

Two Old Undescribed Species of *Attagenus*
(Coleoptera: Dermestidae: Attageninae)
Deposited in Senckenberg Deutsches
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Abstract

Two undescribed species, *Attagenus nitidus* Ballion and *Attagenus tomentosus* Erichson, are commented and the names are established as new synonyms.

Introduction

The family Dermestidae (Coleoptera: Bostrichoidea) currently consists of 62 genera, containing ca. 1600 species worldwide [1].

Based on the determination of some Dermestidae (Coleoptera) specimens deposited in Senckenberg Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, Müncheberg, Germany, I established synonymy concerning two undescribed *Attagenus* species. The present article follows a published work by Hava [2].

Material and Methods

Acronyms of depositories

JHAC Jiří Hava, Private Entomological Laboratory & Collection, Únětice u Prahy, Prague-West, Czech Republic;

SDEI - Senckenberg Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, Müncheberg, Germany.

The nomenclature and zoogeography follow Hava [1].

Results

Attagenus unicolor simulans Solsky, 1876 (Figure 1). *Attagenus nitidus* Ballion (undescribed species).

Material examined

Tasch-kent [printed label] / „*Attagenus nitidus* Ball“ [handwritten label] / „♀“ / „Coll. Kraatz“, 1 female, (SDEI).

Other material examined: Taschkent“ [yellow printed label], 1 female, (JHAC).

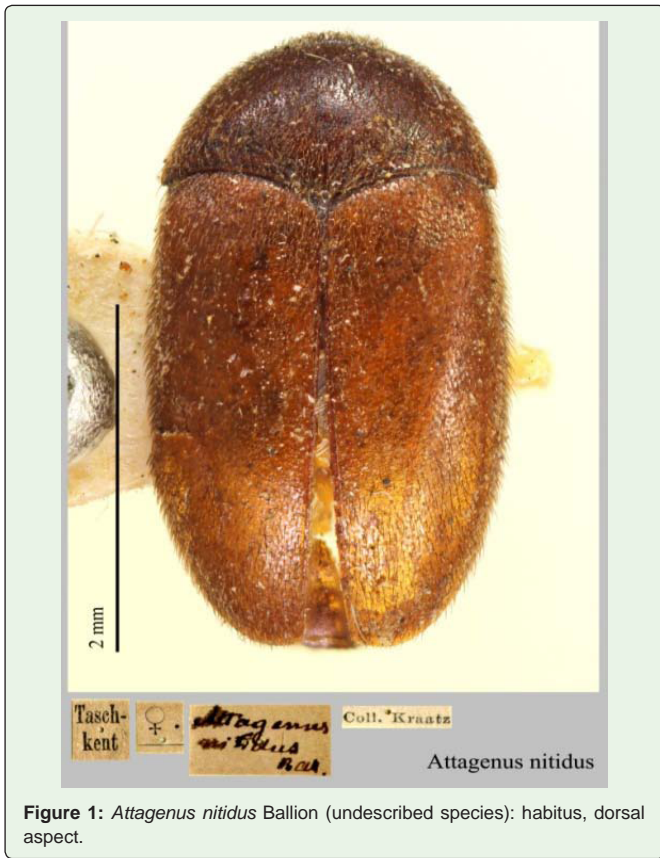
Remarks: The species *Attagenus nitidus* Ballion species has not been described. All its morphological characters belong to the species *Attagenus unicolor simulans* Solsky, 1876.

Distribution: A species known from Afghanistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Mongolia, Russia, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Attagenus tomentosus Erichson (undescribed species)

Material examined: 25940, *Attagenus tomentosus* Helf, Mesopotamia“ / „S9“ / Coll. Kraatz“, [yellow, black-bordered label, handwritten] 1 female („syntype“), (SDEI).

Remarks: The species *Attagenus tomentosus* Erichson has not been described. According to original labels [3] this is an Erichson's species. Erichson's „syntypes“ are probably deposited in more institutions or museums. I a „syntype“ of this undescribed species labelled as in material examined. Based on all morphological characters of the specimen studied, the undescribed species belongs to *Attagenus uniformis* Fairmaire, 1860.



Distribution: A species known from Sicily, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Western Sahara, Iraq, Israel (Palestine) and Syria.

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