

What is *Trechus nobuchii* JEDLIČKA? (Coleoptera, Carabidae)

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Trechus nobuchii was described by JEDLIČKA (1964, p. 1, fig. 1) on two specimens collected by Akira NOBUCHI at "Osaka: Yodagowai [sic]" (= Yodo-gawa; confirmed from the label attached to the paratype). It is evident from its original account that the beetle does not belong to the Trechinae, but to the tribe Tachyini of the Bembidiinae. This view is also supported by the fact that only the *Trechus* species occurring in the Yodo-gawa is *T. ephippiatus* H. W. BATES, which does not accord with JEDLIČKA's illustration of *T. nobuchii*. It is, however, difficult to decide conclusively to which tachyine species *T. nobuchii* should be assigned.

In the early autumn of 1973, I had an opportunity to visit the Entomologické Oddělení of the Národní Muzeum v Praze and to examine JEDLIČKA's collection of carabid beetles. There I found the paratype (♀) of *Trechus nobuchii* JEDLIČKA, which was identical with *Paratachys sericans* (H. W. BATES, 1873). Thus, JEDLIČKA's species became a junior synonym of BATES', though I have not published the synonymy until now mainly because I have been unable to examine the holotype.

In this brief paper, however, I am going to propose it properly in order to make the synonymy available for the prospective "Catalogue of the Order Coleoptera of the Palaearctic Region".

Trechus nobuchii JEDLIČKA, 1964, Annotnes. zool. bot., Bratislava, (3), p. 1, fig. 1 (type locality: "Yodagowai" in Osaka). *Syn. nov.*

= *Tachys sericans* H. W. BATES, 1873, Trans. ent. Soc. London, **1873**, p. 297 (type locality: Nagasaki).

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