

Two New Records of *Philonthus* (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) from Taiwan

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Eleven species of the staphylinid genus *Philonthus* have hitherto been known from Taiwan. In the present short paper, I am going to report two unrecorded species of this genus from that island.

1. *Philonthus* (*Philonthus*) *spinipes* SHARP

Philonthus spinipes SHARP, 1874, Trans. ent. Soc. Lond., 1874: 39 (Japan).

Specimens examined. 1 ♂, Shuangchi, Taipei Hsien, 11-V-1976, K. MATSUKI leg.; 1 ♂, near Shihting, Taipei Hsien, 30-IV-1978, J. C. LIEN leg.

Distribution. Japan, Taiwan, Korea, China, East Asia, Europe.

2. *Philonthus* (*Onychophilonthus*) *merops* SMETANA

Philonthus (Onychophilonthus) merops SMETANA, 1963, Acta ent. Mus. natn. Pragae, 35: 407 (Mongolia).

Specimens examined. 1 ♂, Sungchuankang, 2,400 m alt., Nantou Hsien, 3-VIII-1983; 2 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, same locality, 27-III-1986; 3 ♀♀, near Piluchi, 2,300 m alt., Nantou Hsien, 3-VIII-1983; 1 ♂, 2 ♀♀, near Tsuifeng, 2,200 m alt., Nantou Hsien, 22-VIII-1976; 6 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, Alishan, 2,300 m alt., Chiai Hsien, 7-VIII-1970; 2 ♂♂, 5 ♀♀, same locality, 7-VIII-1971; 2 ♂♂, 1 ♀, same locality, 1-VIII-1973; 5 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀, same locality, 7~8-VIII-1974; 8 ♂♂, 5 ♀♀, same locality, 5-VIII-1977. All the specimens were collected by Y. SHIBATA.

Distribution. Taiwan, Mongolia, Nepal, Cachemire.

This species can be easily distinguished from the other species of this subgenus by its almost reddish yellow frontal and middle coxae, presence of five discoidal punctures on the pronotum, and of about ten black tubercles along the lateral margins of the apical part on the underside of paramere of its male genitalia.

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