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New Records of Staphylinid Beetles (Coleoptera) from Kume-jima Island, the Ryukyus

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Only two species of staphylinid beetles, *Paederus fuscipes* (CURTIS) and *Phucobius densipennis* BERNHAUER, have hitherto been recorded from Kume-jima Island, the Ryukyus.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Hitoo ÔHIRA, Okazaki, some staphylinid beetles obtained on Kume-jima Island were offered to me. They contain four species, all of which are new to the fauna of this island, as recorded below. All the specimens were collected by Dr. H. ÔHIRA himself on May 1–3, 1996. I thank Dr. H. ÔHIRA for his kindness in giving me the specimens.

- 1. Philonthus amicus SHARP, 2 99.
- 2. Philonthus lewisius SHARP, 1 \, 2.
- 3. Philonthus rectangulus SHARP, 6 & &.
- 4. Zyras optatus Sharp, 1 ♀.

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