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Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae

Dryocoetes himalayensis Strohmeier, 1908. Moravia mer., Pavlov-Dívčí Hradý (7166), 4.viii.2009, Dan Čagánek leg., 1 spec. (presumably male), collected by sweeping shrub vegetation, M. Knízek det. and coll. This species was originally described from Kashmir (Strohmeier 1908). Before its arrival in Europe, it was known only from the Himalayan region (India: Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh) (Wood & Bright 1992). Specimens of *D. himalayensis* collected in France in 1975 and Switzerland in 1980, and in both countries in subsequent years, were determined by M. Knízek in the 1990s. These records appear to represent the first detection of the species in Europe. It has been proposed as an introduced and established species in Europe (Knízek 2004, Kirkendall & Faccoli 2010). *D. himalayensis* breeds in *Juglans regia* (Juglandaceae) and *Pyrus lanata* (Rosaceae) (Wood & Bright 1992) in its place of origin. It was always collected in or near to oak stands in its European localities (C. Besuchet and D. Čagánek, pers. comm.). New species for the Czech Republic.

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