

とめ、既知の12種について新産地を記録するとともに、そのうちの1種については新たに雌を記載した。また、四川省と陝西省から3新種を記載し、それらに *Quedius haw*, *Q. duh* および *Q. guey* の新名を与えた。

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Cholevine Beetles (Leiodidae) Found in Nest Boxes for Wild Birds at Obihiro, Hokkaido, North Japan

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Many beetles have already been recorded from birds' nests as one of their habitats. HICKS (1959) compiled them as a check-list, of which 25 species are cholevine beetles, and ABUDULAH (1974) enumerated nine genera cited from it: *Catops*, *Nemadus*, *Ptomaphagus*, *Dissochaetus*, *Dreposcia*, *Nargus*, *Prionochoeta* and *Sciodrepa* [sic!]. Recently, PERREAU (1998) reported two *Catops* species from the nests of alcid birds.

Some years ago, the second author investigated the insect fauna of nest boxes for wild

birds as the study of his thesis (HAKURA, 1996, unpublished). Each nest box was set 0.8–3.7 m above the ground in forests in the vicinities of Obihiro, Hokkaido. The following cholevines were found from the boxes used by couples of russet sparrows, Japanese great-tits and red-cheeked mynas. Abbreviations are used in each data for showing condition of nest material in the boxes: A – material examined 10 days after the hatching; B – material newly remade 10 days after the hatching and examined just after the fledging; C – material examined just after the fledging.

Micronemadus pusillimus (KRAATZ, 1877)

1 ex., used by *Sturnia philippensis* (FORSTER) [Japanese name: Ko-mukudori]: A, 23–VI–1993.

1 ex., used by *Passer rutilans rutilans* (TEMMINCK) [Jpn. name: Nyūnai-suzume]: B, 24–VI–1993.

4 exs., used by *Parus major minor* TEMMINCK et SCHLEGEL [Jpn. name: Shijū-kara]: C, 16–VII–1994.

Sciodreporides fumatus (SPENCE, 1815)

1 ex., used by *Parus major minor*: B, 8–VI–1993.

1 ex., used by *Passer rutilans rutilans*: B, 24–VI–1993.

Sciodreporides watsoni watsoni (SPENCE, 1815)

2 exs., used by *Passer rutilans rutilans*: B, 17–VI–1993.

According to HAKURA's observation, *M. pusillimus* was usually found from nest boxes regardless of the quantity of droppings, whereas the two *Sciodreporides* species have a tendency to be found from fouled nest material.

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