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New Records of *Bisnius parvus* (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) from Chinese Caves

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Bisnius parvus (SHARP, 1874) (Trans. ent. Soc. London, 1874, p. 40) is a philonthine staphylinid beetle widely distributed in the Palearctic, Nearctic and Australian regions, and often found in caves (WATANABE, 1996, p. 12; MOORE, 1968; etc.). It has been recorded from mainland China (cf. SMETANA, 2004, pp. 629–631), but has been unknown from the subterranean domain.

In the course of cave investigations in northern Sichuan made in the early summer of this year, UÉNO, NISHIKAWA and SONE came across a conglomerate cave abound with a large quantity of bats' excreta at the northwestern part of the province, and was surprised at finding numerous individuals of a philonthine staphylinid beetle. The material was later submitted to me for taxonomical study and was found to belong to *B. parvus*. It is apparent that the beetle was attracted by the bats' guano; they were particularly abundant on a short and flat stalagmite located at the inner end of the twilight zone of the cave. The collecting data of the specimens are as given below.

18 ♂♂, 46 ♀♀, Ganlong Dong Cave, 840 m alt., Miaoxi Cun, Luyang Zhen, Lushan Xian, C. Sichuan, 9–VI–2007, S. SONE & Y. NISHIKAWA leg.

Bisnius parvus was also collected in Yudongzi Cave to the west of Ganlong Dong Cave, together with two other species of rove beetles. Their collecting data are as given below.

Yudongzi Cave, 1,020 m alt., Dongfeng, Wulong Xiang, Baoxing Xian, C. Sichuan, 6-VI-2007, S. SONE leg.

Bisnius parvus (SHARP), 4 ♂♂, 1 ♀.

Philonthus simpliciventris BERNHAUER, 1 ♀.

Hesperus sp., 1 ♂.

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