

Notes on the Myrmecophilous Rove Beetle, *Ophryomedon marginatus*
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Paederinae)

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When NAOMI (1995) described *Ophryomedon marginatus*, he noted that all the specimens of the species were collected from nests of ants. However, he did not record the species of its host ant. Besides, there has been no report referring to the host ant. In this paper, we will record the host ant and report additional data.

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***Ophryomedon marginatus* NAOMI**

Ophryomedon marginatus NAOMI, 1995, *Jpn. J. syst. Ent.*, **1**: 161. (Type locality: Mt. Konishi-dake, Imari City, Saga Pref.)

Specimens examined. HONSHU: 1 ex., Kasuga, Nara Pref., 20-IV-1985, T. ITO leg.; 1 ex., same locality, 18-X-1985, T. ITO leg.; 1 ex., same locality, 31-V-1987, T. ITO leg.; 3 exs., Tsuki Is., Shimane Pref., 6-V-1988, S. FUKUI leg. (from the nest of ants); 3 exs., Itsukushima, Miyajima, Hiroshima Pref., 28-IV-1988, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 1 ex., same locality, 15-X-1988, I. OKAMOTO leg. (These specimens are deposited in the private collection of the authors.)

Distribution. Japan (Honshu, Kyushu).

Host ant. *Brachyponera chinensis* EMERY, 1895 [Japanese name: Ô-hari-ari].

Notes. According to the private note of Mr. S. FUKUI, the beetle was found from inside the ant nest under the bark of a fallen tree.

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