

Occurrence of *Zoodes japonicus* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) in Northern Vietnam

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Zoodes japonicus HAYASHI has hitherto been known as an endemic cerambycid beetle in Southwest Japan. This species is very famous in the cerambycid fauna of Japan since it is not only exotic and elegant in habitus but also very rare in the field. In the early summer of the last year, a single male specimen of this unique species was found on Mt. Tam Dao of northern Vietnam by a local collector, and was submitted to me for taxonomical identification. Though the specimen examined was almost identical with the Japanese specimens, several differences both in external and genitalic features are recognized between them. It could be described as a new subspecies or a new sibling species of *Z. japonicus*, if some additional specimens are obtained in near future.

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Specimen examined. 1♂, Mt. Tam Dao, Vinh Phu Prov., N. Vietnam, 1~15-VI-1999, local collector leg. (in coll T. ARAI).

Distribution. SW Japan: Ōsumi Peninsula of S. Kyushu and Yakushima Is. of the Ōsumi Isls.; N. Vietnam (new record).

Notes. The Vietnamese male specimen presently examined shows slight geographical variation as compared with nominotypical ones from Southwest Japan: 1) body elongate, particularly on elytra, antennae of almost twice the length of body and legs, 2) pronotum at sides weakly sinuate, and not roundly produced, 3) elytral costae more strongly raised, even near the apical parts, 4) median lobe of male genital organ hardly convex in apical part, with dorsal plate bluntly produced apicad, slightly exposing the apical small part of ventral plate which is simply pointed in profile (not thickened at the extremity), 5) paramere supplementary provided with long apical setae on dorsal surface. Standard ratios of body parts as follows: HW/PA 0.89, HW/PW 0.91, PL/PA 0.73, PL/PW 0.74, PA/PB 1.05, EL/EW 2.87. Body length 20.5 mm.