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A Record of *Wittmercantharis curtata* (Coleoptera, Cantharidae) from Hokkaido, Japan

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Wittmercantharis curtata (KIESENWETTER, 1874) has been collected only in Honshu for a long time since it was described from Osaka, Honshu. Recently, it was recorded for the first time from Shikoku other than Honshu (OKUSHIMA, 1997).

We can record now some specimens of this species from Hokkaido. Their collecting data are as given below. We thank Dr. Shun-Ichi UÉNO (Tokyo) and Mr. Tatsumi MIYATA (Sapporo) for their kind support in preparing the present report.

Wittmercantharis curtata (KIESENWETTER)

Cantharis curtata KIESENWETTER, 1874, Berl. ent. Z., **18**: 273.

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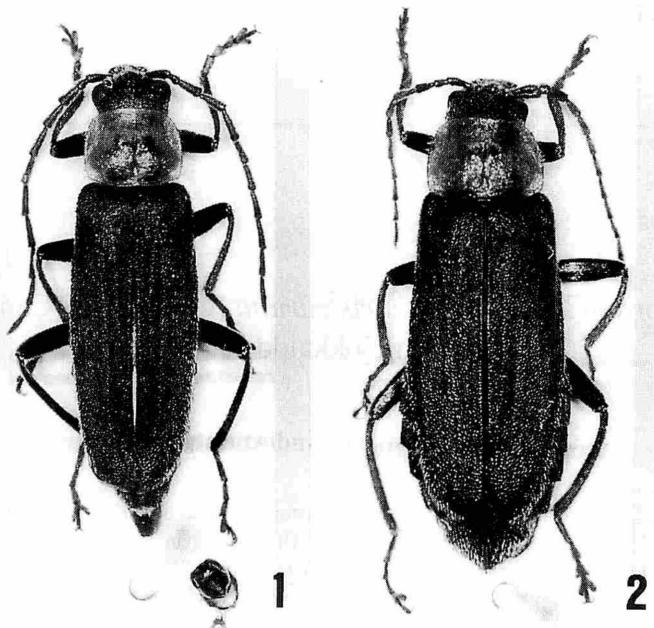
Tokyo, 25: 332.

Specimens examined. Oshima Pen., Hokkaido, Japan: 1♀, Toyono, alt. 5–100 m, Oshamanbe-chô, 11–VI–1999, no collector's name; 1♂, 1♀, Ôshin, alt. 5–100 m, Yakumo-chô, 4–VI–1999, no collector's name; 1♀, Ukishima-kôen, Aichi, Kitahiyama-chô, 8–VI–1991, T. MIYATA leg.; 2♀♀, Ukishima-kôen, Aichi, Kitahiyama-chô, 12–VI–1993, T. MIYATA leg.

Depository of the specimens examined. The specimens recorded here are preserved in the collection of the Kurashiki Museum of Natural History.

Distribution. Japan (Hokkaido – new record, Honshu, Shikoku).

Notes. Most localities recorded above are confined to narrow areas of the Oshima Peninsula, southwestern Hokkaido. Occurrence of this species seems to be limited in the periphery of grasslands with marshes.



Figs. 1–2. *Wittmercantharis curtata* (KIESENWETTER), from Yakumo-chô, Hokkaido; 1, male; 2, female.

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