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New Records of *Piptoncus duplex sobrinus* KURBATOV (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Pselaphinae) from Shikoku, Japan

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A pselaphine species, *Piptoncus duplex sobrinus*, belonging to the supertribe Euplectitae, tribe Trichonychini, subtribe Bibloporina, was described by KURBATOV (1991) from Kunashiri (Kunashir) Island of the Chishima (Kuril) Islands. It was discovered from Shikoku and is reported in the present paper as the first record from the Japanese mainland.

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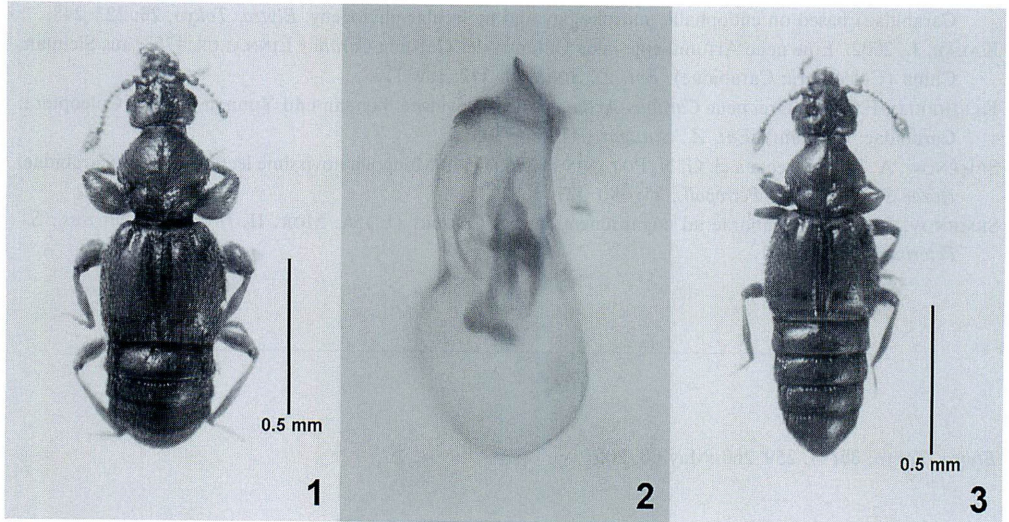
Piptoncus duplex sobrinus KURBATOV, 1991

[Japanese name: Yokozuna-kikawa-arizukamushi]

(Figs. 1–3)

Piptoncus duplex sobrinus KURBATOV, 1991, Zool. Zh., Moskva, **70** (10): 73.

Specimens examined. 1 female, Mt. Takashiro, Kisawa-son, Tokushima Pref., 3–V–1978, M. YOSHIDA leg.; 1 male, same data as above, but 5–VI–2004; 2 males, 3 females, same data as above, but 3–VII–2004; Mt. Takashiro (1,280 m), Kisawa-son, Tokushima Pref., 29–XI–1998, M. YOSHIDA leg.; 2 females, Okuyarito, nr. Mt. Shinkurō, Kisawa-son, Tokushima Pref., 11–X–2004, M. YOSHIDA leg.; 2 females, same data as above, but 11–X–2004.



Figs. 1-3. *Piptoncus duplex sobrinus* KURBATOV, male from Shikoku (1); ditto, male genitalia (2); ditto, female from Shikoku (3).

Distribution. Chishima Isls. (Kunashiri Is.), Shikoku (Tokushima Pref.).

Remarks. This species is very characteristic in having the basally constricted pronotum, the strongly thickened fore and mid femora in the male and the fourth abdominal segment with a pair of lateral trichomes in the male. This subspecies was distinguished from the nominotypical subspecies described from Primorskij, Far East Russia by the shape of fore trochanter and genitalia in the male.

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