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## Occurrence of *Devia prospera* (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae) in Japan

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The aleocharine staphylinid beetle *Devia prospera* (ERICHSON, 1839) (tribe Oxypodini) was originally described from Germany and has been known from Europe, Siberia, and North America, i.e., widely recorded from the Holarctic Region. However, this species has not been known in East Asian regions including Japan but is expected to be collected from there. Recently, the second author donated several species of Aleocharinae collected in Hokkaido to the first author, and the collection included a large number of specimens of a species agreeing well with the description of *D. prospera*. The first author sent some specimens of this species to Mr. Volker ASSING, a specialist of the Aleocharinae, for asking comparison with European material of *D. prospera*, and was informed that they are the same species. In the present paper, the authors will record this species from Japan for the first time.

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***Devia prospera* (ERICHSON, 1839)**

*Oxypoda prospera* ERICHSON, 1839, 143.

*Dasyglossa prospera*: KRAATZ, 1856, 131. — LOHSE, 1974, 284.

*Devia prospera*: BLACKWELDER, 1952, 122. — LOHSE, 1985, 294.

*New records.* [Hokkaido]: 2 exs., Ochiai (Sarobetsu-gen'ya), Toyotomi-chô, 11–VII–1991; 2 exs., Onnenai (Teshio-gawa), 1–VI–1997; 67 exs., same locality, 21–VII–1997; 11 exs., Nayoro-ôhashi (Teshio-gawa), Nayoro-shi, 1–VI–1997; 33 exs., same locality, 21–VII–1997; 1 ex., same locality, 4–IX–1997; 37 exs., Panke-bashi (Teshio-gawa), Shibetsu-shi, 21–VII–1997; 3 exs., Yuninai-bashi (Teshio-gawa), Shimokawa-chô, 21–VII–1997; 55 exs., Niseicharomappu-gawa, Sôunkyô, Kamikawa-chô, 28–VII–1995; 3 exs., Taisetsu-ko, Sôunkyô, Kamikawa-shô, 24–VI–1993; 4 exs., Chikabumi-chô (Ishikari-gawa), Asahikawa-shi, 2–VI–1994; 16 exs., same locality, 5–VI–1994; 4 exs., same locality, 1–VIII–1994; 1 ex., Hanasaki-chô (Ishikari-gawa), Asahikawa-shi, 2–VI–1994; 2 exs., same locality, 5–VI–1994; 128 exs., same locality, 1–VIII–1994; 54 exs., Suehiro (Ishikari-gawa), Asahikawa-shi, 29–VI–2001; 1 ex., same locality, 4–VIII–2001; 1 ex., Shinrin-kôen (Chôbetsu-gawa), Higashikagura-chô, 2–VI–1994; 2 exs., Chûô (Biei-gawa), Biei-chô, 2–VI–1994. All the specimens were collected by the second author.

*Remarks.* The second author collected *D. prospera* mainly from river- or lakeside forests of the lowlands (except for Taisetsu-ko and Niseicharomappu-gawa at 800 m in altitude) in northern Hokkaido, where willows (*Salix* spp.) usually dominate and the forest floor is covered with *Urtica platyphylla*, *Phalaris arundinacea*, etc. A collecting site in Sarobetsu-gen'ya is a marsh with a plant community composed of *Moliniopsis japonica*, *Phragmites australis* and *Calamagrostis langsdorffii*. All the specimens were collected by pitfall traps set on sandy grounds, and this species was the most dominant aleocharine beetle in such an environment.

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