

Records of the genus *Agrilus* Curtis (Coleoptera, Buprestidae) from Yemen, including a new species

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Abstract. A list of *Agrilus* spp. (Coleoptera, Buprestidae) now known from Yemen is given. *Agrilus yemenita* nov. sp. is described. No Afrotropical species were found, the four known species being all of Palearctic origin. A complete list of *Agrilus* species which we know to occur in Yemen and its neighbouring countries is given.

Kurzfassung. Es wird eine Übersicht der aus dem Jemen bekannten Arten der Gattung *Agrilus* (Coleoptera, Buprestidae) gegeben, und *Agrilus yemenita* nov. sp. wird als neue Art beschrieben. Die Liste beinhaltet keine afrotropischen Arten. Mit Ausnahme der neuen Art sind alle Arten paläarktischen Ursprungs. Die *Agrilus*-Arten, die uns aus dem Jemen und den benachbarten Ländern bekannt sind, werden tabellarisch dargestellt.

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Introduction

There are no published records of the genus *Agrilus* Curtis, 1825 from the Yemen. None of the papers dealing with Buprestidae from this country (BECCARI 1971, BRECHTEL 1999, 2000, GAHAN 1895a, 1895b, 1903, WALKER 1871) include any records of *Agrilus*, but species of the genus have been recorded from neighbouring countries (BILÝ 1979, 1980, 1982, CURLETTI 1999). The present paper reports the first five *Agrilus* species from Yemen, including one species new to science.

Material and methods

Most of the specimens recorded here were collected during an effort to further inventory the arthropod fauna of Yemen, using a countrywide system of Malaise- and light-traps. Some specimens were collected and reared by R. SINDACO.

The specimens dealt with here will be deposited in the following collections: MCCI (Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Carmagnola, Italy), GMCI (Gianluca Magnani, Cesena, Italy), GNUS (Gayle Nelson, Blue Springs, U.S.A.), DGCI (Domenico Gianasso, Castelnuovo don Bosco, Italy) and GCCI (Gianfranco Curletti, Carmagnola, Italy).

Collection locations: Al Kadan: 15°16'N 43°12'E, 250 m; Lahj: 13°04'N 44° 53'E, 150 m; Say'un: 15°55'N 48°45'E, 500 m.