

Record of *Platycerus businskyi* (Coleoptera, Lucanidae) from the Dashennongjia Massif in Western Hubei

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Platycerus businskyi is a least known lucanid beetle originally described by IMURA (1996, pp. 42-43, figs. 1, 2) from the Qinling Mountains of southern Shaanxi based on a single female specimen. It was later found to spread on the Dabashan Mountains of northeastern Sichuan (IMURA & TANIKADO, 1998), and the Sichuan population was described as subsp. *bashanicus* on the basis of a long series including the male. Otherwise, however, nothing has been published on this species, so far as I know.

Recently, I received from Jaroslav TURNA a specimen of a *Platycerus* collected on the Dashennongjia massif in western Hubei. This example (10.08 mm in the length of body including mandibles) is slightly different from subsp. *bashanicus* in less strongly polished upper surface of the body, more widely impressed striae between the elytral intervals and a little more coarsely wrinkled central part of the elytra, but could be identified with the Sichuan race. It seems to be sympatric with *P. turnaianus* IMURA on the Dashennongjia Mountains, and is the second representative of the genus in Hubei Province.

Specimen examined. 1♂, "Dashennongjia Mountains/31°05'N/110°03'E/2,500-3,000 m / western Hubei, Central China / 21~24-VI-2001", in coll. Y. IMURA.

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