

A new species of *Barioxyonyx* from Israel (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

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Barioxyonyx kerzhneri sp. n., very similar to *B. relictus* Peyer., is described from Israel.

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Barioxyonyx kerzhneri sp. n.

Holotype. ♂, Israel, Ashqelon, dunes at seashore, on *Ephedra* sp., 12.VI.1999 (I.M. Kerzhner) (Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg).

Paratypes. Israel: 6 ♂, 4 ♀, as holotype; 1 ♀, 15 km WSW of Mizpe Ramon, 1000 m, 19.IV.1994 (M.G. Volkovitch); 1 ♂, 1 ♀, Nizzanim, 9.VI.1999 (V.I. Chikantunov) (Tel Aviv University and Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg).

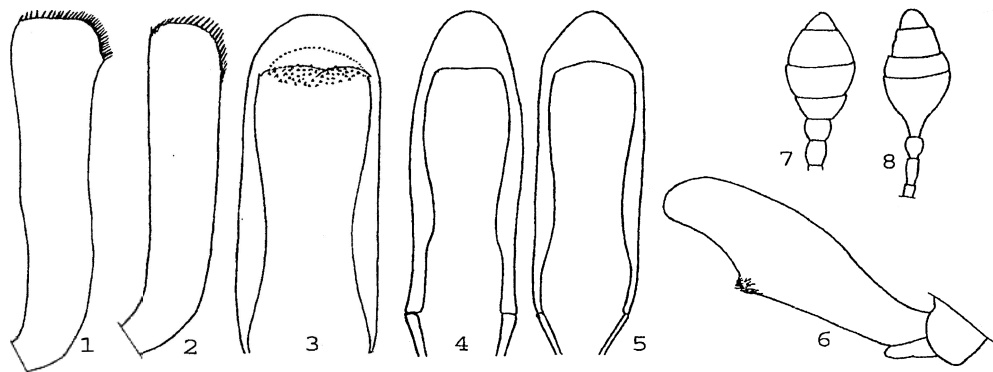
Description. Very closely related and similar to *B. relictus* Peyer. (NW Africa) and *P. daghestanicus* Kor. (Caucasus, Turkey, ?Spain), but easily recognized by the shorter legs with fore tibia conspicuously dilated and outcurved apically (Fig. 1, comp. with Fig. 2); middle and hind tibiae also broader than in *B. relictus* and more conspicuously dilated and outcurved apically; fore trochanter strongly lamelliform expanded in male (Fig. 6) and slightly but noticeably produced ventrally beyond

coxo-femoral articulation in female, and by the shorter antennal club, almost symmetrical spindle-shaped in the new species, whereas in the two related species its base rather strongly attenuate producing an appearance of the 8th funicular segment (Figs 7, 8). Aedeagus (Fig. 3) broader and more broadly rounded apically than in *B. daghestanicus* and *B. relictus* (Figs 4, 5). Body length 2.35-3.40 mm.

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Figs 1-8. *Barioxyonyx*, female right fore leg (1, 2), aedeagus, dorsal view (3-5), base of male fore leg, anteromedian view (6) and antennal club (7, 8). 1, 3, 6, 7, *B. kerzhneri* sp. n., holotype; 2, 4, 8, *B. daghestanicus*, Daghestan; 5, *B. relictus*, Algeria.