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Abstract. *Curius chemsaki* Nearns and Ray, 2006 (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Cerambycinae: Curiini), is reported from Colombia for the first time. In addition, the range of this taxon within Venezuela is extended to the Andean Province of Táchira.

Introduction

Curius chemsaki Nearns and Ray, 2006 was described from 23 specimens collected in Aragua Province, Venezuela. A color habitus photograph of the holotype deposited at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (USNM), was provided by Lingafelter et al. (2009). Nearns & Branham (2008) conducted a revision and phylogenetic analysis of the tribe Curiini and extended the known range of *C. chemsaki* within Venezuela to Mérida Province.

Specimens of *C. chemsaki* deposited in the insect collection at the Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV) were overlooked by previous authors. Based on specimens deposited in UCV, the known distribution of *C. chemsaki* within Venezuela is now extended to the Andean province of Táchira: 1 female, La Grita, 2300 m, 25 June 1984, C. Bordón. Three additional specimens from Mérida Province are also deposited in the UCV: 1 male, La Mucuy, 2300 m, 13 August 1978, C. Bordón; 1 female, same data, except 6 August 1984; 1 female, Santa Rosa, 23 January 1993, L.D. Otero.

A single male specimen of *C. chemsaki* collected in Colombia was recently discovered in the Essig Museum of Entomology Collection (EMEC), University of California, Berkeley, CA, U.S.A. The collection data for this specimen is: Colombia, Norte de Santander Province, 2300 m, 25 km. S. Chinacota, 14 May 1974, H. & A. Howden. This is the first published record for *C. chemsaki* in Colombia and the first time it has been collected outside of Venezuela. The specimen falls within the known morphological variation for this species.

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