

**The real taxonomic position of
Spondylis florissantensis Wickham, 1920
(Coleoptera, Cerambycidae)**

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Summary - The taxonomic position of *Protospondylis florissantensis* (Wickham, 1920), Florissant, Oligocene, is analysed. The genus *Protospondylis* Linsley, 1942 has resulted to be a younger synonym of *Parandra* Latreille, 1804, whose synonymy is here proposed. Accordingly, *Protospondylis florissantensis* Wickham, 1920 becomes *Parandra florissantensis* (Wickham, 1920) **nov. comb.**

Riassunto - In questo lavoro si analizza la posizione tassonomica di *Protospondylis florissantensis* (Wickham, 1920), Florissant, Oligocene. Il genere *Protospondylis* Linsley, 1942 è risultato essere sinonimo juniore di *Parandra* Latreille, 1804, la cui sinonimia è qui proposta. *Protospondylis florissantensis* Wickham, 1920 viene di conseguenza trasferito a tale genere: *Parandra florissantensis* (Wickham, 1920) **nov. comb.**

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Introduction

WICKHAM (1917) described *Spondylis tertarius* from Early-Oligocene shales of Florissant (Colorado, USA). Later, having noticed that this fossil was homonym of *Spondylis tertarius* Germar, 1849, a species already described from Miocene brown-coal of Orsberg (Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany), WICKHAM (1920) changed this name in *Spondylis florissantensis*.

LINSLEY (1942) instituted for this species the monobasic genus *Protospondylis*; actually, a genus that LAMEERE (1903) had already introduced as hypothetical fossil.

This species was later cited by LINSLEY (1961) and CARPENTER (1992) without any taxonomic changes.

Actually, *Spondylis florissantensis*, whose taxonomic position seemed uncertain even to its descriptor, has no spondylidine characters and it should find a simpler and more natural place in another subfamily of cerambycids.