

Autalia puncticollis SHARP (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae)
Newly Recorded from Japan

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Two species of the genus *Autalia* LEACH have currently been known from Japan. They are *A. rufula* SHARP, 1888 (= *A. pulchella* SAWADA, 1964) and *A. rivularis* (GRAVENHORST, 1802) (ASSING, 1997, 1999). In the course of my study on the Japanese aleocharines, I found specimens of *Autalia puncticollis* SHARP collected in Aomori Prefecture and Wakayama Prefecture, Honshu. This species is widespread in northern Europe and has been introduced to North America (HOEBEKE, 1988), though never reported from East Asia. It is recorded below with collecting data for the first time from Japan.

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Autalia puncticollis SHARP, 1864, Proc. ent. Soc. London, (3), **2**: 45 [type area: Scotland].

Autalia alia GREDLER, 1875, Coleopt. Hefte, München, **15**: 105.

Specimens examined. 1 ex., Yagen-onsen (alt. 50m), Ôhata-machi, Aomori Pref., 5~6-VIII-1992, T. KISHIMOTO leg.; 9 exs., Sanjôgatake (alt. 1,480 m), Tenkawa-mura, Wakayama Pref., 27-VI-1998, T. KISHIMOTO leg.

Remarks. All the specimens were collected by hand sorting or by Tullgren funnel sifting of leaf litter in the deciduous broadleaved forests. They may not belong to introduced populations unlike those of North America but native ones, because environment of their collecting sites was not disturbed by human activities.

Distribution. Northern Europe, Japan (Honshu) [new record], North America (introduced).

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