

## Occurrence of *Oberea yasuhikoi* KUSAKABE (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) from Lower Elevation of Yaku-shima Island

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*Oberea yasuhikoi* KUSAKABE, 2001 [Japanese name: Satsuma-ringo-kamikiri] has so far been known from southern Kyushu (Kagoshima Prefecture), Yaku-shima Is. and Amami-Oshima Is. Most of the specimens collected from Yaku-shima Is. were recorded from such relatively high altitude areas as Shiratani Unsuikyô (about 700 m in alt.). However, I had an opportunity to collect this species near the coast line of the island in July 2001. Its collection data is as follows: 3♂♂, 1♀ (1♂ was already dead when collected), Yahazu (about 20–30 m in alt.), Kamiyaku-chô Town, Yaku-shima Is., Kagoshima Pref., Japan, 3–VII–2001, Y. ITO leg.

These specimens were found from under the leaves of cherry trees (*Prunus* sp.), and some feed marks were observed on midribs of the leaves. Although it has been known that *Prunus jamasakura* grows wild on Yaku-shima Is., the trees from which I took the specimens may be artificially planted. This beetle seems to spread easily by transplantation of the host plants because its hosts (group of cherry trees) are very popular garden plants in Japan. I surmise that the specimen from Yuwan, Amami-oshima Is. could possibly be introduced from outside the island because many cherry trees growing along the road at Yuwan seem to have been planted artificially. Examination should be made how and from where these trees came.

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