

**A rare colour variability of *Rutpela maculata*
(Poda von Neuhaus, 1761) from the Czech Republic
(Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Lepturinae)**

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Abstract: A rare colour variability of the common species *Rutpela maculata* (Poda von Neuhaus, 1761) from the Czech Republic is commented and illustrated.

Results

Rutpela maculata (Poda von Neuhaus, 1761) is a common cerambycid species. A large number of colour aberrations of the elytra are known in this species (Heyrovský 1955). In the spring of 1992, a specimen with an interesting coloured pattern of the pronotum (the pronotum is typically entirely black) was captured among typical specimens of this species.

Later determinations according to Heyrovsky (1955) led to a very rare colour aberration, of *R. maculata* var. *escudei* Lauffer, 1909 (described from Spain, today invalid name), which has lateral stains on the pronotum. The specimen shown here also has a very small basal spot in the middle of the pronotum.

Material examined. 1 spec., CZ, Bohemia centr., Dobříš - osada Vlaška (6250), 19-21.vi.1992, Jiří Háva lgt., det. et coll.



Figs. 1-4. *Rutpela maculata* var. *escudei* Lauffer, 1909: 1- habitus, dorsal aspect; 2- head and pronotum, lateral aspect; 3- pronotum, lateral aspect; 4- pronotum, dorsal aspect.

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