

An Unrecorded *Philonthus* (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) from Japan

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Through the kindness of Dr. I. FUJIYAMA, I obtained a series of specimens of an interesting species belonging to the genus *Philonthus*. At my request, Dr. A. SMETANA studied and determined it as *P. variipennis* KRAATZ, which had originally been described from Ceylon and India. It has not been reported from Japan until now. The collecting data of these specimens are as given below.

Philonthus variipennis KRAATZ

Philonthus variipennis KRAATZ, 1859, Arch. Naturg., 25: 85.

Other references are omitted.

Specimens examined. 12 ♂♂, 9 ♀♀, Sohmachi, Kikai-jima Is., Kagoshima Pref., Japan, 23–VIII–1960, I. FUJIYAMA leg.; 1 ♀, Yuwan, Amami-ohshima Is., Kagoshima Pref., Japan, 22–VIII–1960, I. FUJIYAMA leg.

Distribution. Japan (Kikai-jima Is., Amami-ohshima Is.); Oriental Region.

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