

**MALLOSIA IMPERATRIX TAURICOLA K. DANIEL, 1904
STAT. NOV. (CERAMBYCIDAE: LAMIINAE)**

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ABSTRACT: With the present work, *Mallosia imperatrix tauricola* K. Daniel, 1904 rest. nov. is discussed and regarded as a subspecies of *Mallosia imperatrix* Abeille de Perrin, 1885.

KEY WORDS: *Mallosia imperatrix tauricola* K. Daniel, 1904, stat. nov., Cerambycidae, Turkey.

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Firstly, *Mallosia imperatrix tauricola* was described by K. Daniel (1904) from Taurus (Turkey) as a morpha of *Mallosia imperatrix* Abeille de Perrin, 1885.

Mallosia imperatrix m. *tauricola* K. Daniel, 1904 was given by Löbl & Smetana (2010) and Danilevsky (2015) as a synonym of *Mallosia imperatrix* Abeille de Perrin, 1885 with *Mallosia robusta* Pic, 1901 that was described from Syria.

Turkish distribution patterns of the species, *Mallosia imperatrix*, were given by Özdikmen & Aytar (2012) as follows:

Old records from Turkey: Taurus (K. Daniel, 1904; Aurivillius, 1921); Nur Mt. (Demelt, 1967); Osmaniye prov.: Nurdağı pass, Bingöl prov. (Adlbauer, 1988); Turkey (Lodos, 1998; Löbl & Smetana, 2010); Adıyaman prov.: Karadut village, Nemrut Mt. (Rejzek & Hoskovec, 1999); Hakkari prov.: Suvari Halil (Tauzin, 2000); Bingöl prov.: Central, Bitlis prov.: Central, Erzurum prov.: Pasinler (Çalyazı) (Tozlu et al., 2003); Van prov.: Van-Bahçesaray road (Narlıca) (Özdikmen, 2006).

The SW-Asiatic species, *Mallosia imperatrix*, is distributed in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

According to original description of *Mallosia imperatrix tauricola*, it is quite different from the typical form by sparser, smaller elytral punctuation and broadly curved narrowed elytra near shoulders chiefly.

Original description of K. Daniel (1904):

1" Die dorsalen Tomentbinden nur sehr spärlich von kleinen Kahlpunkten durchbrochen, gelblich weiss, mit dem pechschwarzen Deckengrund scharf contrastierend, im Basalviertel in einzelne, ziemlich zerstreute Fleckchen aufgelöst; Flügeldecken hinter den etwas mehr vortretenden Schultern breit geschweift verengt; Fühler einfarbig pechschwarz, das Apicalviertel der Flügeldecken überragend, Beine schlank, die Mittel- und Hintertibien immer dicht büstenartig behaart. Durchschnittlich etwas grössere Easse vom hohen Taurus.....imperatrix tauricola m.

Consequently, I propose *Mallosia imperatrix tauricola* K. Daniel, 1904 should be a separate subspecies that is distributed only in Turkey now.

Besides, with respect to the original description of *Mallosia robusta* Pic, 1901, it should be remained as a synonym of *Mallosia imperatrix* Abeille de Perrin, 1885 that was described from Syria (Rif Dimashq (Anti-Liban): Bloudan).

Original description of Pic (1901):

J'ai reçu dernièrement une femelle de Mallosia, provenant de Syrie, voisine de Herminae Reitt., mais distincte, à première vue, par son écusson bien plus large, subéchancré au sommet, très déprimé au milieu, la forme du corps encore plus robuste, les bandes blanches des élytres très irrégulièrement interrompues, etc. Long, 40 mill. J'ai nommé cette espèce robusta; je la décrirai plus longuement dans une étude synoptique du genre que je prépare.

Finally, the new arrangement of *Mallosia imperatrix* is presented as follows:

Genus MALLOSIA Mulsant, 1863: 399

[Type species *Saperda graeca* Sturm, 1843]

Subgenus EUMALLOSIA Danilevsky, 1990: 364

[Type species *Mallosia herminae* Reitter, 1890]

imperatrix Abeille de Perrin, 1885: cxl

imperatrix imperatrix Abeille de Perrin, 1885: cxl (Holotype ♂, ex collection Abeille de Perrin, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris) [type locality "Rif Dimashq (Anti-Liban): Bloudan" (Syria)] **A:** IN IQ LE SY
robusta Pic, 1901: 19 [Syria]

imperatrix tauricola K. Daniel, 1904: 308 (Holotype, ex collection K. Daniel, Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, Eberswalde) [type locality "Taurus" (Turkey)] **A:** TR

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