by me for study from Piotr Bialooki several years ago. Unfortunately I was not able to get additional materials, but several conclusions still were made.

Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 2004 Figs 1-2

Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 1994: 554 - "Artvin: Ardanuç", 41°7'N, 42°4'E; 1996: 114 - "Rize, ca 20km s. Ikizdere".

Parmena sericata Sama, 1996: 114 (unavailable name - Art. 15.1: conditional proposal) - "Turquie (vil. Artvin), Borçka: Çankurtaran gec." 41°23'38"N, 41°31'57"E.

Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 1994 was described after 1 male and 3 females with striated elytra from North-East Turkey "Artvin: Ardanuç", 41°7'N, 42°4'E. Parmena aurora Danilevsky, 1980 was supposed for Batumi environs in the original description and definitely recorded for Georgian Adzharia by Danilevsky & Miroshnikov (1985). Now two females and 1 male is available from Adzharia in author's collection (Kintrishi National Reserve, eastwards Kobuleti, 41°44'10N, 41°58'44"E) collected from

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Castanea sativa and Ficus carica. One female have distinctly striated elytra. So, the species separation of closely related geographically *P. striatopunctata* Sama, 1994 and Adzharian populations is not evident, though *P. striatopunctata* Sama, 1994 is connected with *Abies normanniana*.

I preliminary identify as *P. striatopunctata* Sama, 1994 a female from North-West Anatolia (Ilgaz Geçidi, N Tosya, 41°3'57"N, 33°45'E, 1855m) with striated elytra, though striae are less pronounced.

P. sericata Sama, 1996 (unavailable name because of conditional description - Art. 15.1: "Cette espèce a bien des ressemblances avec striatopunctata mihi, et on peut supposer qu'l ne s'agit que d'une population de cette dernière,") was described after a single female with striated elytra from near Adzharian border ("Çankurtaran gec." 41°23'38"N, 41°31'57"E). The main distinguishing character of P. sericata is the goldish ("soyeuse dorée") elytral pubescence, same is the color of elytral pubescence in Adzharian populations; and P. sericata is connected with Castanea sativa.

Most probably there is a single polymorphic and polyphagous species distributed in Adzharia, Artvin and Rize. Striated elytra are also sometimes observed in *P. aurora* Danilevsky, 1980 specimens from Talysh area (South East Azerbaijan).

Materials. 1 female (5.8 mm), NE Turkey, S Ovitdagi Gec., SE Rise, 40°37'32"N, 40°45'58"E, 2600m, 24.6.2003, P. Bialooki leg. - author's collection; 1 female, NW Turkey, Ilgaz Geçidi, N Tosya, 41°3'57"N, 33°45'E, 1855m, 6.6.2003, P. Bialooki leg. - author's collection.

Parmena bialookii sp. n. Fig. 3

A single very small male available; the species is similar to *P. balteus balteus* (Linnaeus, 1767); frons with deep big punctation, slightly convex; wider, genae a little longer than lower eye lobes; upper eye lobe very narrow, as wide as three ommatidiae; last joint of maxillary palpi two times longer than wide; 1st antennal joint much shorter than 3rd, about as long as 4th, a little more than 2 times

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longer than wide; prothorax about 1.1 times longer than basal width; lateral thoracic tubercles very small; pronotum relatively smooth, without wrinkles, with big dense irregular punctation, which is a little sparser near middle; dark transverse elytral band moderately wide, not interrupted along suture, with hardly contrast pale anterior and posterior borders; light setae spots near scutellum present; scattered elytral punctation with partly distinct short elytral oblique; longitudinal elytral striae indistinct; body length 4.2 mm, body width 1.7 mm.

Differencial diagnoses. The new species differs from another Anatolian species of "P. balteus-group" - P. striatopunctata Sama, 1994 by indistinct elytral striae; besides pronotum without irregular wrinkles, setae spots near scutellum present; transverse elytral band narrower with lest contrast pale margins; short oblique elytral setae partly distinct.

Materials. Holotype, male, S Turkey, NW Erdemly, Aydinlar (36°46'N, 34°7'E) env., 31.05.2001, P. Bialooki leg. - author's collection.

Remark. Similar species recorded as *Parmena* sp. by Reizek et al. (2003) could occur in Syria.

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Figs 1-2. Parmena striatopunctata Sama, 1994.

1 - female, NE Turkey, S Ovitdagi Gec., SE Rise, 40°37'32"N, 40°45'58"E, 2600m, 24.6.2003, P. Bialooki leg.; 2 - female, NW Turkey, Ilgaz Geçidi, N Tosya, 41°3'57"N, 33°45'E, 1855m, 6.6.2003, P. Bialooki leg.

Fig. 3. Parmena bialookii sp. n., holotype, male.

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