

A New Record of *Paragonotrechus laticollis* (Coleoptera, Trechinae)

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Paragonotrechus laticollis S. UÉNO et YU (1997, p. 29, figs. 4–6) is a fully winged microphthalmic trechine beetle, originally described from Hefeng in Hubei, Central China. It was later found to spread widely on the mountains surrounding the Sichuan Basin, though always scarce or difficult to obtain. It usually dwells in the upper hypogean zone, but comes out to the surface and takes wing in the breeding season.

Recently, I received from Aleš SMETANA a specimen of *Paragonotrechus* collected on Mt. Gongga Shan in western Sichuan, as an addition to the trechine fauna of the mountain enumerated in my previous paper (UÉNO, 1998). This example (6.10 mm in the length of body) is slightly different from the hitherto known specimens of *P. laticollis* in the shape of the pronotum, which is widest at three-fifths from the base and has more widely arcuate sides and wider base, but can safely be identified with that species. The standard ratios of its fore body are as follows: PW/HW 1.36, PW/PL 1.30, PW/PA 1.61, PW/PB 1.21, PB/PA 1.33. Anyway, Mt. Gongga Shan is the westernmost known locality of *Paragonotrechus*, about 160 km distant to the south-southwest from Baiyu Shan on the Qionglai Shan Mountains, which is the westernmost locality of the species previously known.

Specimen examined. 1 ♀, “CHINA: Sichuan Gongga / Shan, Hailuogou, for. / above Camp 2, 2800 m / 29°35 N 102°00 E, 5. VII. / 1998, A. Smetana [C75] // 1998 China Expedition / J. Farkač, D. Král, / J. Schneider / A. Smetana”. Preserved in the SMETANA collection, Ottawa.

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