

Anabothrus L. Mistsh. as a synonym of *Stenobothrus* L. Fisch. (Orthoptera: Acrididae)

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Anabothrus is a junior synonym of the nominotypical subgenus of *Stenobothrus*. The single character on which *Anabothrus* was based is found in some females of three various species of *Stenobothrus* s. str.

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Mistshenko (1951) examined two females from Krasnodar Prov. and established for them a new genus *Anabothrus* L. Mistsh., with the only species *A. monticola* L. Mistsh., based on a single character: the absence of fastigium foveolae. He thought that representatives of the nearest genus *Stenobothrus* L. Fisch., 1853 always have developed fastigium foveolae. Harz (1975) considered this character as insufficient for description of a separate genus, and he gave to *Anabothrus* the status of a subgenus of *Stenobothrus* without investigation of the type material. Woznessenskij (1998) gave to the species a new name *S. mistshenkoi* as the name *S. monticola* was preoccupied. Examination of the collection of the Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg, including the type series of *A. monticola*, shows that some females of *S. lineatus* (Panz.), *S. nigromaculatus* (H.-Sch.), and *S. crassipes* (Charp.) have no foveolae of fastigium of vertex. Accordingly, *Anabothrus* is considered a junior synonym of the subgenus *Stenobothrus* (type species *S. lineatus*) which includes all the above-mentioned species (**new synonymy**). *S. mistshenkoi* is very similar to and maybe syn-

onymous with *S. crassipes*; the females of both species are almost identical, but it is necessary to examine the hitherto unknown males of *S. mistshenkoi*. The known distribution of the two forms is disjunct: *S. crassipes* is known from Central Europe eastwards to the Ciscarpathian Ukraine and Greece and not recorded from NW Caucasus.

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