

***Aegomorphus obscurior* (Pic, 1904) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) in Ukraine – a brief review**

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Aegomorphus obscurior (Pic, 1904) is an enigmatic species, which was described by Maurice Pic as distinct morphological variation of another species, *Aegomorphus clavipes* (Schrank, 1781). M. Pic collected a single specimen of this species in Amur River Area (Pic, 1904). Century after in 2005, Jacek Hilszczański and Cezary Bystrowski described a new species, *Aegomorphus wojtylai* Hilszczański et Bystrowski, 2005, from Poland (Hilszczański and Bystrowski, 2005). However, Mikhail Danilevsky and Andrey Shapovalov assumed possibility that *A. wojtylai* and *A. clavipes* var. *obscurior* are conspecific (Danilevsky and Shapovalov, 2007). Finally, Jacek Hilszczański after study of type material of *A. clavipes* var. *obscurior* elevated it to the distinct species, *A. obscurior* and recognized *A. wojtylai* as its junior synonym (Hilszczański, 2008).

To date, the known areal of *A. obscurior* is occupied large territories from Central Europe to Far East. *A. obscurior* is known from several localities in Poland and Latvia (Hilszczański and Bystrowski, 2005; Hilszczański, 2008), multiple localities within Russia (Danilevsky and Shapovalov, 2007), several localities in Kazakhstan (Danilevsky and Shapovalov, 2007; Karpinsky and al., 2017), and single record in Mongolia (Hilszczański, 2008). It is still unknown from Belarus and the long time remained unknown from Ukraine.

Currently, it is known three records of *A. obscurior* in Ukraine. We identified one specimen of *A. obscurior* in collection of Rivne Nature Reserve, collected 08.VI.2012 near Sarny in Rivne Region of Ukraine (coll. Zhuravchak R.). Recently, *A. obscurior* was reported from Luhask Nature Reserve (08.VI.2000, coll. Martynov V.), near Stanytsia Luhanska in Luhansk Region of Ukraine, during collection revision deposited in Donetsk (Gubin and Martynov, 2018). Citizen scientists in the database of Ukrainian Biodiversity Information Network (<http://ukrbin.com/>) also published photography of the species in Haydary (15.VI.2010, phot. Loboda B.) near Zmiiv in Kharkiv Region. In summary, *A. obscurior* is widely spread in Ukraine, since it is known from the distinct parts of the state, occupying two biomes – steppes on the East and forests in the West. We expect its records in other parts of Ukraine.