

NOTA / NOTE

First record of *Pharaphodius cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823)
(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Aphodiinae) from Pakistan.Zubair Ahmed¹, Marco Dellacasa² & Syed Anser Rizvi³¹ Department of Zoology, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, Karachi (PAKISTAN).
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Abstract: *Pharaphodius cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Aphodiinae) is reported for the first time from Pakistan. Distribution with precise locality is also supplied.

Key words: Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Aphodiinae, *Pharaphodius cornutus*, first record, Pakistan.

Resumen: Primera cita de *Pharaphodius cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Aphodiinae) en Pakistán. *Pharaphodius cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Aphodiinae) es citado por primera vez de Pakistán. Se aporta también su distribución precisa.

Palabras clave: Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Aphodiinae, *Pharaphodius cornutus*, primera cita, Pakistán.

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The family Scarabaeidae is multitudinous among scarab beetles with over 30,000 species described worldwide (Krajčič, 2012). The subfamily Aphodiinae contains small dung beetles (length 2-18 mm) distinguishable by the body more or less elongate; the head always with dilated clypeus usually covering most mouthparts; the mandibles usually reduced and membraneous, rarely sclerotized; the antennae with 9 segments; the elytra nearly or entirely covering pygidium and the metatibiae with 2 apical spurs.

The fauna of Aphodiinae of Pakistan is inadequately known. The genus *Pharaphodius* Reitter, 1892 contains 21 species from Palaearctic region (Löbl & Smetana, 2006), being only three species reported from Pakistan. Chaudhry et al. (1966) and Hashmi & Tashfeen (1992) listed some species of aphodine beetles but genus *Pharaphodius* and species *P. cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823) were not included.

The following distribution is not precise regarding the localities, therefore precise data is first time reported with first record for this country.

***Pharaphodius cornutus* (Wiedemann, 1823)**

Distribution: **INDIA:** no more precise locality: Dejean, 1833, 1836; Lacordaire, 1856; Krajčič, 2012; **Bengal:** Wiedemann, 1823; Harold, 1869; Schmidt, 1907, 1910a, b; Dellacasa M., 1988; Chandra, 1999; Calcutta: Dellacasa G., 1977; **Goa:** Král & Sipek, 2013; **Maharashtra:** Král & Sipek, 2013; **Rajasthan:** Král & Sipek, 2013; **Uttarakhand:** Král & Sipek, 2013; Dehra-Dun: Dellacasa G., 1977; **NEPAL:** Kathmandu: Stebnicka, 1986. Recorded also from Afghanistan (Král & Sipek, 2013) and China (Lacordaire, 1856).

Material examined: PAKISTAN: SWAT DISTR., Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa province, Lower Dir, Tehsil Timergara, village Thrai, 34°49'37"N, 71°50'27"E, 25.VI.2011, 1 ex. male, at lights of an hotel at road, Z. Ahmed leg.

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