

Curius punctatus (Fisher), new combination
(Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Cerambycinae: Curiini)

Fisher (1932) described *Pentomacrus punctatus* from eight specimens, the holotype of which is a male specimen deposited in the USNM, type locality Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba (Fig. 1b). Giesbert (1985) synonymized *Pentomacrus* with *Plectromerus*. *Plectromerus punctatus* (Fisher) is listed as endemic to Cuba (Fisher 1932, Monné 2005, Monné and Hovore 2003, Peck 2005).

The type genus for the tribe is *Curius* Newman, 1840, which currently contains two species: the type species for the genus *C. dentatus* Newman (Fig. 1a), known from southeastern United States and *C. panamensis* Bates, 1885, known from Panama.

During the senior author's revisionary work on the tribe Curiini LeConte, 1873, *Plectromerus punctatus* (Fisher) was found to possess many of the characters listed by Linsley (1963) for the genus *Curius*, including depressed form, integument opaque (shining in *Plectromerus*), antennae with fourth segment a little shorter than fifth (very much shorter than fifth in *Plectromerus*), pronotum rounded at sides (nearly straight in *Plectromerus*), legs with femora gradually clavate (suddenly clavate in *Plectromerus*), and abdomen with first segment as long as following two together (as long as following three in *Plectromerus*). Based on these shared characteristics, a new combination, *Curius punctatus* (Fisher), is proposed.

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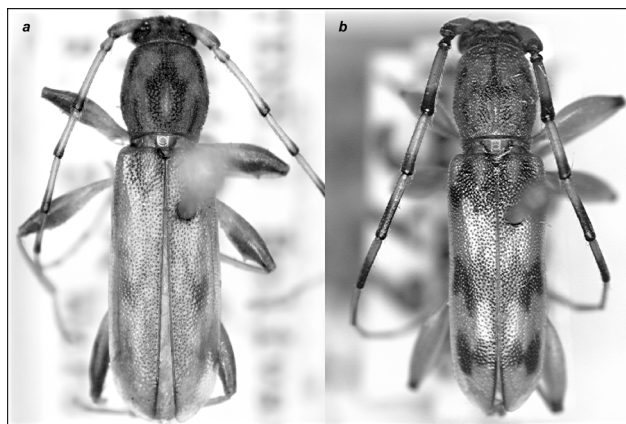


FIGURE 1. a) *Curius dentatus* Newman, dorsal habitus; b) *Curius punctatus* (Fisher), new combination, dorsal habitus of holotype.