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ABSTRACT: *Icosium tomentosum atticum* Ganglbauer, 1882 is firstly recorded in the Caucasus, Azerbaijan. Short remarks on taxonomy and bionomy of *Icosium tomentosum* Lucas, 1854 are provided.

РЕЗЮМЕ: *Icosium tomentosum atticum* Ganglbauer, 1882 впервые отмечен на Кавказе (Азербайджан). Приведены краткие замечки о таксономии и биологии *Icosium tomentosum* Lucas, 1854.

A new record of longicorn beetle for Azerbaijan, the Caucasus is provided hereinafter, together with short remarks on taxonomy and bionomy of this species.

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MATERIAL 1♂ (body length 16 mm, antennae length 20 mm), Azerbaijan, Zerat, Bezh Barma (Baku), 19.05.1975, Fr. Navrátil leg. Comparative material of *ssp. atticum*: ca. 60 ex., Yugoslavia, Greece, M. Sláma, J. Hladil & P. Schurmann leg.; 26 ex., Crete, J. & M. Sláma leg.; 7 ex., Turkey, C. Demelt & P. Schurmann leg.; 2 ex., Cyprus, J. Kratochvíl leg.

Comparative material of *ssp. tomentosum*: ca. 350 ex., Tunisia, Algeria, J. & M. Sláma leg., 1 ex., Sardinia, P. Schurmann leg.

REMARKS. The basic form of this species was described from Algeria under the name *Icosium tomentosum* Lucas, 1854. *I. tomentosum* var. *atticum* Ganglbauer, 1882 from Attiki, Greece (leg. Krüper) was established on the basis of dark band on elytra. The latter taxon was later upgraded to the subspecies [Podany, 1954–1962; Villiers, 1978], due to differences in the elytra dotting and coloration.

On the basis of some characters, in comparison with other longicorn beetles, *ssp. atticum* could be considered as a valid species. But, in my opinion, it is actually a good subspecies. The species *I. tomentosum* shows enough geographical variability. The exemplars found in Crete (Vrysaie and Agia Irini, 1984, J. & M. Sláma leg.) are rather different from other ones

from Greece, especially by the 2nd antennal segment. Our specimen from Baku shares this character with Cretian ones. Moreover, by the 3rd segment of posterior tarsus it is similar to the nominative form, *I. tomentosum tomentosum*. It differs also in the shape of scutum, major roundness of 8th sternite and 9th tergite, tapering aedeagus, thinner and longer paramera.

DISTRIBUTION. *I. tomentosum tomentosum* — Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, France, Corsica, Sardinia, Italy. *I. tomentosum atticum* — Croatia, Bosnia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Crete, Cyprus, Turkey [Althoff & Danilevsky, 1977; Sama, 1988; Angelov, 1995; Bense, 1995]. New to the Caucasus: Azerbaijan.

BIONOMY. I found larvae of *I. tomentosum* in different forms of *Cupressus* in Tunisia, Algeria and Crete, and in *Thuja* in Greece. These findings were made mostly in thin branches of 1–10 cm in diameter, but also in thicker trunk of 30 cm. At the beginning of the development the larva feeds under bark, than it enters the wood, where it becomes a pupa. Larvae hibernate. Generation is annual. Imagoes come out since May to August, they are the most active after the sunset. They come to light too.

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