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KEYS TO SEPARATE SUBGENERA AND SPECIES GROUP IN Anthonomus GERMAR (Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Anthonomini) OF THE NEW WORLD

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Abstract: Anthonomus Germar is the most polymorphic and difficult genus to identify at the species level within the subfamily Curculioninae; more than 500 species are known worldwide, with more than 90% found in the American continent. These are grouped into 10 subgenera; six of which are distributed in the Nearctic and Neotropical regions: Anthomorphus Weise, Anthonomochaeta Dietz, Anthonomocyllus Dietz, Anthonomorphus Dietz, Cnemocyllus Dietz and Anthonomus Germar. This last subgenus with more than 400 species and them are grouped into 53 groups. On the other hand, there are more than 60 American species that are not found within any group, and more than 50 species with a Palearctic or Afrotropical distribution; same that were not considered in this work. The botanical families with records of Anthonomus are Asteraceae, Betulaceae, Combretaceae, Cornaceae, Cupressaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Fagaceae, Flacourtiaceae, Gleicheniaceae, Malpigiaceae, Malvaceae, Melastomataceae, Myricaeceae, Myrtaceae, Myrsinaceae, Pinaceae, Rhizopharaceae, Rosaceae, Rubiaceae, Rutaceae, Solanaceae and Tiliaceae. However, for most species their host plant is unknown. The objective of the current work was to facilitate the identification of Anthonomus species, taxonomic key and digital illustrations are provided, as well as a summary of each subgenus and species group.

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INTRODUCTION

Anthonomus Germar, 1817 is the most diverse and complex genus in Curculioninae, more than 90% of the described species are distributed in the Nearctic and Neotropical regions; they are divided into 10 subgenera; six of which are found in the New World: Anthonorphus Weise 1883, Anthonomochaeta Dietz 1981, Anthonomocyllus Dietz 1891, Anth

thonomorphus Dietz 1891, Anthonomus Germar and Cnemocyllus Dietz 1891, which were systematically studied by Horace R. Burke and Wayne E. Clark from 1962 to 2019 (Burke 1962, Clark et al. 2019). Anthonomus is differentiated from other weevils by combination of morphological characters. Body oval, elongated-oval or oblong-oval, in lateral view from slightly to strongly convex, variable length, 81% of the species measure between 1.0-4.0 mm (mean, 3.0 mm in length), less than 6% measure between 5.0-7.5 mm. Integument yellowish, reddish or black, with or without setae or dense scales. Rostrum cylindrical and curved, scrobe with the upper and lower margins directed to the ventral half of the eye. Eyes small or large, circular and convex; antennal funiculus with seven segments; except, some species with six segments (Cnemucyllus with 14 species); besides, the species groups: A. calvescens, A. guttatus and A. apionoides (with four species each group) and the species: A. sallei Burke and A. lomonga Clark, among others. Prothorax conical with straight anterolateral margin (sinuous in the species group A. alboscutellatus). Humeri oblique, rounded (except in A. cavei, humeri prominent). Elytra wider than prothorax; pygidium slightly exposed or not; ventral segments straight; profemur slightly to strongly robust toothed, in some species, the tooth is closed or bi/tridentate (like in A. triensis). Protibia straight or strongly curved; tarsal nails with basal processes.

Some groups of species superficially resemble those of other genera as in *A. flavirostris*, *A. alboannulatus*, and *A. triensis* with species of the genus *Atractomerus* Douponchel and Chevrolat; *Anthonomus albolineatus* with species of the genus *Loncophorus* Chevrolat. *Atractomerus* differs from *Anthonomus* in having the protuberances on the elytra in the even interestriae and the tooth of the profemur without a depression. *Loncophorus* different semantical sem

fers in that it presents patches of dense scales in different areas of the elytra and elytral slope, the tooth of the pro- and mesofemur with a depression (Soto *et al.* 2013).

In this work, keys are presented to separate the subgenus and groups of species in *Anthonomus*; likewise, digital illustrations are provided for identification purposes. This is based in a comprehensive analysis of the systematic studies conducted by Horace R. Burke and Wayne E. Clark from 1962 to 2019; therefurther, Dietz (1891), Blantchey and Leng (1916), and Champion (1903, 1910); as well as more recent publications.

KEY TO SEPARATE THE SUBGE-NERA OF ANTHONOMUS GEMAR

- 2. Profemur thin and toothless; rostrum thin, long and curved, slightly wide beyond insertion of antenna; eyes small

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Anthonomochaeta

- Pygidium without groove, if with groove, then rostrum small and robust5

SYNOPSIS OF THE SUBGENERA IN ANTHONOMUS

Anthomorphus: subgenus with 26 species, separated into two groups of species: A. rubidus with eight species and A. sulcatus with 14 species. Some species have been collected in Betulaceae, Fagaceae, Malpigiaceae, Myricaeceae, Rosaceae and Pinaceae. Subgenus with wide distribution in the Nearctic and Neotropical regions; A. phillocola (Herbst) and A. pinivorax Silfverberg are found in the Palearctic region; see Clark (1987a) to separate the species.

Anthonomochaeta: monotypic subgenus A. heterogenus Dietz, distributed in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Washington and Texas in the United States of America (O'Brien and Wibmer 1982); its host plant is unknown (Dietz 1891).

Anthonomocyllus: subgenus with 17 species, separated into three groups of species: A. tenuirostris with 11 species, A. leucostictus with one species and A. caeruleisquamis with five species. Most species are distributed in Central and South America. Little is known about the host plants, they have been collected in Alchornea sidaefolia Baill. (Euphorbiaceae), Faramea occidentalis A. rich. (Rubiaceae), Zanthoxylum fagara (L.) Sarg. Zanthoxylum spinifex D. C., and Zanthoxylum sp. (Rutaceae); see Clark (1990a) to separate species

Anthonomorphus: subgenus with 4 species, with distribution more towards the United States of America; except, A. texanus which has been recorded in Mexico and some islands of the Antilles (O'Brien and Wibmer, 1982). Species associated with Malvaceae; see Burke (1964) to separate species,

Cnemocyllus: subgenus with 23 species, separated into five groups: A. jacobinus with five species, A. decipiens, A. pictus, A. stolatus with three species each group and A. inermis with nine species. Some of them are associated with Asteraceae (Burke 1968, Ahmad and Burke 1972); see Clark and Burke (2005) to separate species.

Anthonomus: the most diverse and complex subgenus with more than 418 described species, grouped into 53 species groups; 46 groups were taxonomically reviewed by Horace R. Burke and Wayne E. Clark from 1964 to 2019; therefore, 354 spp. are found in one of these groups. More than 50 species are distributed in the Palearctic or Afrotropical regions; species were not taken into this study. Additionally, it is anticipated that around 60 species are not included in any of the groups that were reviewed.

Special attention is required for the following species groups *A. furcatus* and *A. fischeri*; *A. rubiginosus*, *A. partiarius* and *A. ourateae*; *A. albolineatus* and *A. formosus* in Solanaceae group (Table 1).

No.	Name of the group	Spp.	No.	Name of the group	Spp.
1	A. aeneolus	2	8	A. morbosus	2
2	A. aereus	4	9	A. morpheus	1
3	A. cyanicolor	3	10	A. orichalceus	5
4	A. eugenii	5	11	A. tenebrosus	9
5	A. formosus	6	12	A. soporatus	6
6	A. humerosus	3	13	A. varipes	2
7	A. mexicanus	3			

Table 1. Groups of species associated with members of the Solanaceae family; see Clark and Burke (1996) to separate the species.

On the other hand, it is worth noting that there exist certain species that do not belong to any specific taxonomic group, yet exhibit superficial similarities to species within recognized groups. For instance, *A. sallei* Burke, a species that is very similar in appearance to the *A. guttatus* species group; However, it differs from *A. guttatus* since it has a larger body; profemur more robust; and the head constricted at the junction with the eyes (Burke 1979).

KEY TO SEPARATE SPECIES GROUPS OF THE SUBGENUS ANTHONOMUS OF THE NEW WORLD

- Body elongated-oval; elytra with subparallel sides; without post-scutellar or dia-

gonal scale patches, small species 1.5 to 2.5 mm (Fig. 11)	les forming a spindle-shaped line (Fig. 15)
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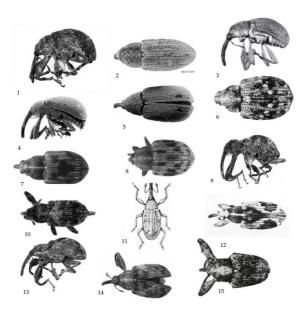
face with scales denser and paler than the
dorsal ones; elytra in the middle region
with unintelligible patch of dark sca-
les; narrow and straight metatibia (Fig.
21)
- Body oval and convex; surface with va-
riable scales15
15. Scutellum with adjacent dark scales;
elytra with conspicuous prominences;
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profemur with a large, sharp tooth with
a "V" -shaped depression (Figs. 22 and
70)
- Scutellum without adjacent scales; if
prominences are present, they are not
conspicuous; profemur uni-or bidenta-
te16
16. Elytra on post-lateral margin with a
patch of dark setae; protibia with or wi-
thout a long spine on ventral margin;
profemur bi- or tri-dentate (Figs. 24 and
71)
- Elytra without patches of dark scales on
the post-lateral margin; scales with diffe-
rent arrangement, oblique or in small or
large patches on the elytral disc; protibia
without spine on the inner margin17
17. Base of interstriation 2 slightly eleva-
ted; moderately thin face; convex eyes;
male with abdominal sternite 5 depres-
sed at the mid-apical margin and with a
mid-posterior prominence; elytra with
the scales directed to the midline of the
interstria (Figs. 25-26)
- Elytral interval 3 with light or high ele-
vation; pronotum with dense and coarse
punctures18
18. Elytra with black scales formed obli-
que lines or patches, on the base, disc or
side; dorsal margin of carinate scrobe;
profemur slightly robust; rostrum thin;
metatibia with a small and sharp tooth
(Figs.7-8)

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- Elytra if with dark scales they do not
form large patches or well-marked obli-
que lines; rostrum tri-carinated; metati-
bia with mucro that extends parallel to
the tibia, directed towards the tarsi; pro-
femur robust (Fig. 27)
19. Lobe postocular well-developed;
prosternum depressed in front of the
procoxae; mesocoxas widely separated;
postscultellar area with dense setae (Figs.
28-29)A. alboscutellatus
- Anterolateral margin straight; proster-
no without depression; mesocoxae nar-
row20
20. Rostrum with a groove above the
scrobe; black, smooth and shiny body;
ventral region with scattered setae; eyes
convex (Figs. 30-31)A. puncticeps
- Rostrum without groove above the
scrobe; if shallow groove, then punctu-
res in the groove and body with scattered
narrow dense setae, denser in the ventral
region21
21. Body oblong; eyes large and convex;
pronotum with a narrow line of setae
along the middle, the pleural region and
posterior margin; profemur 1.4 to 1.9x
more robust than the metafemur (Fig.
32)
- Body variable, covered with scales or
narrow setae, scattered or confined in pa-
tches on both the prothorax and the ely-
tra22
22.Profemurbidentate23
- Profemur unidentate31
23. Body with dense, elongated and long
scales24
- Body with narrow and short setae or
pubescence25
24. Integument completely covered by
scales, denser on the ventral surface; pro-
and mesotibia with a prominence on the

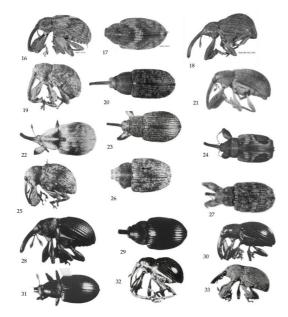
ventral margin; uncus robust, large and acute, and with a preapical tooth (Figs. 33 and 67	- Elytra with small patches of pale and reddish scales on the intervals, some patches larger than others (Fig. 41)
ightly tricarinate; pronotum with den-	

the head, rostrum slightly trimarinated;
tergite 7 with a middle canal, species as-
sociated with Solanaceae (Figs. 53-60;
Table 1)Solanaceae Groups
- Body with variable integument; dense
scales or not36
36. Body with narrow, short, whitish se-
tae that do not completely cover the inte-
gument37
- Body with dense or not dense scales,
elongated and sharp or wide and rou-
nded, black, reddish or grayish sca-
les38
37. Integument yellowish or reddish,
setae distributed evenly; sternites sube-
qual in length; rostrum slightly curved
almost straight; profemur tooth small or
absent tarsal tooth small or absent (Fig.
47)
- Integument reddish or black; setae
evenly distributed, may be grouped in
small patches on elytra; ventral seg-
ments 2-5 decrease; rostrum curved;
profemur tooth median in lenght (Fig.
49)
38. Body with wide scales interspersed
with some elongated ones, whether or
not they completely cover the integu-
ment, denser on the ventrolateral surface;
rostrum long, curved; eyes small and sli-
ghtly convex (Figs. 61-64)
- Body with elongated and uniform
scales; eyes moderately large and con-
vex39
39. Rostrum, robust, short and curved;
pygidium with an apico-dorsal depres-
sion; elytra in the middle region with a
patch of black scales, if depression and
patch absent then eyes large and convex
(Figs. 51-52)
- Rostrum elongated, long and curved,

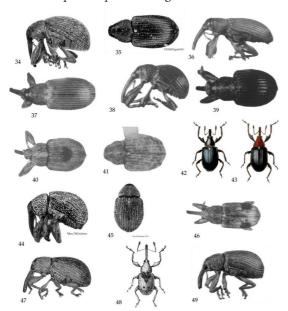


Figures 1-10. Representative sample of *Anthonomus* that occurs in the New World: 1-5 specimens of four subgenera, lateral and dorsal view: 1. *Anthonomocyllyus*, 2. *Cnemocyllus*, 3. *Anthomorphus*, 4-5. *Anthonomorphus*. 6-15: members of subgenus *Anthonomus* on lateral and dorsal view: 6. *A. guttatus*, 7-8. *A. calvescens* 9-10. *A. A. albolineatus*, 11. *apionoides*,12. *A. ornatus*, 13-14. *A. venustus*, 15. *A. cavei*

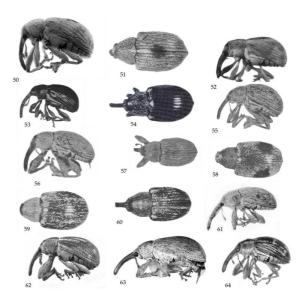
longer than the pronotum; head on dor-



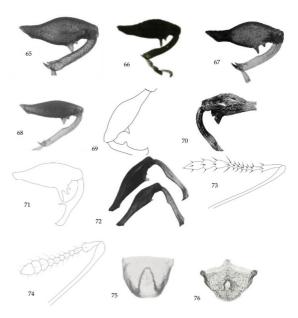
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SYNOPSIS OF THE SPECIES GROUPS OF THE SUBGENUS ANTHONOMUS

A. alboannulatus: 2 species, group with wide distribution in the New World and the Antilles, associated with Combretaceae, Myrtaceae and Rhizopharaceae; see Clark (1991a) to separate species.

A. albocivitensis: 6 species, group with known distribution in Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru; Its host is unknown, see Clark (1993a) to separate species.

A. alboescutellatus: 2 species, A. alboescutellatus Champion associated with Stigmaphyllon lindenianum A. Jus., group with known distribution in Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and A. acerolae Clark associated with Malpigia glabra L. distributed in Brazil; see Clark (1988a) to separate species.

A. albolineatus: 26 species, one of the most diverse groups in the subgenus Anthonomus, and to facilitate identification they are divided into subgroups, which are: nigripictus, postscutellatus, inopseptus, libertinus, albolineatus; thus, see Clark (1987b) to separate species.

A. calvescens: 8 species; of which, only A. agresti has its host plant known (Banisteriopsis malifolia (Nees & Mart) Gates and Stigmaphyllon lalandianum A. Juss (Malpighiaceae)); the known geographical distribution of the species is: A. agresi (Brazil); A. challtonni (Guatemala, Mexico); A. lomonga (Mexico, Venezuela); A. amari (Mexico); A. oenuatti (Argentina, Brazil); see Clark (1990b) to separate species.

A. cavei: 3 species; group associated with Malpighiaceae, with distribution record: A. cavei (Salvador, Honduras, Mexico and Panama), A. ironia (Colombia) and A. praetextum (Brazil); see Clark and Burke (1993) to separate species.

A. curvirostris: 17 species. Some are associated with Euphorbiaceae, Myrsinaceae, Myrtaceae, Rutiaceae and Solanaceae. These are widely distributed from Florida (USA) and islands in the Caribbean Sea to Brazil. Some species in the group superficially resemble A. signatus (strawberry weevil) and A. musculus (blueberry weevil); see Clark (1991b) to separate species.

A. dogma: 4 species; some superficially resemble members of the A. albolineatus group. Group with known distribution in Brazil, Colombia, Panama and Venezuela. The host plant is unknown; see Clark (1994a) to separate species.

A. fischeri: 14 species; three of them are associated with Malpighiaceae, for most the host plant is unknown. Some species superficially resemble A. flavirostris. Most species with distribution in Central and South America; see Clark (1990c) to separate species.

A. flavirostris: 11 species; most without a record of host plant, some associated with Malpighiaceae. The group is distributed in Mexico, some islands in the Caribbean Sea to Argentina. Some species resemble members of A. fischeri, A. furcatus, A. venustus and species of the subgenus Anthomorphus; see Clark (1990d) to separate species.

A. furcatus: 12 species; some associated with Malpighiaceae; most of them with distribution more to the Neotropical region from Mexico to Argentina. Some species superficially resemble A. venustus and A. unipustulatus group members, as well as Anthomorphus subgenus species; see Clark (1988b, 1994a) to separate species.

A. gibbicrus: 2 species; they are found in Mexico, are associated with the Gleicheniaceae family, and are found in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela. In addition, they superficially resemble members of the A. marmoratus, A. partiarius, and A. rubiginosus groups; see Clark (1994b) to separate species.

A. grandis: 5 species; all of them develop in flower buds and occasionally in fruits of Malvaceae tribe Gossypiae, some populations of A. grandis have been observed in Hibiscus pernambucensis. They superficially resemble species belonging to the subgenus Anthonomorphus; see Jones and Burke (1997) to separate species.

A. gularis: 10 species; some of them associated with Fabaceae, the majority are distributed in the Neotropical region; see Clark and Burke (1986) to separate species.

A. guttatus: 4 species with distribution more towards the Neotropical region, two of them associated with Flacourtiaceae and Rubiaceae; some species superficially resemble members of the A. triensis and A. alboannulatus groups; see Clark (1991c) to separate species.

A. juniperinus: 3 species, all associated with plants of the genus Juniperus (Cupressaceae), with distribution more towards the Nearctic region, possibly they can be confused with A. phoradendrae Anderson; see Clark and Burke (2010) to separate species.

A. marmoratus: 8 species, some species associated with Fabaceae; Likewise, some species can be confused with species of the A. rubiginosus group. Group of species widely distributed in the Neotropical region, from Mexico to Brazil; see Clark (1992a) to separate species.

A. monostigma: 7 species, some of them associated with Melastomataceae, distributed from Mexico to Brazil. Some species can be confused with members of the groups A. unipustulatus, A. venustus, A. rubiginosus and A. partiarius; see Clark (1993b) to separate species.

A. nebulosus: 3 species, all of them associated with Rosaceae, distributed more towards the Nearctic region, the species resemble the European ones: A. pomorum, A. piri and A. pedicularius; see Burke (1988) to separate spe-

cies.

A. ocularis: 17 species, five associated with Euphorbiaceae; group with wide distribution in the Neotropical region; some species resemble members of the group A. furcatus and subgenus Anthomorphus; see Clark (1993c) to separate species.

A. ourateae: 2 species, Brazilian species that develop in flower buds of Ourateae (Ochnaceae); a group of species related to A. rubiginosus; see Clark (1993d) to separate species.

A. ornatus: 7 species, monophyletic group, associated with *Berberis* (Berberidaceae) and with distribution restricted to Chile and Argentina; see Clark and Burke (1989) to separate species.

A. partiarius: 14 species, the host plant is only known for two species (Melastomataceae); The group is distributed in South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela). Some species resemble members of the A. rubiginosus and A. marmoratus groups; see Clark (1992b, 1993a) to separate species.

A. planipennis: 1, Brazilian species, host plant unknown. Species related to members of the A. rubiginosus and A. ourateae groups; see Clark (1993a) to separate species.

A. puncticeps: 6 species, associated with Malpighiaceae; group with Neotropical distribution from Mexico to Argentina; Brazil, with the largest number of species. Some species are similar to members of the A. alboscutellatus group; see Clark (1989) to separate species.

A. rubiginosus: 15 species; some associated with Fabaceae flower buds; group with Neotropical distribution, from Mexico to Brazil; some species are similar to members of the A. partiarius group; see Clark (1991d, 1993d) to separate species.

A. triensis: 5 species; the group is distributed in Honduras, Mexico, Jamaica, Venezuela, Florida and the Dominican Republic, some

species are associated with *Eugenia* (Myrtaceae) and are superficially similar to members of the *A. alboannulatus* group; see Clark (1991a) to separate species.

A. salvini: 3 species; two of them associated with Tiliaceae, which are distributed in Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela; some species could be confused with members of the *A. marmoratus* group; see Clark (1996) to separate species.

A. squamosus: 32 species in North America, species for the Neotropical region are unknown; group associated with Asteraceae and Malvaceae; see Clark *et al.* (2019) to separate species.

A. suturalis: 11 species; the group requires taxonomic revision, since some species could be confused with members of the A. squamosus group; see Dietz (1891) to separate species.

A. unipustulatus: 6 species; three of them associated with Malpighyaceae; group with distribution from the southeast of Texas (USA), islands of the Caribbean Sea to Venezuela. see Clark (1987b) to separate species.

A. venustus: 21. Most associated with Malpighyaceae; the group is distributed from Florida, Texas, Arizona (USA) to Brazil, and some islands in the Caribbean Sea; see Clark and Burke (1985) to separate species.

A. apionoides: 4 species, described by Champion (1903), which require taxonomic revision; group with distribution in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama; see Champion (1903: 194) to separate species.

A. pusillus: 2 species: Dietz (1891) established them in the subgenus Anthonomocyllus. However, Clark (1990) excluded them from that subgenus and synonymous with A. hamiltoni. The species can be separated in Blatchley and Leng (1916:288)

A. quadrigibbus: 3 species, associated with Rosaceae and Cornaceae: A. quadrigibbus and A. consors with Nearctic distribution and A. plaumanni are only known from Brazil; see Burke and Anderson (1989) to separate species.

A. fulvipes: 6 species, little is known about the members of this group. The species are distributed in Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama; see Champion (1903: 190; 1910:188) to separate species.

A. ruficollis: 2 species, little is known about the members of this group, they are distributed in Mexico and Panama; see Champion (1903:171) to separate the species.

A. stupulosus: 2 species, little is known about the members of this group, they are distributed in Guatemala and Mexico; see Champion (1903:188) to separate species.

A. triangulifer: 3 species, little is known about the members of this group, distributed in Guatemala and Panama; see Champion (1903:188) to separate species.

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