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Oedemerid Beetles Collected in Connection with the International Kuril Islands Project 1995

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Oedemerid beetles in the Kuril Islands have been recorded only from Shikotan, Kunashir, Iturup and Urup Islands (KUWAYAMA, 1967; NIKITSKY, 1996). In 1995 two specimens of the family were collected from Kunashir and Urup Islands by the members of the International Kuril Islands Project (IKIP). Through the courtesy of Dr. Masahiro ÔHARA of Hokkaido University, one of the members of the IKIP, I have had the opportunity to examine the specimens preserved in the collection of the Otaru Museum, Hokkaido. The two specimens represent *Ditylus laevis laevis* (FABRICIUS) and *Nacerdes (Xanthochroa) atriceps* (LEWIS). Both the species are common in Hokkaido, and the latter is new to Urup Island. The collecting data are as given below.

Ditylus laevis laevis (FABRICIUS, 1787)

[Japanese name: Miyama-kamikirimodoki]

Specimen examined. Kunashir Is. [KU-95-PO-128]: 1 &, 44°00.10'N, 145°46.00'E, environs of Kislyi hot springs, near merge point for Lesnaya and Kislyi rivers, in small side channels of river, riparian vegetation of conifers, birches, willows, and grasses, alt. 40 m, 2-IX-1995, aerial net, beating sheet, D. E. HOEKSTRA, P. OBERG and N. MINAKAWA leg.

Distribution. Japan (Hokkaido, Honshû, Tsushima Is.), Korea, China, Russian Far East (Shikotan Is., Kunashir Is., Sakhalin), northern Europe (Finland, Baltic republics, northern Russia), throughout Siberia to Ussuri region.

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Nacerdes (Xanthochroa) atriceps (LEWIS, 1895)

[Japanese name: Kikubi-kamikirimodoki]

Specimen examined. Urup Is. [UR-95-PO-017]: 12, 44°00.10′N, 145°46.00′E, island coastal margin of Otkryi bay, shores of Tokotan lake, picked from sandy shore, alt. 5 m, 5-VIII-1995, by hand and foreps, N. MINAKAWA leg.

Distribution. Japan (Hokkaido, Honshû, Shikoku, Kyushu), Korea, Russian Far East (Kunashir Is., Urup Is., Sakhalin). New to Urup Is.

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