

Three new species of *Anthrenus* O. F. Müller, 1764 from Botswana, India and China (Coleoptera: Dermestidae)

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Abstract: Three new species *Anthrenus* (*Anthrenus*) *botswaniensis* **n. sp.** (Botswana), *A.* (*Florilinus*) *zhantievi* **n. sp.** (India: Himachal Pradesh) and *A.* (*Nathrenus*) *schawalleri* **n. sp.** (China: Sichuan) are described, illustrated and compared with related species.

Zusammenfassung: Drei neue Teppichkäfer-Arten *Anthrenus* (*Anthrenus*) *botswaniensis* **n. sp.** (Botswana), *A.* (*Florilinus*) *zhantievi* **n. sp.** (India: Himachal Pradesh) und *A.* (*Nathrenus*) *schawalleri* **n. sp.** (China: Sichuan) werden beschrieben, illustriert und mit ähnlichen Arten verglichen.

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Introduction

The genus *Anthrenus* O. F. Müller, 1764 comprises more than 160 species (HÁVA 2003, 2006), numerous of them have been described recently (HÁVA 2005; KADEJ & HÁVA 2006; ZHANTIEV 2006). The group is characterized by wide or elongate, differently coloured scales on the dorsum and venter. They show patterns which are proved to be diagnostic characters useful for species identification (BEAL 1998; HÁVA 2004; MROCZKOWSKI 1975; ZHANTIEV 1976, 2000). In the present paper three new species collected in the Afrotropical and Oriental Region are described.