

SHORT NOTES

Litargus leprieuri Pic, a new synonym for *Litargus connexus* (Geoffroy) (Coleoptera: Mycetophagidae)

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Abstract. According to the original description and study of the type material, a new synonym is proposed and the species *Litargus leprieuri* Pic, 1901 is synonymised as a junior synonym of *Litargus connexus* (Geoffroy, 1785).

Coleoptera: Mycetophagidae

Litargus leprieuri Pic, 1901

(Figs. 1-6)

Type material. 6 syntypes (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France):

Original description (Pic 1901):

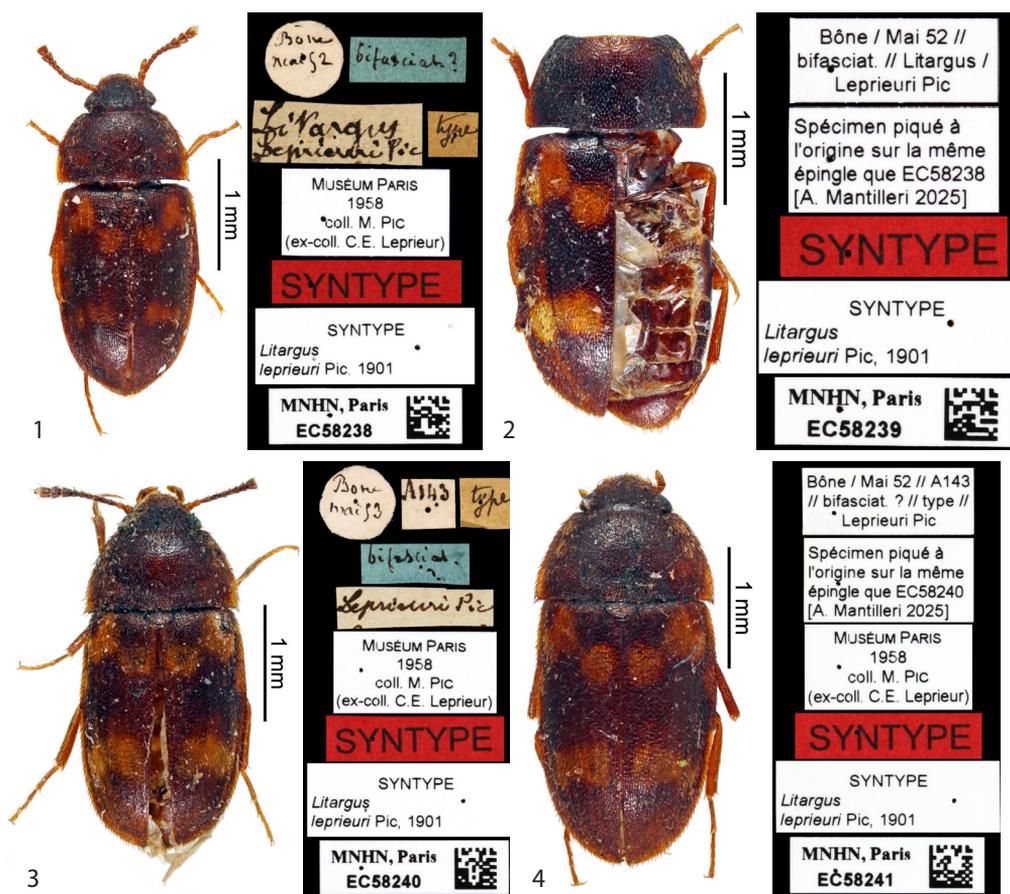
Litargus Leprieuri n. sp. Relativement large, subdéprimé, noir peu brillant, à pubescence jaunâtre ; élytres foncés, bifasciés ou maculés de jaunâtre. Antennes plus ou moins roussâtres à massue rembrunie avec le dernier article subacuminé et pâle à l'extrémité ; prothorax large, noir avec les côtés latéraux près de la base roussâtres ; élytres peu longs et larges, noirs, ornés de 2 fascies jaunâtres ou d'un jaune roussâtre, la première antérieure composée de macules diversement jointes (celles-ci rarement séparées) et irrégulièrement disposées (en dessous de cette fascie une macule latérale), la 2^e située un peu après le milieu, courte et faiblement sinuée ; pattes d'un roussâtre testacé ou un peu rembrunies. Long 3-3,2 mill. — Algérie : Bône (Leprieur). Tunisie : Aïn-Draham (Pic) et Gardimaou (Dr Normand). — Distinct de *bifasciatus* F. par la forme plus robuste, non parallèle, et l'absence de macule apicale claire.

Material examined: 1 ♂, Tunisia mer., Ile de Jerba, Dar Jerba 5 km, N of MIDOUN, 3-7.3.1998, Jiří Háva lgt., det. and coll.

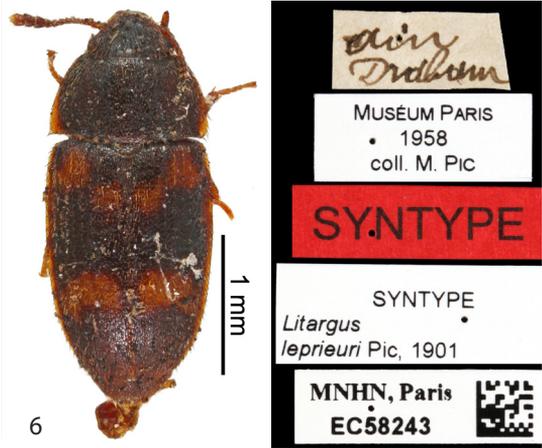
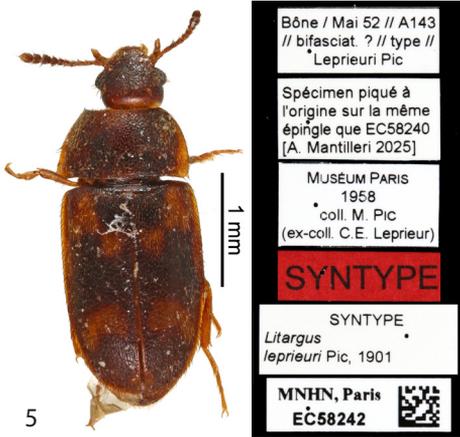
Remarks. The species *Litargus leprieuri* described by Pic (1901) and the species name are accepted in catalogues Nikitski (2020) and Háva (2022). According to the original description and study of the type material, a new synonym is proposed and the species *Litargus leprieuri* Pic, 1901 **syn. nov.** is synonymised as a junior synonym of *Litargus connexus* (Geoffroy, 1785).

A lectotype and paralectotypes are designated in order to stabilize the nomenclature in the genus in accordance with Article 74.7.3. of the Code (ICZN 1999).

Specimens of the presently designated species are provided with red, printed label with text as follows: LECTOTYPE [or PARALECTOTYPE] *Litargus leprieuri* Pic, Jiří Háva design. 2025.



Figs. 1-6. Type syntypes of *Litargus leprieuri* Pic: 1- lectotype; 2- paralectotype No. 1; 3- paralectotype No. 2; 4- paralectotype No. 3; 5- paralectotype No. 4; 6- paralectotype No. 5 (all designated by J. Háva, 2025)



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