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Abstract: In this paper, *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov. a new Curculionidae from Suriname, South America is described.

Key words: Coleoptera, Curculionidae, *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov.

Introduction

During a recent collecting-trip within the south of Suriname, I discovered an undescribed species of *Ithaura* Pascoe (1871). The beetle was collected in damp places under leaves. *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov. is the first species of the genus from Suriname.

The genus *Ithaura* Pascoe (1871) is comprised of 4 species in South America, viz. *Ithaura humilis* Kuschel, 1959, from Brazil, *Ithaura guyanensis* Rheinheimer, 2006 from French Guyana, *Ithaura nitida* Pascoe, 1881 from Brazil and *Ithaura quadraticollis* Rheinheimer, 2006 from French Guyana.

The Holotype is deposited in the collection of the University of Suriname, Department of Entomology, Paramaribo, Suriname.

Taxonomic description

***Ithaura amrishi* Makhan, sp. nov. (Figs. 1-4)**

Type: Holotype male. Suriname, Kasikasima, 27.3.1996, coll. D. Makhan. Paratypes: Suriname, Kasikasima, 27.3.1996, coll. D. Makhan, 1 male (4.4 mm) 1 female (6.3 mm); Suriname, Palumeu, 30.3.1996, coll. D. Makhan. 1 male (5.7 mm)

Holotype description: Male. Length 6.3 mm, width 2.1 mm. Head brown, length 0.4 mm, width 0.9 mm, frons with fine punctures. Rostrum 1.2 mm, width 0.8 mm, with fine punctures. Antennae brown. Pronotum, length 2.3 mm, width 1.8 mm, with fine punctures. Elytra brown-green, length 3.2 mm, width 2.1 mm, widest at posterior third. Elytron interstriae are convex, with coarse punctures. Elytral apices wide. Legs brown. Male genitalia (Figs. 3-4), elongate and apodeme straight.

Etymology: This species is named after my son Amrish Makhan.

Remarks: *Ithaura amrishi* Makhan, sp. nov. appears to be allied to *Ithaura guyanensis* Rheinheimer, 2006 from French Guyana by the shape of the elytra, but there is a difference in the shape of the male genitalia. The aedeagal apodeme is strongly curved in *Ithaura guyanensis* Rheinheimer, 2006 whereas the aedeagal apodeme is straight in *Ithaura amrishi* Makhan, sp. nov. The posterior third of the elytra is higher than the pronotum in *Ithaura guyanensis* Rheinheimer, 2006, whereas the posterior third of the elytra is not higher than the pronotum in *Ithaura amrishi* Makhan sp. nov.

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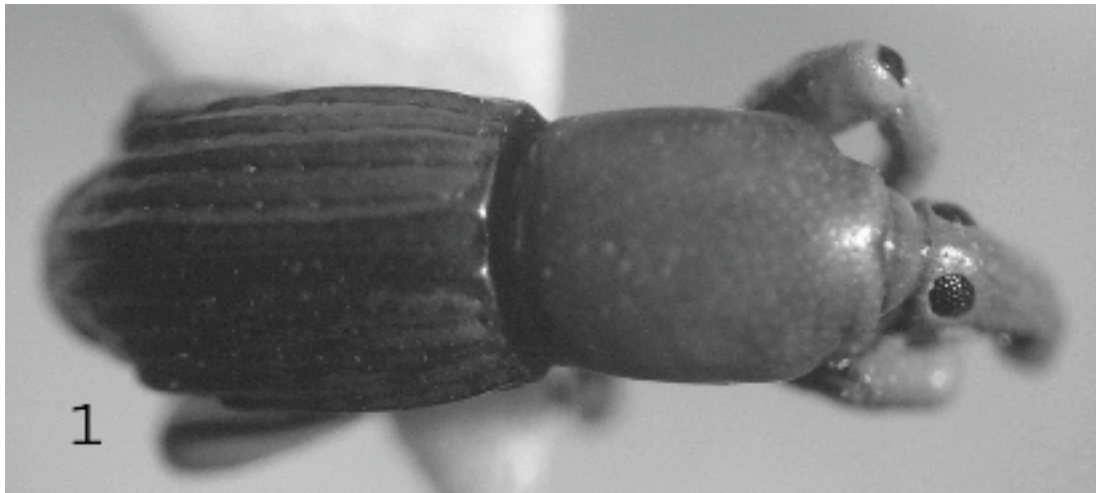


Fig. 1. *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov., habitus, dorsal view (total length = 6.3 mm).

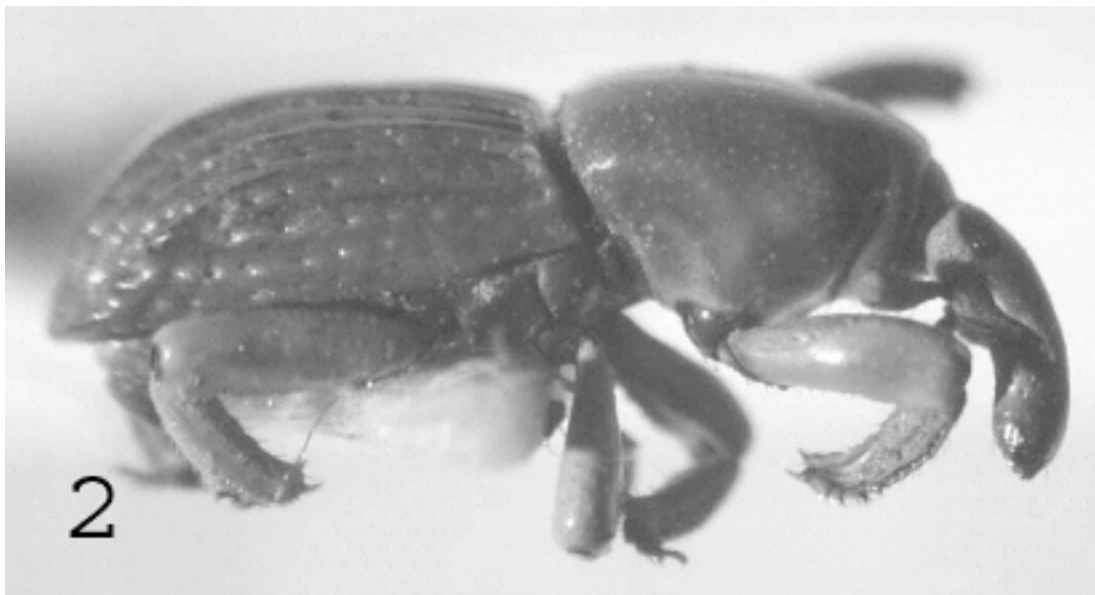


Fig. 2. *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov., habitus, lateral view (total length = 6.3 mm).

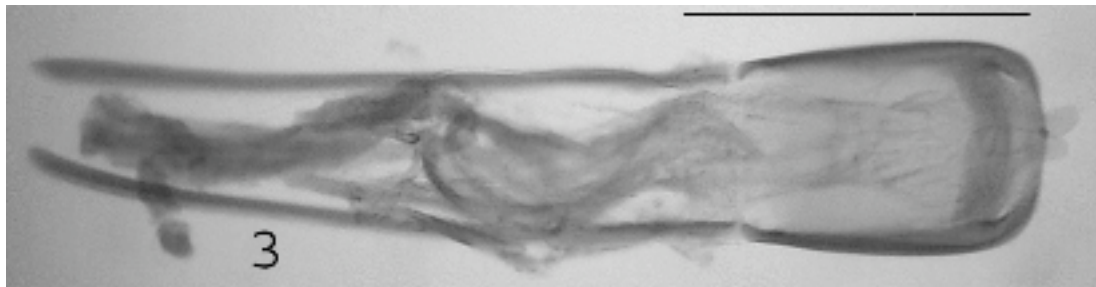


Fig. 3. *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov., male genitalia, ventral view (scale line = 1.0 mm).

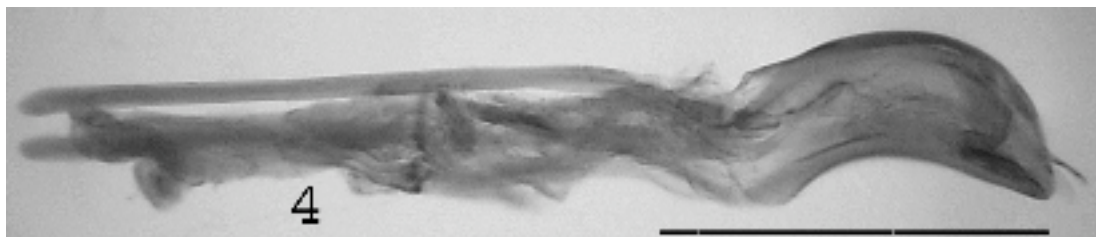


Fig. 4. *Ithaura amrishi* sp. nov., male genitalia, lateral view (scale line = 1.0 mm).

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