

New Synonym of *Leptepania minuta* (Coleoptera,
Cerambycinae), with Collecting Data of
the Taiwanese Species

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Eleven species of molorchine cerambycids of the genus *Leptepania* have so far been known from Asia. They are always allopatric with the only exception of the two recorded from Taiwan, i. e. *L. minuta* GRESSITT and *L. kukuanana* CHANG. This is very strange in view of the usual dispersal and speciation of *Leptepania*. In November of 1987, I had an opportunity to examine the type series of CHANG's species. My comparative study has revealed that *L. kukuanana* falls in the range of individual variation of *L. minuta*, no difference in the structure and coloration, especially in the maculation of elytra, having been detected. In this short communication, I will propose the synonymy of the above two *Leptepania*, and also will record recent collecting data of the Taiwanese species of the genus.

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Leptepania minuta GRESSITT

Leptepania minuta GRESSITT, 1935, Philip. J. Sci., **58**, p. 265; type locality: Hassenzan, alt. 1,200 m; 1951, Longicornia, **2**, p. 169.

Leptepania kukuanana CHANG, 1978, J. Agr. For., Taiwan, **27**, p. 61, fig. 2; type locality: Ku-kuan, Taichung Hsien. **Syn. nov.**

Specimens examined. 2 males (holotype and paratype of *L. kukuanana*), Ku-kuan, Taichung Hsien, the pupae collected on 6-V-1978, emerged on 12~14-VI-1978, S-T. CHANG leg.; 1 male, Tinghsinfa, Liukuei County, Kaohsiung Hsien, 17-III-1978, T. NIISATO leg.; 1 female, Chinfeng, Taitun Hsien, 13-III-1980, S. TSUCHIYA leg.; 1 male, Taitung City, Taitung Hsien, 16-IV-1980, H. FUJITA leg.; 1 female, Shengping, Liukei County, 20-V-1980, A. NISHIYAMA leg.

Leptepania sakaii HAYASHI

Leptepania longicollis: KANO, 1939, Annot. zool. japon., **18**, p. 30, pl. 2, fig. 2; new locality: Botel Tobago (=Lanyu Island). — GRESSITT, 1951, Longicornia, **2**, p. 169.

Leptepania sakaii HAYASHI, 1974, Bull. Osaka Jonan Women's Jr. Coll., **9**, p. 23; type locality: Lanyu Island, off SE coast of Taiwan.

Specimens examined. 1 male and 1 female, Lanyu Island, Taitung Hsien, 23-III-1976, M. ITO leg.; 1 female, Ryouren, Lanyu Island, 3-III-1980, S. TSUCHIYA leg.