

New Records of *Eleusis kraatzi* FAUVEL (Staphylinidae, Osoriinae) from the Ogasawara Islands

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NAOMI (1996) revised the Japanese species of the staphylinid tribe Eleusinini and recorded four species of the genus *Eleusis*. However, no record of eleusinines has ever been made from the Ogasawara Islands. Through the courtesy of Dr. Katsura MORIMOTO, Fukuoka and through my own effort, I was able to examine a series of specimens of an *Eleusis* species collected on the oceanic islands. It agrees with *Eleusis kraatzi* FAUVEL, which is new to the fauna of the oceanic islands. It will be recorded below with collecting data.

Eleusis kraatzi FAUVEL, 1878

Isomalus apicipennis KRAATZ, 1859, Arch. Naturg., **25**: 183. [Nec FAIRMAIRE, 1849.]

Eleusis kraatzi FAUVEL, 1878, Anli. Mus. civ. Stor. nat. Genova, **12**: 207.

Specimens examined. [Haha-jima Is.]: 3 exs., Sekimon, 5-VII-1997, T. KISHIMOTO leg.; 1 ex., same locality, 11-III-1999, T. KISHIMOTO leg.; 3 exs., Kôtori-dani, 25-VI-1996, K. MORIMOTO leg. [Chichi-jima Is.] 44 exs., Coffee-yama, 22-VI-1996, K. MORIMOTO leg. [Otôto-jima Is.] 1 ex., Kurobama, 27-IV-1997, T. KISHIMOTO leg.

Distribution. Japan (Okinawa Is., Miyako Is., Ishigaki Is., Iriomote Is., Ogasawara Isls. [new record]), Taiwan, Philippines, Malay Peninsula, Java, Ceylon, Seychelles.

Remarks. I collected this flat staphylinid by beating living *Pandanus* trees with dead leaves. According to Dr. K. MORIMOTO, he collected many individuals from under the barks of a felled banana tree at Coffee-yama on Chichi-jima Island.

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