A new species of *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse, 1881 (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Dynastinae) from Maranhão State, Brazil

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Abstract

A new *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse species, of the *B. minicola* group, in the subgenus *Minisiderus* Endrödi, *B. (M.) mielkeorum* sp. nov. is described, discussed and illustrated based on four specimens collected in Maranhão State, northeastern region of Brazil. A key to subgenera and species is also provided.

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Introduction

The genus *Brachysiderus* Waterhouse is composed of six species. Four are in the subgenus *Minisiderus* Endrödi, *B. (M.) mielkeorum* sp. nov. is described, discussed and illustrated based on four specimens collected in Maranhão State, northeastern region of Brazil. A key to subgenera and species is also provided based on Endrödi’s (1985) key.

*Brachysiderus (Minisiderus) mielkeorum* Grossi & Grossi, new species

Material examined: Holotype, Brasil, MA, Balsas, Serra do Penitente, 480 m, 6-XI-2004, C. Mielke leg., Ex Col. E. & P. Grossi, deposited in Museu de Zoologia da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Paratypes, 2 ♂ same data as Holotype, 1 ♂, same except 13-XI-2004, 500 m, Ex Col. E. Furtado. In col. E. & P. Grossi.