

A. turneri as valid species, and transferred *A. papuanus* and *A. similis* to synonymy with *A. orientalis*. We examined 3 syntype workers of *Aenictus ceylonicus* and compared them with 6 syntype workers of *A. ceylonicus* var. *latro* and non-type specimens of *A. ceylonicus* var. *formosensis* (specimens from Taiwan). We have reached the conclusion that *A. formosensis* should be treated as a valid species (see under *A. formosensis*) while *A. latro* is retained as a junior synonym of *A. ceylonicus*. So far *A. ceylonicus* is probably restricted to the western part of the Oriental region, i.e., India and Sri Lanka. *Aenictus ceylonicus* is separated from the other species of the group by the mandible having only 3 teeth including apical tooth and the postpetiole being short and clearly shorter than high (mandible with more than 3 teeth except in *A. watanasiti* and postpetiole almost as long as high or longer in the others).

The *A. ceylonicus* group occurs in the Oriental, Indo-Australian and Australasian regions (Wilson 1964; Shattuck 2008; Jaitrong and Yamane 2011). In the present paper, 23 worker-based species of the group are recognized from Southeast Asia. Among them 13 species are found in Indo-China (continental Southeast Asia), 3 in the Malay Peninsula, 2 in Sumatra, 3 in Borneo, 2 in Java, 1 in Bali, 1 in the Philippines and 3 in Wallacea (Table 1). Examining the distribution of individual species of this group

Table 1. The *Aenictus ceylonicus* species group in Southeast Asia. Indo-China (IDC), Malay Peninsula (MP), Sumatra (SU), Borneo (BOR), Java (JV), Bali (BL), Philippines (PH), Wallacea (WLC: Sulawesi and Lombok).

Species	IDC	MP	SU	BOR	JV	BL	PH	WLC
1. <i>Aenictus appressipilosus</i> sp. n.				•				
2. <i>Aenictus baliensis</i> sp. n.						•		
3. <i>Aenictus brevipedus</i> sp. n.	•							
4. <i>Aenictus concavus</i> sp. n.	•							
5. <i>Aenictus cylindripetiolus</i> sp. n.		•						
6. <i>Aenictus eguchii</i> sp. n.	•							
7. <i>Aenictus formosensis</i> Forel, stat. n.	•							
8. <i>Aenictus fuchuanensis</i> Zhou	•	•						
9. <i>Aenictus jawadwipa</i> sp. n.				•	•			
10. <i>Aenictus goniocippus</i> sp. n.								•
11. <i>Aenictus khaoyaiensis</i> sp. n.	•							
12. <i>Aenictus lifuiae</i>	•							
13. <i>Aenictus longicephalus</i> sp. n.								•
14. <i>Aenictus maneerati</i> sp. n.	•							
15. <i>Aenictus minipetiolus</i> sp. n.								•
16. <i>Aenictus pilosus</i> sp. n.							•	
17. <i>Aenictus pinkaewi</i> sp. n.	•							
18. <i>Aenictus itoi</i> sp. n.			•					
19. <i>Aenictus sundalandensis</i> sp. n.			•	•	•			
20. <i>Aenictus thailandianus</i> Terayama & Kubota	•							
21. <i>Aenictus watanasiti</i> sp. n.	•							
22. <i>Aenictus wilaiiae</i> sp. n.	•	•						
23. <i>Aenictus wiwatwitayai</i> sp. n.	•							
Total	13	3	2	3	2	1	1	3