

TENTH CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDO-MALAYAN MALACODERMS (Col.)

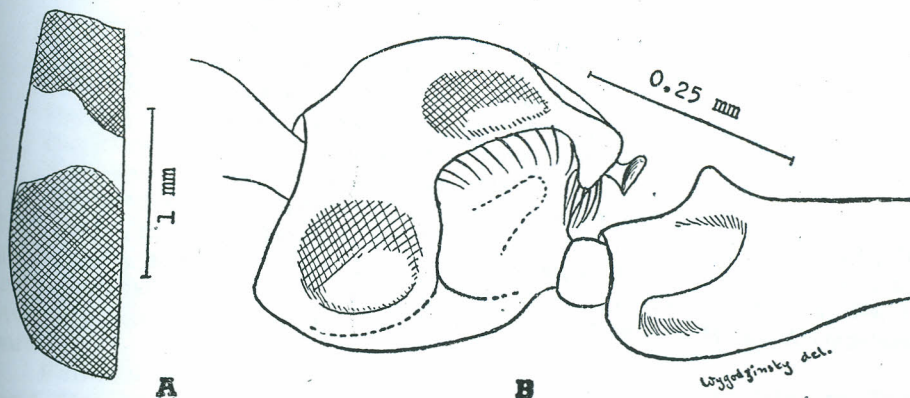
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Fam. MALACHIIDAE

Laius semimetallicus nov. spec. — ♂. Head and prothorax green, metallic, sometimes with a bluish tint, elytra nigro-caeruleous or violaceous, often caeruleous towards the apex, with a rather broad, undulated, flavous or rufescent complete transverse fascia, on the sides almost twice as broad as in the middle (fig. A). Antennae black, joints 1 and 2 underneath more or less testaceous. Legs black, somewhat metallic.

Head with eyes as broad as prothorax, feebly depressed between the eyes, front in center with a delicate longitudinal furrow, extending from base of head to height of anterior border of eyes, finely rugose, more strongly so on clypeus than between eyes. Antennae attaining humeral calli, 1st joint somewhat longer than 2nd, clavate towards apex, with a dorsal subapical tooth, 2nd strongly thickened, rather broader than long, excavated on inner surface (fig. B). Prothorax somewhat wider than



Laius semimetallicus, nov. spec. A, elytra; B, basal antennal joints.

long, widest at anterior half, constricted towards base, basal fifth transversally depressed, anterior four-fifth convex, center deeply and coarsely punctate, sides rugosely punctate. Elytra at base wider than prothorax, slightly broadened towards apex, punctures very deep, large and irregular,

intermixed with isolated small punctures. Prothorax and elytra clothed with long, erect, dark hairs intermixed with greyish pubescence.

♀. Second antennal joint simple, elongate, about twice as long as third.

Length: 3.2 — 3.5 mm.

H a b. — Idjen Plateau, East Java. 1 ♂ holotype, 1 ♀ allotype, 4 ♂ and 2 ♀ paratypes in my collection.

Related to *L. lunatus* CHAMP., the elytra of which have a similar pattern. The new species differs by its more strongly punctate prothorax and elytra and the antennae of the male. The dorsal subapical tooth on joint 1 is wanting in *lunatus*, furthermore the superior border of joint 2 is simple in the new species and with two processi in *lunatus*.
