

***Bruchus undatus* (Fabricius, 1787), a member of the genus *Attagenus* Latreille, 1802
(Coleoptera: Dermestidae: Attageninae)**

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Abstract. *Bruchus undatus* Fabricius, 1787 is transferred to the genus *Attagenus* Latreille, 1802 of Dermestidae. *Attagenus hirtulus* Rosenhauer, 1856 syn. nov., is put in synonymy with *Attagenus undatus* (Fabricius, 1787).

INTRODUCTION

Bruchus undatus was described by Fabricius (1787) from North Africa. The specimens were sent to him by Martin Henrichsen Vahl (1749-1804), a well known Danish-Norwegian botanist and zoologist, who probably collected them in Tunisia during his trip from France (Jørgensen 1999). Fabricius (1792) transferred the species to *Anthribus* Fabricius, 1792 and subsequently in 1801 to *Tritoma* Fabricius, 1772. Later on Schaum (1847) assigned the species to *Attagenus* Latreille, 1802 without study of type material. Schaum's action was overlooked by all subsequent authors and, consequently, the species was not listed in Dermestidae in catalogues (Dalla Torre 1911, Mroczkowski 1968, Háva 2003, 2007, 2015) missing the species in family Dermestidae. The species is not mentioned in the Palaearctic Catalogue in Chrysomelidae subfamily Bruchinae (Anton 2010). The species was recently mentioned by Alonso-Zarazaga (2014) in a review of the identity of some species proposed by Fabricius.

Schaum's text (1847): „Anthribus undatus Ent. Syst. II. 378; welchen Fabricius selbst im Syst. El. 373. 17. unter Tritoma stellt, Schönherr Gen. et spec. Cure, aber wieder als einen ihm unbekanntem Anthribiden aufführt, gehört in die Gattung-Attagenus.“ (Fig. 2).

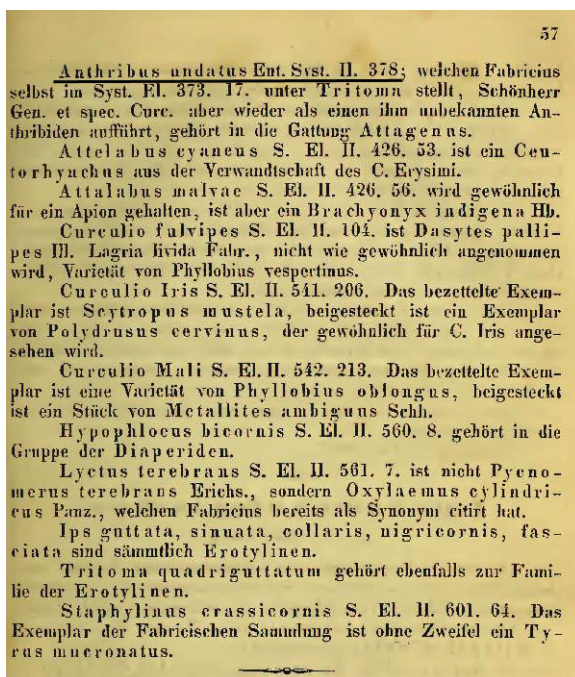


Fig. 2. Text of Schaum (1847).

Remarks. Based on Schaum's text and on the study of type material it is thereby confirmed that the species indeed belong to the genus *Attagenus* Latreille, 1802. *Attagenus undatus* (Fabricius, 1787) is identical in all morphological characters with *Attagenus hirtulus* Rosenhauer, 1856. *Attagenus hirtulus* becomes a junior objective synonym of *A. undatus*.

Distribution. Species known from Portugal, Spain, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Western Sahara (Háva 2015).

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