SCIENTIFIC NOTE

A SECOND SPECIES OF Beerellus Nelson; THIS FROM THE OLD WORLD
(Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

The genus Beerellus Nelson (1982 Coleopts Bull. 35(4):431–450) was described for a single species, B. taxodii Nelson, from Georgia and related to Chrysophana placida (LeConte). The following additional species must now be assigned to Beerellus.

**Beerellus holzshuhi** (Bilý), new combination


During a visit to Prague in 1990, I was able to examine the holotype and one subsequently collected specimen of this taxon. I was later able to compare the second specimen directly with the holotype of *B. taxodii* (USNM) which confirmed my belief that these two species are congeneric.

The type series of *B. taxodii* was recorded as having been cut from dead trees of *Taxodium distichum* (L.) Rich. *Beerellus holzshuhi* was recorded from *Cedrus deodara* when described. The fact that both species of *Beerellus* are associated with cupressine gymnosperms alludes to a very old relationship and one that certainly does not support the recent hypothesis of Holyński (1993. Crystal, ser. Zoologica, no. 1, pp. 1–42) that *Chrysophana* and *Beerellus* should be placed in the conglomerate subtribal taxon Bubastina Obenberger. This new concept of Bubastina includes the traditional members, mainly Australian taxa, *e.g.*, *Bubastes* Laporte and Gory, *Neobastes* Blackburn, *Euryspilus* Lacordaire, *Paratassa* Marseul, etc., and combines them with taxa placed in Thomasettiina Bellamy (Bellamy et al. 1987. J. Ent. Soc. Sth. Afr. 50(1):217–239; Bellamy. 1990. Insecta Mundi 4(1–4):81–86; Nelson and MacRae. 1994. Coleopts Bull. 48(2): 149–152), *e.g.*, *Thomassetta* Théry, *Jakovleviola* Obenberger, *Philanthaxia* Deyrolle, *Oaxacanthaxia* Bellamy, etc. Since there are no records for any of these or related taxa being associated with gymnosperms, it seems prudent to reassess the current definition and parameters of Bubastina. This will be attended to in an project currently underway.

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