

**THE FIRST RECORD OF *ERGATES GAILLARDOTI*
CHEVROLAT, 1854 (COLEOPTERA, CERAMBYCIDAE)
FROM GREEK ISLANDS**

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Summary.

The paper presents the first record of **Ergates gaillardoti** Chevrolat, 1854 for Europe. Two females were found in Greek islands - Rhodes and Samos.

Keywords

Coleoptera, Cerambycidae, Ergates, Callergates, gaillardoti, Greece.

Résumé. Premier enregistrement d'**Ergates gaillardoti** Chevrolat, 1854 (**Coleoptera, Cerambycidae**) dans les îles grecques.

Cet article présente le premier enregistrement d'**Ergates gaillardoti** Chevrolat, 1854 pour l'Europe. Deux femelles ont été trouvées dans les îles grecques de Rhodes et de Samos.

Mots clés

Coleoptera, Cerambycidae, Ergates, Callergates, gaillardoti, Grèce.

Ergates gaillardoti, often regarded as belonging to the separate genus **Callergates** Lameere 1906, is a cerambycid (*Cerambycidae*) belonging to the subfamily *Prioninae*. The species occurs in the Middle East. It is known to occur in Lebanon (Sama & Rapuzzi, 2000), and it was described by Chevrolat (1854) according to a specimen collected in that country (loc. typ. Saida). Apart from that **Ergates gaillardoti** has been reported from North-Western Syria (Rejzek *et al.*, 2003), and Western Cyprus (Sama, 1994). It also occurs in Mediterranean provinces of Southern Turkey – Antalya, Adana (Adlbauer, 1988 ; v. Demelt, 1963) and Içel (ŠvÁcha & Danilevsky, 1986). In this paper we present data proving the occurrence of this species in Europe. Two specimens were collected in Greek Dodecanese (Rhodes), and East Aegean (Samos) Islands. Details are summarized below.

- Rhodes Island (central part), a place called “Epta Piges” at Kolimbia, 02.VII.2005. A larva of **Ergates gaillardoti** was found in a trunk of a dead, fallen pine tree (*Pinus* sp.). The larva was tunnelling through the sapwood right under the bark and consequently when the bark was removed, the larva was exposed. The larva was placed in a container with dead wood of the common pine (*Pinus sylvestris* L.), where it created galleries filled with thick fibers and excrements. The larva molted once and finally built a pupal cell in the wood. Pupation was observed at the end of April 2006, and a well developed imago of female hatched on 16.V.2006 (leg. Marek Wełnicki).
- Samos Island, Kokari, 18.VI.1997, 1 ex. (female) found at night on a road (leg. Marek Przewoźny)

On the basis of these records, **Ergates gaillardoti** can undoubtedly be included in the European fauna. Both Rhodes and Samos islands are located in the vicinity of the Turkish coast, which may suggest a possible origin of that species from Asia Minor. Moreover, we believe that this species could possibly be present in other islands along the Turkish Mediterranean coast, especially those belonging to the Dodecanese, and the East Aegean groups. However, further investigation is required to confirm this.

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