

New synonyms in the weevil genus *Otiorhynchus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

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The following new synonyms are established: *Otiorhynchus unctuosus* Germar, 1824 = *O. altajensis* L. Arnoldi, 1975, syn. n.; *O. beatus* Faust, 1890 = *O. abakanensis* L. Arnoldi, 1975, syn. n.; = *O. sharanuri* L. Arnoldi, 1975, syn. n.; *O. pulverulus* Boheman, 1843 = *O. skorikovi* L. Arnoldi, 1992, syn. n. *O. unctuosus* is recorded from China for the first time. Host plants are reported for *O. unctuosus*, *O. beatus* and *O. strebloffi*.

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Otiorhynchus (Altaivagus) unctuosus Germar, 1824

= *O. altajensis* L. Arnoldi, 1975, **syn. n.**

Material. 1 ♀, **China**, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Da-chuan locality, 20.VIII.1898 (D. Klementz).

L.V. Arnoldi described *O. altajensis* when he was ill and visited the Zoological Institute infrequently, this is why he stated that this species has only remote resemblance to *O. unctuosus*. He had also forgotten that *O. unctuosus* was described from Barnaul, a city in the northern Altai, and referred to it as a "Kazakhstan steppe species" (Arnoldi, 1975: 280). Isaev (1994) collected a long series of this species from *Spiraea crenata* L. in the bush steppe in the middle Volga area, and I collected it in great number from *Artemisia glauca* Pall. ex Willd. on a steppe slope with *Spiraea hypericifolia* L. on the southern slope of the West Sayans in southern Krasnoyarsk Terr.

Otiorhynchus (Asphaerorrhynchus) pulverulus Boheman, 1843

= *skorikovi* L. Arnoldi in Korotyaev, 1992, **syn. n.**

The lectotype of *O. pulverulus* (present designation) is a female labelled "*Ot. pulverulentus* Chevrol. Ismir. Oriens. Chevrol." [handwritten by C. Schoenherr]. The specimen was originally pinned in right elytron, but is remounted by me on a card; the funicle of the right antenna and right hind leg are missing. The specimen has no considerable differences from *O. skorikovi*.

The description of *O. skorikovi* available in the D.Sc. dissertation by L.V. Arnoldi has not been published by him, and this was done after his death (Korotyaev, 1992). Apparently, L.V. Arnoldi had misplaced the holotype of *O. skorikovi* which I found in the unsorted material in the late 1980s.

Otiorhynchus (Osmobodes) beatus Faust, 1890

= *abakanensis* L. Arnoldi, 1975, **syn. n.**
= *sharanuri* L. Arnoldi, 1975, **syn. n.**

Examination of the type material of *O. beatus* in Drezden has shown that this name was misinterpreted by Arnoldi (1975) who believed that it is a form of the widely variable *O. strebloffi* Fst. Actually, *O. beatus* is a widely sympatric with *O. strebloffi* distinct species. In Tuva and NW Mongolia, I collected *O. beatus* only from *Caragana pygmaea* (L.) DC. (Fabaceae), whereas *O. strebloffi* is very common on several species of *Artemisia*, including *A. glauca* and *A. santolinifolia* Turcz. ex Bess. (Asteraceae).

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