

A new *Mecynotarsus* from Pakistan (Coleoptera, Anthicidae)¹⁾

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Abstract. *Mecynotarsus bordonii* sp. n. from Pakistan is described and illustrated.

Riassunto. L'autore descrive *Mecynotarsus bordonii* sp. n. from Pakistan.

Key words: Taxonomy, new species.

Dr. Arnaldo Bordoni (Museum "La Specola" in Florence, Italy) sent to me 583 anthicid beetles for determination. This sample contains mainly specimens from Asia (China, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan) Italy and Kazakhstan. A single specimen is present of an undescribed species. Neither the classical work of LA FERTÉ-SÉNECTÈRE (1849) nor the monograph of the genus *Mecynotarsus* LaFerté by HEBERDEY (1942) contain a comparable species.¹

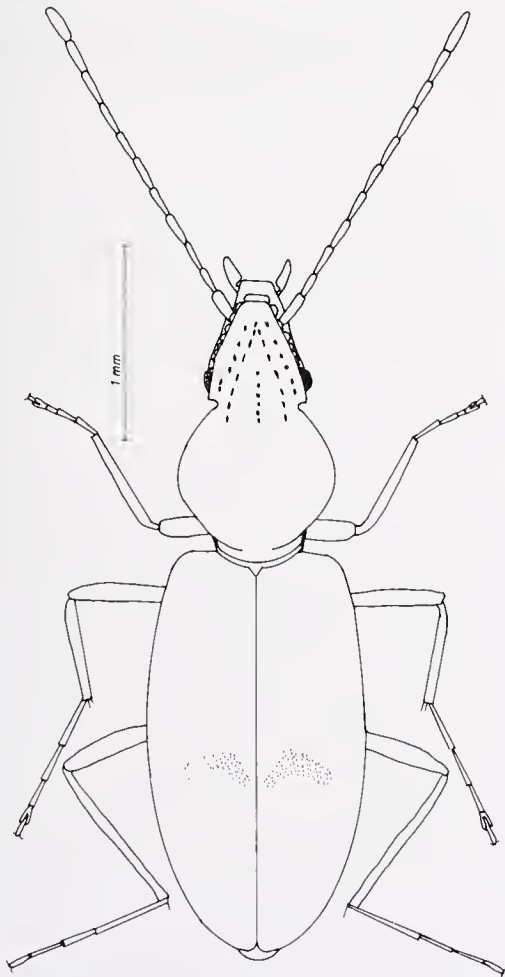


Fig. 1: *Mecynotarsus bordonii* sp. n., holotype, female, habitus.

Mecynotarsus bordonii sp. n. (Fig. 1)

Holotype (female): Pakistan, 17.-18.4.1993, SW Balochistan, Gwadar, leg. S. Becvar, in coll. Bordoni, Florence.

Measurements (in mm): Total length 3.5, max. width 1.1. Head length 0.8, width (across the eyes) 0.6. Pronotum length 1.4, width 0.9. Horn length 0.6, width 0.5. Elytra length 2.1, combined width 1.1.

Coloration: Yellowish-brown with dark brown spots on elytra.

Head: Little shiny, wrinkled. Pubescence silvery, rather stout, but very short. Antennae conspicuous thin, pubescence fine.

Pronotum: Little shiny. Punctuation nearly covered by silvery, stout, dense, recumbent pubescence. Horn on each side with seven teeth, becoming smaller posteriorly. Crest consists of seven lengthy bumps, forming a nearly closed line. Row of stout, rounded bumps in middle of horn.

Elytra: Rather shiny. Punctuation strong. Spaces between punctures much smaller than punctures. These become smaller posteriorly, spaces larger. Pubescence silverish, stout, rather dense, recumbent.

Legs: Pubescence very fine.

Remarks: By the length of this species there is nothing in comparison with all other known species of this genus.

Derivatio nominis: I name this new species after the well known coleopterist Dr. Arnaldo Bordoni in Florence.

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¹⁾ 65th contribution to the knowledge of Anthicidae

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