

An Exact Record of *Callidium violaceum* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) from Honshu, Japan

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Callidium (*Callidium*) *violaceum* (LINNAEUS) is a cerambycine longicorn beetle widely distributed in the Palearctic Region including Hokkaido in northern Japan. It was recorded by MITSUHASHI (1906) from Hokkaido and Hyôgo Prefecture in western Honshu under the correct Latin name, though the Japanese name associated with it was “Kurohirata-kamikiri”, not “Rurihirata-kamikiri” currently used for *C. violaceum*. Anyway, this was the first record of the species from Honshu, and inclusion of Honshu in the distributional range of *C. violaceum* was followed, for example, by MATSUMURA (1908, 1931) and MITONO (1940), in spite of the fact that no additional specimens were collected after MITSUHASHI’s record.

Recently, I was able to obtain a male specimen of this species in Yamanashi Prefecture of central Honshu. It was found on a log of a coniferous tree piled up with logs of some other kind of trees in a place about 700 m removed from the centre of Narusawa Village at the northern foot of Mt. Fuji-san. This is the first exact record of *Callidium violaceum* from Honshu. Although there is a possibility that these logs were brought in from somewhere else for building log houses and gave rise to the specimen in question, it seems still worth recording its occurrence on Mt. Fuji-san.

Collecting data of the specimen examined. 1 ♂, Narusawa, 980 m alt., Narusawa-mura, Yamanashi Pref., Central Japan, 31-V-1998, A. SAITO leg. (CBM-ZI 76766, preserved in the collection of the Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba).

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