

A New Record of *Eusilpha bicolor imasakai* (Coleoptera,
Silphidae) from Kwantô, Central Japan

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Three species and three subspecies of the genus *Eusilpha* have hitherto been recorded from Japan (HISAMATSU, 1989), and two of them, *E. japonica* (MOTSHULSKY, 1860) and *E. brunnicollis* (KRAATZ, 1877) have been known from Kwantô District. Recently I was able to collect *E. bicolor imasakai* M. NISHIKAWA, 1986 in the western suburbs of Tokyo. In this short paper, I am going to record this species for the first time from Kwantô District.

Specimen examined. 1♀, by pit fall trap, Inokashira Park, N35°42' / E139°39', Inokashira 4-chôme, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo Pref., 23~26-VI-2007, S. YAMAMOTO leg. (in my coll.).

Distribution. Japan (Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, Tsushima Isls.).

Notes. *Eusilpha bicolor imasakai* M. NISHIKAWA, 1986 can be distinguished from *E. brunnicollis* (KRAATZ, 1877) by lacking dark median portion of pronotum. According to personal communication with Dr. Shûhei NOMURA, however, *E. bicolor imasakai* is so similar to *E. brunnicollis* that it may be included in the range of individual variation of the latter species. Since there is no paper definitely proposing their synonymy, I prefer to record this specimen as *E. bicolor imasakai* for the time being.

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