

# A new species of *Sphenoptera* (subgenus *Chrysoblemma*) from Iran with taxonomic notes on some Palaearctic species of *Sphenoptera* from subgenera *Chrysoblemma*, *Hoplistungura* and *Tropeopeltis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

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*Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) zarudniana* sp. n. from South Iran is described and compared with closely related species. The synonymy is established for the following taxa: *S. (C.) striatipennis* Jakovlev, 1885 (= *potanini* Jakovlev, 1889, *procera* Reitter, 1890, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) tamaricis* Klug, 1829 (= *asiatica* Gory & Laporte, 1839, *filiformis* Gory & Laporte, 1839, *walteri* Reitter, 1890, *dilotti* Obenberger, 1929, *pseudoignita* Alexeev, 1978, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) amplicollis* Jakovlev, 1899 (= *phryne* Jakovlev, 1905, *obtusangula* Obenberger, 1927, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) orichalcea* Pallas, 1781 (= *meyeri* Gebler, 1830, *australis* Gory & Laporte, 1839, *pruinosa* Abeille de Perrin, 1891, *chrysia* Jakovlev, 1899, *ostenta* Jakovlev, 1908, *phoebas* Jakovlev, 1908, *sinkiangensis* Obenberger, 1927, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) tristicula* Reitter, 1895 (= *elegans* Jakovlev, 1900, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) tomentosa* Jakovlev, 1886 (= *ahngeri* Jakovlev, 1900, *scintilla* Jakovlev, 1908, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) punctatissima* Reitter, 1895 (= *venus* Obenberger, 1927, syn. n.), *S. (C.) jakowlewi* Reitter, 1895 (= *apta* Jakovlev, 1903, **syn. n.**), *S. (C.) pubescens* Jakovlev, 1886 (= *anniae* Obenberger, 1927, *amudarjensis* Obenberger, 1929, **syn. n.**), *S. (Hoplistungura) semenovi* Jakovlev, 1889 (= *reitteri* Jakovlev, 1891, *sagitta* Semenov, 1899, *lamaica* Obenberger, 1920, *jedlickai* Obenberger, 1927, **syn. n.**), *S. balassoglo* Jakovlev, 1885 (= *protracta* Jakovlev, 1885, *flagrans* Semenov, 1895, *morawitzi* Semenov, 1896, *venusta* Jakovlev, 1904, **syn. n.**), *S. (H.) mesopotamica* Marseul, 1865 (= *turkestanica* Jakovlev, 1885, *fulgorans* Obenberger, 1920, *mesopotamica deserti* Obenberger, 1920, *mesopotamica sartica* Obenberger, 1927, *namanganensis* Obenberger, 1927, **syn. n.**), *S. (Tropeopeltis) servistana* Obenberger, 1929 (= *kambyses* Obenberger, 1930, **syn. n.**), *S. (T.) schneideri* Reitter, 1898 (= *lebedevi* Obenberger, 1928, *mujunkumensis* Obenberger, 1928, **syn. n.**). A replacement name, *S. (C.) obenbergeriana* **nom. n.** proposed for the homonym *S. amudarjensis* Obenberger, 1952. Lectotypes are designated for 54 nominal species and 12 infraspecific taxa. Taxonomic, nomenclatural, distributional, and biological notes for many species are given.

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## Introduction

This paper continues the study of Palaearctic *Sphenoptera* Dejean, 1833 (Kalashian, 1990, 1994; Kalashian & Volkovitsh, 1993, 1997; Kalashian & Zykov, 1994; Volkovitsh & Kalashian, 1994, 2001, 2002a, 2002b) based on the extensive materials deposited at the Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg, some other European museums and private collections. Examination of type

specimens of species and infraspecific taxa described by E. Abeille de Perrin, A.A. Alexeev, A. Cobos, F. Faldermann, F. A. von Gebler, J.C.F. Klug, F.L. de Laporte and H.L. Gory, B. Jakovlev, C.G. von Mannerheim, S.A. de Marseul, A. Semenov-Tian-Shanskii, J. Obenberger, and E. Reitter enabled the authors to establish new synonymies and designate the lectotypes for many Palaearctic *Sphenoptera* from the subgenera *Chrysoblemma* Jakovlev, 1889, *Hoplis-*

*tura* Jakovlev, 1889, and *Tropeopeltis* Jakovlev, 1901. Moreover, three specimens of a new species belonging to the subgenus *Chrysoblemma* were found in the collection of the Zoological Institute; the description of the new species is given below. Lectotypes are designated to fix the use of the names in the course of a taxonomic revision of the group.

The following abbreviations are used in the text: MNB - Museum fur Naturkunde an der Humboldt-Universitat (Berlin, Germany); MNHN - Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris, France); NMP - Narodni Muzeum v Praze (Prague, Czech Republic); NMW - Naturhistorisches Museum Wien (Vienna, Austria); TMB - Termeszettudomanyi Muzeum Budapest (Budapest, Hungary); ZIN - Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences (St.Petersburg, Russia); ZMH - Zoological Museum, Helsinki University (Helsinki, Finland).

For all the specimens examined, we cite the corresponding labels except for those mentioned below using the following abbreviations: (h) - handwritten text, (p) - printed text, (rus) - in Russian, (red) - on red paper.

Type specimens of taxa described by B.E. Jakovlev are usually supplied with his original labels: one bearing a handwritten scientific name with printed line "B. Jakowlew del." at the bottom, and another, "k. B. Jakovleva" [collection of B. Jakovlev] (p, rus); as a rule, a single type specimen or the first specimen of type series has an additional label "Typus" printed in red on white paper. Type specimens of taxa described by J. Obenberger also have standard labels with handwritten name and printed line "Dr. Obenberger det." at the bottom, and "Type" printed in black on red paper. These labels as well as our labels with type designation (holotype, paratype, lectotype, and paralectotype) are not mentioned in the text.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) zarudniana** sp. n. (Figs 1, 2, 5)

*Holotype*, ♂, Seistan [Iran, Sistan and Baluchestan Prov.], 8-9.VI.[18]98, N. Zarudnyi (h, rus).

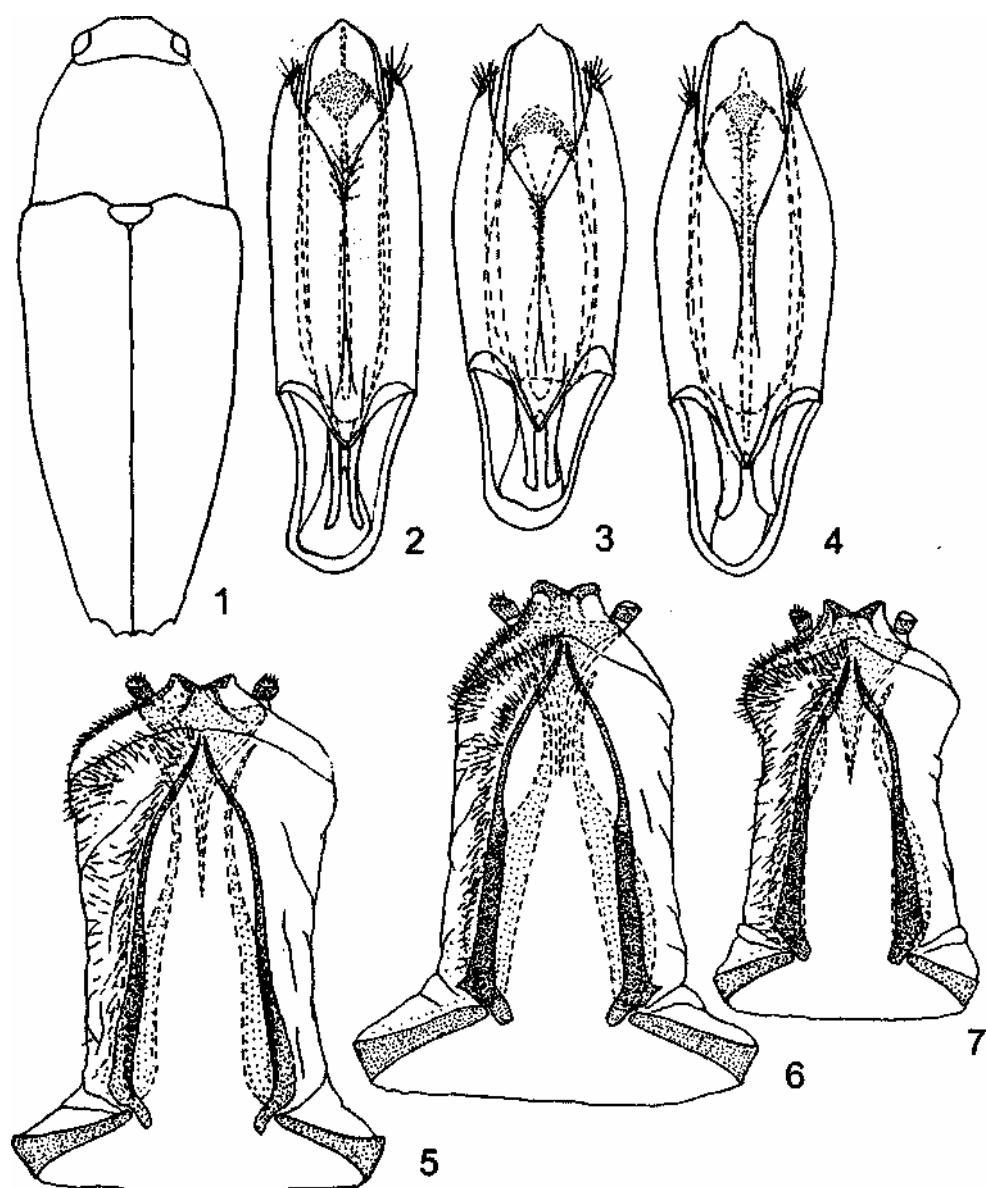
*Paratypes*. 2 ♀, Kerman, str.[land of] Sargad [Iran, Sistan and Baluchestan Prov.], 24-26.VI.[18]98, N. Zarudnyi (h, rus). Types are deposited at ZIN.

*Description*. Body elongate (Fig. 1), 2.8-2.9 times as long as wide in female and 3.0 times, in male, moderately convex transversely and longitudinally. Dorsal surface and antennae coppery-red; frons anteriorly, anterior margin of pronotum and scutellum brightly (in male) or dark (in female) metallic-green; ventral surface and legs dark coppery-green with slight reddish reflection; sides of ventral surface with traces of yellowish wax-like coating. Length 18.5-19.5 mm; width at base of elytra 6.1 -7.0 mm.

Head rather broad, slightly narrower than pronotum anteriorly; eyes rather small, moderately convex, slightly projecting outward the head; vertex 2.35-2.40 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Clypeus slightly convex, very feebly arcuately concave anteriorly. Frons with almost straight sides, weakly diverging posteriorly, almost flat, elevated only above clypeus, very slightly flattened approximately towards the level of half-length of eyes, with poorly defined carinae posteriorly and inward of antennal fossae; the latter not reaching inner margins of eyes. Vertex with very fine furrow reaching anterior margin of pronotum. Head with moderately coarse macropunctation, which is finer and denser anteriorly, near the sides of frons and behind the eyes, and coarser and sparser medially; micropunctation dense, inconspicuous. Frons with short yellowish setae, which are denser laterally and behind eyes and sparser in the middle. Antennae 2.50 times (in male) or 2.15-2.20 times (in female) as long as eye height, serrated from antennomere 4; following antennomeres strongly elongated.

Pronotum narrow, 1.2-1.3 times as wide as long, widest at base being distinctly narrower than humeri; lateral margins of pronotum continuous with those of elytra. Pronotum slightly enlarged posteriorly, its sides very slightly convex in anterior one-half, then almost straight or very feebly incurved towards sharp basal angles. Lateral carinae extending approximately to anterior 1/5 of pronotal length, visible from above approximately up to anterior 1/4. Anterior margin distinctly bisinuate, bordered with thin entire sulcus; basal margin bisinuate, its median projection rather broad and with almost straightly truncated apex. Pronotal disc moderately convex, more or less flattened along the middle; disc covered with very dense, coarse, sometimes confluent macropunctures, which are larger laterally and much smaller, sparser and shallower in the middle; micropunctures dense, superficial but distinct. Pronotal surface with rather dense, very short, inconspicuous yellowish setae. Prosternal process slightly convex, bordered with deep entire sulcus, covered with rather dense coarse punctures on the disc. Scutellum 2.1-2.3 times as wide as long, triangular, with rounded lateral angles, densely micropunctated.

Elytra 2.0-2.2 times as long as wide, widest near humeri; sides nearly parallel at base, then feebly emarginately converging to posterior 2/5 and more abruptly and very, slightly arcuately converging to apex. Elytral apices tridentate, with lateral and sutural teeth acute, narrow and short, and middle one broad. Elytra with distinct entire striae, these latter with hyphen-like punctures on the bottom; intervals slightly convex (laterally



Figs 1-7. *Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma)*. 1, 2, 5, *S. zarudniana* sp. n.; 3, 7, *S. striatipennis* Jak.; 4, 6, *S. heroica* Jak. Habitus (1), aedeagus (2-4), ovipositor (5-7).

and distally more distinctly), bearing inconspicuous, very short and sparse setae, with rather sparse, small, superficial macropunctures and dense but inconspicuous micropunctures.

Ventral side of body. Ventral surface with very dense, sometimes confluent punctures, which are

larger and coarser on sternum, becoming shallower and smaller on abdominal sternites, and with rather dense and long yellowish setae which are longer than those on frons. Metacoxae with hind margin very slightly sinuate. Anal sternite slightly irregularly rounded distally in both sexes,

but in male its margin shortly truncated in the middle. Fore tibiae in male strongly, middle ones slightly but distinctly curved distally; those in female almost straight with weakly curved inner margin.

Male. Aedeagus as in Fig. 2.

Female. Ovipositor as in Fig. 5.

*Comparison.* *S. zarudniana* sp. n. belongs to the group of species characterized by the rather regular punctuation of the abdominal sternites which are without smooth shiny plates laterally, and by the pronotum more or less regularly, arcuately enlarged towards sharp basal angles. This group includes the following species: *S. tamarisci* Laporte & Gory, *S. ovata* Alexeev, *S. hammadae* Kalashian & Volkovitsh, *S. khnzoriana* Kalashian, *S. hauseri* Reitter, *S. kerzhneri* Volkovitsh & Kalashian, *S. striatipennis* Jakovlev, and *S. heroica* Jakovlev. *S. zarudniana* differs from all these species except the last two by the longitudinal antennomeres and larger body size. *S. heroica* (known only from two specimens collected in South Khorasan Province, Iran) and *S. striatipennis* (widely distributed in Middle Asia, recorded also from North Iran, Afghanistan and Mongolia) differ in the wider pronotum (in *S. heroica* 1.35-1.40, in *S. striatipennis*, 1.40-1.60 times as wide as long), macropunctures on the pronotal sides distinctly sparser and less coarse than in the new species. In addition, in *S. striatipennis* the pronotum in posterior half is hardly narrower than the elytral base, lateral margins of pronotum are continuous with those of elytra, and pronotal lateral carinae are stronger and visible from above at least up to the anterior one-third of the pronotal length. The clypeus of *S. heroica* is nearly truncate anteriorly, whereas that of *S. striatipennis* has a rather deep, nearly triangular incision. Moreover, *S. heroica* is larger (23-25 mm in length) and broader (the body length is 2.6-2.7 times its width), its prosternal process is bordered by double irregular rows of very coarse punctures only laterally. *S. striatipennis* differs in the slightly larger eyes and narrower vertex; the latter is 1.95-2.10 times (in male) and 2.05-2.30 times (in female) as wide as the transverse diameter of eye. All the three species differ distinctly in the structure of aedeagus and ovipositor (aedeagus of *S. striatipennis* as in Fig. 3, ovipositor as in Fig. 7; those of *S. heroica*, as in Figs 4 and 6, respectively).

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) striatipennis** Jakovlev, 1885

*striatipennis* Jakovlev, 1885: 132, 1903b: 255 (cat), 258 (key).

*potanini* Jakovlev, 1889: 86, **syn. n.**

*procera* Reitter, 1890: 277, **syn. n.**; Jakovlev, 1903b: 254 (as var. of *potanini* Jak.); Obenberger, 1930a: 256 (as var. of *potanini* Jak.).  
*cyanoviridis* Cobos, 1968: 385; Alexeev, 1975: 147 (as syn. of *potanini* Jak.).

*Type material examined.* *S. striatipennis* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Obishpa (h, rus)/ *striatipennis* (h); paralectotype (ZIN): ♂, Obishpa (h, rus).

- *S. potanini* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Mong. centr., 1886, G. Potanin (p)/*potanini* (h); paralectotypes (ZIN): 1 ♂, Mong. centr., 1886, G. Potanin (p)/*potanini* (h); 1 ♀, Mong. centr., 1886, G. Potanin (p)/*potanini* (h)/*Sph. (Chrysoblemma) potanini* B. Jak. Typ. (h), A. Semenov-Tian-Shansky det. (p); 2 ♂, Mong. centr., 1886, G. Potanin (p).

- *S. procera* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, Temirbaba (h)/*Sphenoptera procera* m., 1890 (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p).

- *S. cyanoviridis* Cob., holotype (TMB): ♂, Südgobi aimak [Mongolia, Ömnögovi Aimag], 25 km N Somon Bulgan, Schovongin chooloi, 1030, 18-VI.

*Remarks.* The comparison of type specimens of *S. striatipennis* Jak., *S. potanini* Jak., *S. procera* Reitt., and *S. cyanoviridis* Cob. and examination of numerous specimens from many locations has shown that in spite of some minute differences mainly in the colour pattern and body shape they undoubtedly belong to the same species.

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, N Iran, Mongolia.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) ignita** Reitter, 1895

*ignita* Reitter, 1895: 33.

*aurora* Semenov, 1896: 249 (syn.: Jakovlev, 1903b: 253).  
*ignita* ab. *monochroa* Obenberger, 1915: 56 (unavailable name).

*ignita* ab. *chamaeleon* Obenberger, 1929b: 59 (unavailable name).

*ignita* var. *prasinula* Obenberger, 1937: 91.

*Type material examined.* *S. ignita* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, TMB): ♀, Turcmenia, Reitter (p, red)/ Paratype (p), *Sphenoptera ignita* Reitter, 1895 [non-original museum label].

- *S. aurora* Sem., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Krasnovodsk [Turkmenistan] (h, rus)/ k. Khristofa (p, rus)/ *Sphenoptera aurora* m., Typ. V.[18]95 (h), A. Semenow det. (p); paralectotypes, 2 ♂ (ZIN), with same labels.

- *S. ignita* ab. *monochroa* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Tschardschui, Buchara occ. [Turkmenistan, Chardzhou]; paralectotypes, 1 ♂, 1 ♀ (NMP), with same labels.

- *S. ignita* ab. *chamaeleon* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Perovsk, Syr-Dar. obl. [Kazakhstan, Kzyl-Orda], VI-VII.916, S. Shell (h, rus).

- *S. ignita* var. *prasinula* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Perovsk, Syr-Dar. obl. [Kazakhstan, Kzyl-Orda], VI-VII.916, S. Shell (h, rus); paralectotypes, 5 ex. (NMP), with same geographical labels.

**Remarks.** According to Reitter (1895), the type locality of *S. ignita* is "Transkaspien: Aschabad" [**Turkmenistan**, Ashkhabad]. We did not find any other specimens of *S. ignita* Reitt. besides that from TMB which completely fits the Reitter's description but has no original identification label. Another specimen in the same collection bears the following labels: *ignita* m., Sefir-kuh (h, by Reitter)/ Holotypus (p), *Sphenoptera ignita* Reitter, 1895 (h) [non-original museum label]; it belongs to *S. tamaricis* (Klug).

**Distribution.** ?Transcaucasia (MNHN, Staudinger, 2 ex.), Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Russia (Orenburg Prov.).

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) tamaricis (Klug, 1829)**

*tamaricis* Klug, 1829, no. 30, tab. 2, fig. 4 (*Buprestis*).  
*asiatica* Gory & Laporte, 1839: 36, tab. 9, fig. 55, **syn. n.**  
*filiformis* Gory & Laporte, 1839: 39, tab. 10, fig. 62;  
Jakovlev, 1903b: 251 (as syn. of *asiatica* Gory & Laporte); Obenberger, 1930a: 251 (as ?syn. of *asiatica* Gory & Laporte).  
*walteri* Reitter, 1890:276 (key), 279 (descr.); Kerremans, 1913: 381 (as syn. of *asiatica* Gory & Laporte); Obenberger, 1930a: 289 (as sp., subg. *Hoplistura*).  
*dilotti* Obenberger, 1929b: 60 (as *Di-Lotti*), **syn. n.**  
*pseudoignita* Alexeev, 1978: 852, **syn. n.**

**Type material examined.** *S. tamaricis* (Klug), lectotype (designated here, ZMB): ♂, 11848 (p)/ Sinai, Ehrenberg, LXVII. 49.50 (h)/ TYPE (p, red)/ *tamaricis* n., *tamarisci* Ol.\*; ms (h)/ *asiatica* Gory Laporte (h)/ *tamaricis* Klug., type! (h) det. Obenberger (p)/ *Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) tamaricis* Klug. Lectotype, IV. 1959 (h). A. Descarpentries det. (p)/ a pour synonymes *Sph. asiatica* C. G. ♀ et *Sph. filiformis* C. G. ♂ (h), A. Descarpentries det. (p).

- *S. asiatica* Gory & Lap., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, *Asiatica* Type Gory, *Distinguenda* Dej. Asie (h, place label)/ *asiatica* ♀ (h, on blue paper).

- *S. filiformis* Gory & Lap., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂. Orient (h)/ *Filiformis* Gory (h)/ Type (h)/ *filiformis* (h, on blue paper)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); paralectotypes (MNHN): 1 ♂, Museum Paris (p), Orient (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Type de *Sph. filiformis* C. et G (h), A. Descarpentries det. (p); 1 ♂, *filiformis* nobis Orient (h)/ *Sphenopt. tamaricis* Klug (comp. au type le 28.IV.1959) meme sexe = *filiformis* ♂ C.G = *asiatica* C.G (ex d'Olivier) (h), A. Descarpentries det. (p).

- *S. walteri* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, Tachtabazar [**Turkmenistan**, Mary Prov.], 18.V.[18]87 (h)/ Turcmenia, Leder, Reitter (p)/ *Sph. walteri* m. (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p).

-- *S. dilotti* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Baghdad, **Iraq**, Dr.Kalalova (p); paralectotypes, 3 ex. (NMP): Bagdad, coll. Kalalova (p).

- *S. pseudoignita* Alex., holotype (ZIN): ♂, Aky-bai [**Turkmenistan**, Tashauz Prov.], 5.IV.[19]70, 31, korni polyni [roots of *Artemisia*], 20.VI. 2/ Pr. Chrys. 1-15 ♂ (h, rus) [leg. N. Krivosheina]; paralectotypes (ZIN): 1 ♂, with same data but 7.IV.[19]70, 38/♀ (sic!); 1 ♀, with same data; 1 ♀, with same data/ 63; 1 ♂, with same data, 10.IV.[19]70, V.[emerged] 30.VIII. / 51 ♂; 1 ♂, Turk-

menia, Aky-bai, 9.IV.[19]71, solyanka [? *Salsola*], 25, 13.28/VII.[19]72 (h,rus); 2 ♂, Turkmen. 931 (p), Kushka [**Turkmenistan**, Mary Prov.], 22.V. (h), Yu. Isachov (p); 1 ♀, Mary [**Turkmenistan**], bereg. r. Murgab [shore of Murgab River], 7.VI. 1968, Pirnazarov (h, rus); 1 ♀, Tigrovaya Balka [**Tadzhikistan**, Vakhsh River], 20.VI. [19]64, s tamariska [on *Tamarix*], M. Pripisnova (h, rus).

**Remarks.** Though A. Descarpentries was the first who established the synonymy of *S. tamaricis* (Klug), *S. asiatica* Gory & Lap., and *S. filiformis* Gory & Lap and designated lectotype for *S. tamaricis*, he did not published these data. Reexamination of type specimens of the above-mentioned species as well as of *S. walteri* Reitt., *S. dilotti* Obenb., and *S. pseudoignita* Alex, has confirmed that all of them are conspecific.

**Distribution.** Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Egypt (Sinai), Saudi Arabia.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) amplicollis Jakovlev, 1899**

*amplicollis* Jakovlev, 1899: 292.

*phryne* Jakovlev, 1905a: 27, **syn. n.**  
*obtusangula* Obenberger, 1927a: 23, **syn. n.**

**Type material examined.** *S. amplicollis* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Krasnovodsk, Zakasp. obl. [**Turkmenistan**], Kristof (h, rus)/ k. Kristofa (p, rus)/ *Sphenoptera amplicollis* n. sp. (h).

- *S. phryne* Jak., holotype (ZIN): ♀, Zakasp. [Western **Turkmenistan**], Aris (h, rus)/ *phryne* Jak. (h)/ Repetek [**Turkmenistan**, Chardzhou Prov.], 30.V.[19]04, Aris (h, rus) (see Note).

- *S. obtusangula* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Transcaspi [Western **Turkmenistan**] (h)/ *Sphenoptera amplicollis* Jak., cum typo compar. (h), Alexeev det. (p).

**Remarks.** The comparison of type specimens of *S. amplicollis* Jak., *S. phryne* Jak. and *S. obtusangula* Obenb. has shown those are conspecific.

**Note.** The type locality of *S. phryne* (Jakovlev, 1905a) is as follows: "Transcaspieenne, malheureusement sans indication de localité plus précise (C. Aris!)". Later Jakovlev (1905b: 235) has written that though this species was described from a single female specimen, he received another specimen from Aris's material with more precise data: "Repetek (30.V.04)". It is obvious that a second geographic label of the holotype which differs from the original one both in design and orthography was added latter.

**Distribution.** Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) orichalcea (Pallas, 1781)**

*orichalcea* Pallas, 1781: 75, tab. D, fig. 17 (*Buprestis*); Kerremans, 1913: 358.  
*fossulata* Zoubkoff, 1829: 157 (*Buprestis*) (non Gebler, 1825); Mannerheim, 1837:96 (as syn. of *karelini* Falb.) (syn.: Kerremans, 1913: 358).

- meyeri* Gebler, 1830:76 (*Buprestis*), **syn. n.**; Jakovlev, 1908c: 512 (subg. *Chilostetha*); Obenberger, 1926: 211 (subg. *Chrysoblemma*); 1927a: 26 (as var. of *S. baigarum* Obenberger, nom. nud.); 1930a: 256 (as ssp. of *orichalcea* Pall.).
- karelini* Faldermann, 1833: 46, tab. 2, fig. 4 (*Buprestis*); Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253 (syn.: Kerremans, 1913:358).
- cuparia* Mannerheim, 1837: 96; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253,254 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 255 (as var. of *orichalcea* Pall.).
- australis* Gory & Laporte, 1839: 34, tab. 9, fig. 52, **syn. n.**
- zoubkoffii* Gory, 1841: 312, tab. 52, fig. 307; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 255 (as *zubkovi* Gory, as var. of *orichalcea*).
- impressicollis* Motschulsky, 1860: 414 (as replacement name for *S. fossulata* Zoubk., non Gebl.).
- aciculata* Marseul, 1865:395; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 256 (as ssp. of *orichalcea*).
- solskyi* Becker, 1867: 108; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35, 1903b: 253 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 255 (as ?var. of *orichalcea*).
- cuprea* Ballion, 1878: 291; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.).
- wilkinsi* Jakovlev, 1887: 117; 1903a: 35; 1903b: 254 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.).
- astrachanica* Reitter, 1890: 278 (key), 281 (descr.); Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 253 (as syn. of *karelini* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 255 (as var. of *orichalcea* Pall.).
- pruinosa* Abeille de Perrin, 1891: 267, **syn. n.**; Jakovlev, 1903a: 35; 1903b: 254 (as ?syn. of *karelini* Fald.), 1908a: 257 as ?syn. of *scovitzii* Fald.); Obenberger, 1930a: 256 (as sp.).
- karelini* var. *bifulgens* Reitter, 1895: 37.
- karelini* var. *koltzei* Reitter, 1895: 37.
- chrysis* Jakovlev, 1899a: 293, **syn. n.**; Alexeev, 1975:147 (as ssp. of *orichalcea* Pall.).
- ostenta* Jakovlev, 1908b: 8 (descr.), 9 (key), **syn. n.**
- phoebas* Jakovlev, 1908b: 9 (descr.), 10 (key), **syn. n.**
- orichalcea* var. *kirghisica* Obenberger, 1920: 124.
- orichalcea* var. *proditiosa* Obenberger, 1920: 124.
- baigarum* Obenberger, 1927a: 26 (nom. nud.).
- sinkiangensis* Obenberger, 1927b: 74, **syn. n.**
- subaenea* Cobos, 1968: 382 [syn.: Alexeev, 1975: 147 (as *orichalcea chrysis* Jak.)].

Type material examined. *S. meyeri* Gebl., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, [golden square]/ Siberia [Siberia] (p)/ Meyeri Gebl., Altai (h)/ *Sph. Meyeri* Gebl., Type (h); paralectotypes, MNHN: 1 ♂, Sibirie (h)/ *Meyeri* Gory (h)/ type (h)/ *meyeri* ♂ (h, on blue paper)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); 1 ♀ *meyeri* 9 (h, on blue paper)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p).

- *S. karelini* Fald., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, [golden square]/ Turcom. [Turkmenistan] (p, on pink paper)/ *Sph. karelini* Fald., typ. (h, by Jakovlev); paralectotypes: 1 ♀ (ZIN), *karelini* Fald., turcom. (h)/ *Sph. karelini* Fald., typ. (h, by Jakovlev); 1 ♀ (MNHN), *karelini* ♀ (h, place label)/ *karelini* Fald. Type, Turcomanie (h)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); 1 ♂ (MNHN), *karelini* ♂ (h, place label)/ *zubkofi* (h)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); 1 ♂ (MNHN), *karelini* ♂ (h, place label)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); 1 ex. [sex unknown] (ZMH), *Karelin* (h)/ Turcomania (p)/ [goldensquare]/ 138 (p); 1 ex., [sex unknown] (ZMH), *Karelin* (h)/ Turcomania (p).

- *S. cuparia* MNHN., lectotype (designated here, ZMH): [sex unknown], [golden square]/ Turcomania

[**Turkmenistan**] (p)/ D. Karelina (h)/ 139 (p); 1 paralectotype (ZMH), [sex unknown], Turcomania (p)/ D. Karelina (h)/ 140 (p).

- *S. australis* Gory & Lap., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, *australis* Gory, Type, Australie (h, place label)/ *australis* ♂ Austr. (h, on blue paper).

- *S. zoubkoffii* Gory, lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, *Zubkofi* ♀ (h, place label)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p)/ *zubkovii* Gory, Type, Turcomanie [**Turkmenistan**] (h)/ Type (p, red); paralectotypes: 1 ♂ (MNHN), *Zubkofi* ♂ (h, place label)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p); 1 ♂ (ZIN), [golden square]/ Turcom. (p, on pink paper)/ *zubkovii* Dej., Gory, Turcom., Type (h)/ *Sphenoptera zubkovi* Gory, typ. (h)/ *Sph. karelini* Fld (h), B. Jakowlew det. (p); 1 ♂ (ZIN), [golden square]/ Turcom. (p, on pink paper)/ *Sphenoptera zubkovi* Gory, typ. (h)/ *Sph. karelini* Fld (h), B. Jakowlew det. (p).

- *S. aciculata* Mars., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, Turcomanie (h)/ *aciculata* d (h, place label)/ ex Musaeo Mniszech (p)/ Type (p, red)/ *aciculata* Mars. (h).

- *S. wilkinsi* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, ushch. Talki [canyon of Talka River] (h, rus)/ K. Janovskii (h, rus)/ v. *Wilkinsi* Jak., 1887 (h).

- *S. astrachanica* Reitt, lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, Astrachan [Russia, Astrakhan] (p)/ *Sph. astrachanica* m. (h)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p)/ Type (p, red on white paper).

- *S. pruinosa* Ab., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, *pruinosa* Ab. (h, place label)/ Rus. mer. [Southern Russia] (h)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p)/ Type (p, red on white paper).

- *S. karelini* var. *bifulgens* Reitt., lectotype (MNHN): ♂, Alexandergeb. [Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Range] (h)/ *Sph. karelini* v. *bifulgens* m. (h)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p)/ Type (p, red on white paper).

- *S. karelini* var. *koltzei* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, TMB): [sex unknown], Alexander Gebirge [Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Range] (h)/ coll. Reitter (p)/ *karelini* v. *koltzei* m. (h)/ Holotype (p) *Sphenoptera karelini* v. *koltzei* Reitt., 1886 (h) (specimen without head and pronotum).

- *S. chrysis* Jak., holotype (ZIN): ♂, Tsagan-derisu, 2.VI.[18]77, Potanin (h, rus).

- *S. ostenta* Jak., holotype (ZIN): ♀, Vernenskii uyezd [Kazakhstan, Almaty Prov.], oz. [lake] Sasyk-kul', 20.VI.1907, V. Nedzvetskii (p, rus)/ *ostenta* (h).

- *S. phoebas* Jak., holotype (ZIN): ♀, Vernenskii uyezd [Kazakhstan, Almaty Prov.], ozero [lake] Kara-Kul', 24.VI.1907, V. Nedzvetskii (p)/ *phoebas* (h).

- *S. orichalcea* var. *kirghisica* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Kirg. Steppe, R. mer. (h); 1 paralectotype, ♀, with same data (NMP).

- *S. orichalcea* var. *proditiosa* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): [sex unknown], Dsungaria, Borocho-ro Gb. [Northern China], coll. Hauser, 6.05 (p).

- *S. sinkiangensis* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Gutschien, Sinkiang [Northern China]; paralectotypes, 5 ♂, 3 ♀ (NMP), with same data; 1 paralectotype (TMB): ♀, with same labels + coll. Apt. Odon (p)/ Paratype (p) *Sphenoptera sinkiangensis* Obenb.

- *S. subaenea* Cobos, holotype (TMB): ♀, Chovd aimak [Mongolia, Hovd Aimag], 3 km N Somon Uenc, im Tal Uenc gol [river], 1450 m.

Remarks. *S. orichalcea* is one of the most polytypic species in colour pattern, size and proportions even among the extremely variable genus *Sphenoptera*. Such variability was a reason why it has been frequently redescribed under different names and a number of infraspecific

forms have been established. Moreover, Jakovlev placed *S. meyeri* Gebl. and *S. karelini* Fald. in different subgenera. Examination of extensive materials from many sites throughout wide geographical range and field observations have shown that different forms may be collected in the same location on different plants. For example, specimens collected on *Atraphaxis* (Polygonaceae) were usually large, robust, and brightly metallic-green ("f. *typica*"); those collected on *Caragana* (Fabaceae) were much slenderer, dull black and almost without metallic reflection ("S. *meyeri*"); specimens collected on different Chenopodiaceae were much smaller, slenderer, and usually dull coppery in colour ("var. *koltzei*"). The genital structures of these specimens are almost identical, with intermediate forms occurring. We suppose that they represent different ecological forms rather than subspecies; this phenomenon is quite common among buprestids (Acmaeoderini, Agrilini). The synonymy of several forms has been established by Jakovlev (with *S. karelini* Fald.) and Kerremans (with *S. orichalcea* Pall.). Some other names are synonymized here on a basis of the study of type specimens.

*Note.* The type locality of *S. australis* Gory & Lap., "Nouvelle-Hollande", is obviously erroneous.

*Distribution.* Russia: South-East of European part, South-West Siberia; ?Armenia (Obenberger, 1930a: 254), Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan, Northern China, Mongolia.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) tristicula Reitter, 1895**

*tristicula* Reitter, 1895: 38.

*elegans* Jakovlev, 1900: 433, **syn. n.**

*Type material examined.* *S. tristicula* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, Caucasus, Araxesthal [Araks Valley], Leder, Reitter (p)/ *Sphenoptera tristicula* m., 1895 (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p).

- *S. elegans* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Eriwan [Armenia, Yerevan], Korb, 1898 (p)/ Reitter (p)/ Type (p)/ *elegans* (h); 1 paralectotype (ZIN): ♀, Eriwan, Korb, 1898 (p); 1 paralectotype (NMP): ♂, Eriwan, Korb, 98 (h)/ Reitt., 236 (p).

*Remarks.* Up to now, *S. tristicula* Reitt. remained unknown to the specialists. Examination of the type specimen has revealed that this name is a senior synonym of *S. elegans* Jak.

*Distribution.* Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) hauseri Reitter, 1895**

*hauseri* Reitter, 1895: 34.

*hauseri* ab. *expectanda* Obenberger, 1920: 122 (unavailable name).

*Type material examined.* *S. hauseri* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, NMW): [sex unknown], Afganist. Kuschke [Afghanistan, ?Kushk] (p)/ Collect. Hauser (p)/ *Sphenoptera hauseri* Rtt., n. sp. (h, by Reitter)/ Typus (p, red).

- *S. hauseri* ab. *expectanda* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): [sex unknown], Transcasp. Dorkuju [Turkmenistan], 1900, coll. Hauser (p); 1 paralectotype (NMP): [sex unknown], with same data.

*Additional material examined.* 2 ex. (MNHN): 1 ♂, *Sphenoptera hauseri* m., Tian-Schan (h, Reitter)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p); 1 ex., [sex unknown], Afghanistan, Kuschke [?Kushk], Coll. Hauser, 1896 (p); 1 ex., (TMB): [sex unknown], Tian-Schan (h)/ *S. Hauseri* m., Tian-Schan (h, Reitter)/ *Hauseri* Reitter (h), Coll. Reitter (p).

*Note.* The type locality and collector of *S. hauseri* (Reitter, 1895) are as follows: "SefirKuh, nordlich von Herat, Hauser". Original Hauser's labels with such locality are absent from all the collections examined. The label "Afghanistan, Kuschke" most closely corresponds to the type locality given in the description, and it is quite possible that Reitter received more precise information from the collector himself (as it was in the case of the type locality "Ordubad" in Reitter's descriptions: type specimens of all the species described from this locality bear a label "Caucasus, Araxesthal, Leder-Reitter (p)" without more precise data). We suppose that the specimen from NMW is a syntype, and it is designated here as the lectotype.

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Iran, Afghanistan.

#### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) tomentosa Jakovlev, 1886**

*tomentosa* Jakovlev, 1886: 101.

*ahngeri* Jakovlev, 1900: 441, **syn. n.**

*ver* Semenov in litt. (see Jakovlev, 1900:441) (nom. nud.).

*scintilla* Jakovlev, 1908b: 10 (descr.), 11 (key), **syn. n.**

*ahngeri* ab. *chrysesthes* Obenberger, 1927a: 24 (unavailable name).

*Type material examined.* *S. tomentosa* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Samgart (h, rus)/ Type (p)/ *tomentosa* (h).

- *S. ahngeri* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Zakaspinsk. obl. [Turkmenistan], K. Anger, 95 (p, rus)/ coll. Acad. (h)/ *Ahngeri* Jak. (h).

- *S. scintilla* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, st. [station] Farab, Zakasp. obl. [Turkmenistan, Amu-Darya River] (h, rus)/ Type (p)/ 12.VI.05 (h)/ *scintilla* m. (h).

- 5. *ahngeri* ab. *chrysesthes* Obenb., lectotype (NMP): [sex unknown], **Turkmenia**, Ashabad.

*Remarks.* Comparison of type specimens of *S. tomentosa* Jak., *S. ahngeri* Jak. and *S. scintilla* Jak. and examination of series from many locations has shown that in spite of some minute differences mainly in the colour pattern and body shape they undoubtedly belong to the same species.

*Note.* In the original description of *S. tomentosa* (Jakovlev, 1886), the type locality and collector are as follows: "Tourkestan: Samguare, M.W. Balassoglo".

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan.

**Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) punctatissima**  
Reitter, 1895

*punctatissima* Reitter, 1895: 41.

*eos* Semenov, 1896: 254 (syn: Jakovlev, 1903b: 254).  
*venus* Obenberger, 1927: 25, **syn. n.**

*ab. chrysoprasina* Obenberger, 1920: 122 (unavailable name).

*Type material examined.* *S. eos* Sem., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Dord-Kuju [Turkmenistan], 4.VI. [18]89, A. Semenov (h)/ *Sphenopt. eos* m., ♀, typ., VIII.96 (h), A. Semenov det. (p); paratype, ♀ (ZIN), with same data.

- *S. venus* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Transkasp., Dorkuju, 4.1900, Coll. Hauser (p)/ *Sphenoptera pubescens* Jak., cum typo compare, (h), Alexeev det. (p).

- *S. punctatissima ab. chrysoprasina* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Afghanistan, Kuschke [?Kushk] (h); 1 paratype, ♂ (NMP), with same data.

*Additional material examined.* *S. punctatissima* Reitt., 6 ex. (MNHN): 1 ♀, *Sphenoptera punctatissima* m., Tian-Sclian (h, by Reitter)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Muséum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Pen-in, 1919 (p); 1 ♀, Tr. Casp. Gr. Balchan [Turkmenistan, Krasnovodsk Prov.] (p)/ Paratype (p, red)/ *punctatissima* Rtt. (h); 4 ♂, Afghanistan, Kuschke [?Kushk], Coll. Hauser 1896 (p); 2 ex. (NMP), with same data.

*Remarks.* The synonymy of *S. punctatissima* Reitt. and *S. eos* Sem. has been first established by Jakovlev, who probably examined Reitter's type specimens. The examination of type specimens of *S. eos* Sem. and *S. venus* Obenb. and large series of *S. punctatissima* Reitt. including specimens with original Reitter's labels proved all of them to be conspecific.

*Note.* As in the case of *S. hauseri* Reitt., the type locality and collector of *S. punctatissima* Reitt. is as follows: "Sefir Kuh, nordlich von Herat, Hauser". As mentioned above, the label "Afghanistan, Kuschke" most closely corresponds to the type locality, but all the specimens bearing Hauser's labels in all the collections examined are dated 1896, and thus, they can not be syntypes.

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Afghanistan.

**Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) pubescens** Jakovlev, 1886

*pubescens* Jakovlev, 1886: 100.

*anniae* Obenberger 1927a: 26, **syn. n.**  
*amudarjensis* Obenberger, 1929a: 13, **syn. n.**

*Type material examined.* *S. pubescens* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Turkestan (p)/ Grumm. (h)/ *pubescens* Jak. (h).

- *S. anniae* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Syr Darja [Syr-Darya River] (p)/ Inv. 26269/ *Sphenoptera pubescens* Jak. cum typo comp. (h), Alexeev det. (p); paratypes, 2 ♀ (NMP), with same data but Inv. 26268 & 26270.

— *S. amudarjensis* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Amu Darja [Amu-Darya River] (h).

*Remarks.* The synonymy of *S. anniae* Obenb. with *S. pubescens* Jak. has been first established by A. Alexeev who has not published his data; the reexamination of the type specimen of this species as well as those of *S. pubescens* Jak. and *S. amudarjensis* Obenb. has revealed those are conspecific.

*Note.* Obenberger (1929, 1952) described two different species with the same type locality "Amu Darja" under the name *S. amudarjensis*. Both descriptions correspond to species of the *punctatissima-pubescens* group. The above-mentioned type specimen most fits the earlier description (Obenberger, 1929) as it has green body, while the species described latter (Obenberger, 1952) has coppery coloration.

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan.

**Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) obenbergeriana**  
nom. n.

*amudarjensis* Obenberger, 1952: 2, nom. praeocc., non Obenberger, 1929a: 13.

*Remarks.* We did not find the type specimen of this species whose identity remain unknown; in either case its name was preoccupied by *S. amudarjensis* Obenberger, 1929 (see above).

**Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) glasunovi** Jakovlev, 1903

*glasunovi* Jakovlev, 1903b: 265 (key), 273 (descr.).

*Type material examined.* *S. glasunovi* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, r. Nerduali [Iran, Khorasan Prov., Nerduali River], I.VI.[18]93, Glazunov (h, rus)/ *Chrysoblemma glasunovi* sp.n.? A. S. II.[18]95 (h)/ *glasunovi* Jak. (h).

*Distribution.* Iran.

**Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) jakowlewi** Reitter, 1895

*jakowlewi* Reitter, 1895: 39.

*apta* Jakovlev, 1903b: 251 (cat.), 266 (key), 274 (descr.), **syn. n.**

*Type material examined.* *S. jakowlewi* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, Caucasus, Araxesthal [Araks Valley], Leder, Reitter (p)/ *Sph. jakowlewi* m. 1895/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p).

- *S. apta* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Rtt. 126 (h)/ Caucasus, Araxesthal [Araks Valley], Leder, Reitter (p).

**Remarks.** Type specimens of *S. jakowlewi* Reitt. and *S. apta* Jak. probably originate from the same series and are undoubtedly conspecific.

**Distribution.** Armenia, Azerbaijan (Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic).

### **Sphenoptera (Chrysoblemma) araxidis** Reitter, 1890

*araxidis* Reitter, 1890: 278 (key), 282 (descr.).  
*araxis* Fauvel, 1895: 111 (unjustified emendation).

**Type material examined.** *S. araxidis* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, Caucasus, Araxesthal [Araks Valley], Leder, Reitter (p)/ *Sph. araxidis* m./ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p)/ *araxidis* Reitt. (h).

**Distribution.** Up to now, this species is known only from its type locality, Ordubad (Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic, Azerbaijan).

### **Sphenoptera (Hoplistura) semenovi** Jakovlev, 1889

*semenovi* Jakovlev, 1889: 85 (as *Ssemenowi*: see Volkovitsh & Kalashian, 1994: 103).  
*prosternalis* Reitter, 1890: 276 (key), 279 (descr.) (nom. praeocc., non Jakovlev, 1885: 130).  
*reitteri* Jakovlev, 1891: 139), **syn. n.**; Reitter, 1891: 257 (as syn. of *jewlachensis* Reitt.); Obenberger, 1930a: 257 (as sp., subg. *Chrysoblemma*).  
*jewlachensis* Reitter, 1891: 257 (nom. nud.); Semenov, 1899: 651 (as syn. of *reitteri* Jak.).  
*sagitta* Semenov, 1899: 651 (*Hoplandrocneme*) [syn.: Kerremans, 1913: 383 (as *Ssemenovi* Jak.)]; Obenberger, 1930a: 284 (as sp.).  
*lamaica* Obenberger, 1920: 126, **syn. n.**.  
*jedlickai* Obenberger, 1927c: 168 (key), 187 (descr.), **syn. n.**

**Type material examined.** *S. semenovi* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Mong. centr., 1886, G Potanin (p)/ *Sph. semenovi* Jak., typ., H. [18]99 (h), A. Semenov det. (p)/ Type (p)/ *semenovi* Jak. (h); paralectotypes (ZIN): 1 ♂, 1 ♀, with same data.

- *S. prosternalis* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, *Jewlachensis* Rtt. (place label)/Jewlach, Caucasus [Azerbaijan, Yevlakh] (h)/ *Sph. prosternalis* m., 1890 (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p); paralectotype (MNHN): ♀, Jewlach, Caucasus (h)/ *Reitteri* Jak. Typ. (h)/ Type (p, red on white paper)/ Museum Paris, Coll. Abeille de Perrin, 1919 (p); paralectotype (TMB): ♂, Jewlach h)/ *Jewlachensis* m., Type (h)/ *Reitteri* (h)/ Holotypus (p)/ *Sphenoptera jewlachensis* Reitt. (h)/ *Sphenoptera (Hoplistura) semenovi* Jak., 987 (h) Volkovitsh det. (p).

- *S. reitteri* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂ *Reitteri* m., Caucasus (h)/ Type (p)/ *Reitteri* Jak. (h).

- *S. sagitta* Sem., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Afganist, Kuschke [Afghanistan, ?Kushk] (p)/ 425 (p)/ *Sphenoptera semenovi* Rtt. (h)/ *Sphen. sagitta* m., ♂, Typ., II.[18]99 (h), A. Semenov det. (p); 3 paralectotypes ZIN: 1 ♂, with same data; 1 ♂, 19 (h)/ Rost. 96, *Sphenoptera mesopotamica*, Pentschdalai (h)/ *Sphen. sagitta* m., ♂,

Typ., II.[18]99(h), A. Semenov det. (p); 1 ♂, 18 (h)/Rost. *Sphenoptera mesopotamica* Mars. Penschdali (Transcasp.) (h)/ *Sphen. sagitta* m., ♂, Typ., II.[18]99 (h), A. Semenov det. (p).

- *S. jedlickai* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Luristan, Choremabad [Iran, Lorestan Prov.] (h).

- *S. lamaica* Obenb., holotype(NMP): [sex unknown], Perowsk, Syr-Darja [Kazakhstan, Kzyl-Orda], coll. Winkler (p)/ Inv. 26279/ *Sphenoptera semenovi* Jak., cum typo comp. (h), Alexeev det. (p).

**Remarks.** The comparison of type specimens of the above-mentioned species and examination of large series from many locations has shown, that in spite of some minute differences mainly in the body shape and sculpture, these specimens undoubtedly belong to the same species.

**Note.** Reitter (1891: 257) mentioned *S. jewlachensis* Reitter, 1890 as a senior synonym of *S. reitteri* Jakovlev, 1891 and referred to its description as "Reitt. Entom. Nachr. 1890, pag. 279". However, there is only the description of *S. prosternalis* on this page. Neither Reitter postulated anywhere that *S. jewlachensis* was a replacement name and, in such a way, it is a nomen nudum. Obenberger (1930a: 284) mentioned *S. semenovi* Kerremans, 1913: 383, non Jakovlev, 1889 [sic!] as a junior synonym of *S. sagitta* Sem. though Kerremans (1913: 383) only copied Jakovlev's original description of *S. semenovi*.

**Distribution.** Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Mongolia.

### **Sphenoptera (Hoplistura) balassogloei** Jakovlev, 1885

*balassogloei* Jakovlev, 1885: 131.  
*protracta* Jakovlev, 1885: 133, **syn. n.**.  
*flagrans* Semenov, 1895: 348, **syn. n.**.  
*morawitzi* Semenov, 1896: 248, **syn. n.**.  
*venusta* Jakovlev, 1904: 309, **syn. n.**

**Type material examined.** *S. balassogloei* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Chinaz [Uzbekistan] (h, rus)/ Oshanin (h)/ *balassogloei* m. (h); 1 paralectotype (ZIN): ♀, Chinaz (h, rus)/ *balassogloei* m. (h).

- *S. protracta* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, Taschket [Uzbekistan] (p)/ *protracta* m. (h)/ Type (p).

- *S. flagrans* Sem., holotype (ZIN): ♂, oz. [lake] Kul'chak, 13.IV.93, Trotsina (p, rus)/ *Sphenoptera flagrans* m., typ. un., VII.[18]96 (h), A. Semenov det. (p)/ *flagrans* Sem.(h).

- *S. morawitzi* Sem., holotype (ZIN): ♂, Chikishlyar [Turkmenistan, KrasnovodskProv., Chekishler], Pomerantsev (h, rus)/ *Sphenoptera morawitzi* m., Typ. un., ♂, VII.[18]96 (h), A. Semenov det. (p)/ *morawitzi* Sem. (h).

- *S. venusta* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Yevlach [Azerbaijan, Yevlakh], 12.VI.[19]04 (h, rus)/ *venusta* (h)/ Type (p); 19 paralectotypes (ZIN): 8 ♂, 9 ♀, with same data; 1 ♂, 1 ♀, Caucas, Evlach [Azerbaijan, Yevlakh] (h)/ Winowski (h).

**Remarks.** The comparison of type specimens of the above-mentioned species and examination of large series from many locations has shown

that in spite of some minute differences mainly in the body shape and sculpture these specimens undoubtedly belong to the same species.

*Distribution.* ?Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Afghanistan.

**Sphenoptera (Hoplistica) mesopotamica** Marseul, 1865

*mesopotamica* Marseul, 1865: 389.

*fairmairei* Marseul, 1865: 528 (syn.: Jakovlev, 1901: 53).  
*pelletii* Mulsant & Key, 1866: 87 (syn.: Jakovlev, 1901: 54).  
*turkestanica* Jakovlev, 1885: 133, **syn. n.**

*fulgurans* Obenberger, 1920: 128, **syn. n.**

*mesopotamica* ssp. *deserti* Obenberger, 1920: 129, **syn. n.**  
*mesopotamica* ssp. *sartica* Obenberger, 1927c: 171, **syn. n.**  
*namanganensis* Obenberger, 1927c: 176, **syn. n.**  
*monstrosella* Obenberger, 1920: 129; 1930a: 274 (nom. nud.).

*Type material examined.* *S. mesopotamica* Mars., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♀, *mesopotamica* Koll., Ab.65.II.89. Mesop. (place label)/*Sphenopt. mesopotamica* Koll., Mesopot.[unreadable] (h, round yellow label)/ *mesopotamica*, Mésopotamie (h).

- *S. fairmairei* Mars., lectotype (designated here, MNHN): ♂, *Fairmairei* Mars., Ab.II.66.528. Syr. (place label)/ *Sphenoptera Fairmairei*, Kis aole T[unreadable] 68 (h, round, yellow label)/ Kis aole (h)/ *Sphenopt. Fairmairei* (h).

- *S. turkestanica* Jak., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♂, Chinaz [Uzbekistan] (h, rus)/ Oshanin (h)/ *turkestani-ca* [sic!] (h)/ Type (p).

- *S. fulgurans* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Perowsk, Syr-Darja [Kazakhstan, Kzyl-Orda], coll. Winkler (p)/ Inv. 26278; 1 paralectotype, ♀, with same data + *Sphenoptera mesopotamica* Mars., (h), Alexeev det. (p).

- *S. mesopotamica deserti* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Afghanistan, Kuschke [?Kushk], Coll. Hauser, 1898 (p); 2 paralectotypes (NMP): 1 ♀, with same data; 1 ♂, Transcasp., Merv [Turkmenistan, Mary], 5.1900, Coll. Hauser (p).

- *S. mesopotamica sartica* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Samarkand [Uzbekistan] (h); 2 paralectotypes (NMP) [sex unknown]: Turkestan (h).

- *S. namanganensis* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Namangan, Turkestan [Uzbekistan] (p).

*Remarks.* The study of large series of this widely-distributed species has shown that it does not form any geographic races and some minute differences in the coloration and body shape between the type specimens examined are only the manifestation of individual variability.

*Distribution.* Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Afghanistan.

**Sphenoptera (Tropeopeltis) servistana** Obenberger, 1930

*servistana* Obenberger, 1929b: 60.

*kambyses* Obenberger, 1930b: 104, **syn. n.**

*Type material examined.* *S. servistana* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Persia: Servistan [Iran, Fars Prov., Sarvistan] (h).

- *S. kambyses* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Bagdad [Iraq], coll. Kalalova (p).

*Remarks.* The comparison of type specimens of *S. servistana* Obenb. and *S. kambyses* Obenb. has shown that they are conspecific. *S. kambyses* is recorded as a serious pest of fruit-growing in the Kopetdagh area (Zykov & Goncharenko, 1990).

*Distribution.* Turkmenistan, Iran, Iraq.

**Sphenoptera (Tropeopeltis) schneideri** Reitter, 1898

*schneideri* Reitter, 1898: 11.

*lebedevi* Obenberger, 1928: 18, **syn. n.**

*mujunkumensis* Obenberger, 1928: 19, **syn. n.**

*Type material examined.* *S. schneideri* Reitt., lectotype (designated here, ZIN): ♀, *Schneideri* m., Buchara [Uzbekistan] (h, by Reitter)/ Type (p)/ *schneideri* Rtt. (h)/ *Trop. schneideri* Rtt., type (h) (p, rus).

- *S. lebedevi* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♀, Transcaspia (in Latin), Chardzhui [Turkmenistan, Chardzhou] (rus), 18.V.19[27] (h)/ *Sphenoptera schneideri* Rtt., cum typo comp. (h), Alexeev del. (p)/ Inv. 26280 (p).

- *S. mujunkumensis* Obenb., lectotype (designated here, NMP): ♂, Mujuncum, Syr Darja [Kazakhstan, Muyukum Desert, Syr-Darya River] (h)/ Inv. 26281 (p)/ *Sphenoptera schneideri* Rtt., var. (h), Alexeev det. (p).

*Remarks.* The examination of type specimens of the above-mentioned species as well as series of specimens from several localities in Middle Asia has shown all they are conspecific.

*Distribution.* Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

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