

A NEW SPECIES OF SPATHOMELES FROM BORNEO

(Coleoptera: Endomychidae)

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Among specimens collected by the Bogor Museum Expedition of 1956 to Borneo is a specimen of *Spathomeles* very different from any of those now known and apparently, relating this genus to *Engonius*.

Spathomeles wegneri sp. n. (fig. 1)

Small for the genus, of short form, black with the lateral areas of the pronotum reddish and each elytron with three red marks: one oval and near the middle of the base, the second close to the side margin and a little in front of mid-length, the third a transverse bar or double spot behind the middle but some distance from the apex.

Pronotum twice as broad as long, its sides feebly sinuate basally, much rounded apically, front angles produced but bluntly rounded, hind angles slightly acute, the disc rather flat and smooth with scarcely evident punctures. Elytra with close-set but fine and shallow punctures.

The unique specimen is a male, which has on each elytron at mid-length a low, bluntly rounded conoid elevation. The tibiae and femora are simple, the antennae broken. Length 8.9 mm.

The pronotum of this specimen is much like that seen in the genus *Engonius*. Externally this species resembles *turritus* somewhat but has much shorter elytral spines, the aedeagus is most like that of *bonthainicus* and *decoratus*.

Male holotype: E. Borneo, Tabang, Bengen River, 125 m, 11-X-56, A. M. R. WEGNER.

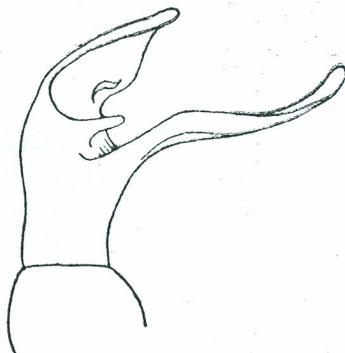


Fig. 1. *Spathomeles wegneri* sp. n., aedeagus, dorsal view.