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A NEW RECORD OF *LEIOPUS WRZECIONKOI* SAMA & RAPUZZI (CERAMBYCIDAE: LAMIINAE: ACANTHOCININI) FROM TURKEY

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ABSTRACT: *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi has been known only from Syria, not Turkey. However, it is also distributed in Turkey. Accordingly, the paper presents *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi from Hatay province of Turkey for the first time.

KEY WORDS: Cerambycidae, Lamiinae, *Leiopus wrzecionkoi*, new record, presence, Turkey

Genus ***Leiopus*** Audinet-Serville, 1835: 86
[Type species. *Cerambyx nebulosus* Linnaeus, 1758]

Subgenus ***Leiopus*** Audinet-Serville, 1835: 86
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This study presents a new longhorned beetle record for Turkey as *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi from Hatay province.

While reviewing the some specimens in bad condition in my collection, I came across two interesting specimens previously labelled as *Leiopus syriacus* with a question mark. One of them belonged to a male, while the sex of the other, which was in worse condition, could not be determined. My detailed examination of these two specimens revealed that they both belong to the species *Leiopus wrzecionkoi*. Both specimens in my collection at Gazi University (Ankara, Turkey) were collected on 23.IV.2008 from S Hatay province in S Anatolian part of Turkey.

The species *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* was recently described by Sama & Rapuzzi (2011: 87) from NW Syria (Slinfah district, Jabal An Nusayriyah) near Hatay province in Turkey. Then, Ali & Rapuzzi (2016) recorded this species for the Syrian Coastal Region based on the original record of the species. Therefore, the only known objective record of this species to date is the type locality given in the original description of the species. Accordingly, this species has been considered endemic to Syria until now (Danilevsky, 2026).

Subsequently, the species *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi, 2011 on the base of two specimens in my collection from S Hatay province in S Anatolian part of Turkey is the first record from Turkey (Figs. 1 and 2).



Figure 1. Distribution of *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi, 2011 in Turkey.



Figure 2. Kown records of *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi, 2011, **1**. The type locality (Slinfah, Syria), **2**. The Turkish record of present material (S of Hatay province).

Since the specimens I possess are in such bad condition that they cannot be photographed, so an original photograph of the species is also provided below (Fig. 3).

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Figure 3. *Leiopus wrzecionkoi* Sama & Rapuzzi, 2011 (taken from Sama & Rapuzzi, 2011).

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