

Occurrence of *Trechodes leclerci* (Coleoptera, Trechinae) in Northwest Thailand

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Trechodes leclerci DEUVE (1987, p. 145, figs. 3–4) is an isolated species, characterized above all by remarkably long basal lobe of the prothorax. It was described on a pair of the specimens collected by Ph. LECLERC in Tam Pung Chang at Phangonga in Southwest Thailand.

Late in the spring of 1989, Mr. Minoru TAO took a specimen of a *Trechodes* on Mt. Doi Suthep west of Chiang Mai in Northwest Thailand, and kindly submitted it to me for taxonomic study. It was unfortunately a female, but accorded in every detail with DEUVE's description and illustration of *T. leclerci*. This was most unexpected, since Mt. Doi Suthep is not only distant for more than 700 km from the type locality of the species but is one of the best known collecting places for insects in whole Thailand. All the entomologists who are interested in Thai insects visit the mountain at least once, and I myself am no exception to this. And yet, none of them have ever come across this species up to the present. Anyway, it now becomes apparent that *T. leclerci* is widely distributed on the mountains along the western borders of Thailand.

TAO's specimen is said to have come flying to a light trap set near a stream on the eastern slope of the mountain. Recognizing that it could be a *Trechodes*, he made every effort to collect additional specimens along the stream, but without success. The collecting data of the single specimen taken are as follows:

1 ♀, Mt. Doi Suthep, ca. 800 m alt. on E slope, Changwat Chiang Mai, NW Thailand, 27-V-1989, M. TAO leg. (NSMT).

Reference

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