

***Philonthus roeri* sp. n. from Okavango, Namibia
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae)**

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During his entomological expeditions to the Namibian part of the Okavango in January of 1988 Dr. H. Roer collected in light traps several species of *Philonthus* (Staphylinidae). Among them I found a new species which I name after the collector of the type specimen.

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Description: Head and antennae, with the exception of the basal segment, black. Pronotum clear red, elytra ferruginous often suffused with black to varying degrees,

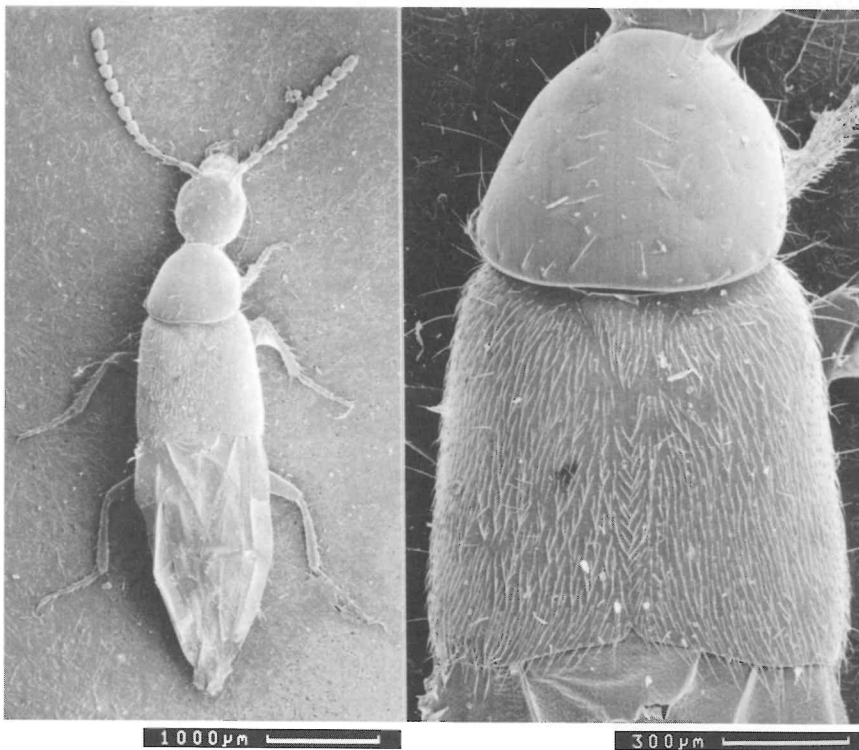


Fig. 1: Paratype of *Philonthus roeri* sp. n.; left, habitus, right, scutellum and elytra enlarged to show punctures and hair cover. SEM-photo by G. Oleschinski.

abdomen and legs ferrugineous. Head a little longer than broad, slightly converging to anterior corners, with two rows each of six punctures.

Elytra a little longer than broad, very finely and very densely punctured. Scutellum finely punctured.

Abdomen densely punctured and pubescent, parallel-sided.

Legs spinose.

Length 5 mm.

Holotype: ♂, South West Africa (Namibia), Nyangana/Okavango, 14.—22. 1. 1985 (H. Roer). 85 paratypes, same date. In the Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn.

Remarks: Very similar in colouration and size to *Philonthus novellus* Last, but the punctures on the elytra are smaller and denser, the abdominal segments are mostly ferrugineous and shorter.

Literature

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