

New Records of *Gabrius praesignis* SCHILLHAMMER  
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) from Japan

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Recently I had an opportunity to examine a number of specimens of a species of the genus *Gabrius* collected from Japan. After a close examination, it has become clear that this species is identified with *Gabrius praesignis* SCHILLHAMMER, which was originally described from Taiwan. I am therefore going to record it for the first time from Japan, as given below. I would like to thank Messrs. Y. HIRANO, I. OKAMOTO and T. WATANABE for their kindness in giving me the specimens.

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*Specimens examined.* 1 ♂, Nidaifuchi, Narahara, Ueno-mura, Gunma Pref., 10-VIII-2003, N. KANAI leg.; 1 ♂, Hachigata, Yorii, Saitama Pref., 14-V-1966, S. NISHIGAKI leg.; 1 ♂, Kannonin, Ogano, Saitama Pref., 24-VII-1987, Y. SHIBATA leg.; 1 ♂, Hadano-tôge, Tanzawa, Kanagawa Pref., 24-IV-1995, Y. HIRANO leg.; 2 ♂♂, Yuzuruha-Dam, Awaji-shima, Hyôgo Pref., 16-X-2005, T. WATANABE leg.; 11 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀, Haigamine, Kure, Hiroshima Pref., 7-VII-1990, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 3 ♂♂, Takiyamakyô, Kake-chô, Hiroshima Pref., 26-V-1990, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 1 ♂, 8 ♀♀, Sandankyô, Togauchi, Hiroshima Pref., I. OKAMOTO leg.; 7 ♂♂, Ogaharakyô, Geihoku, Hiroshima Pref., 20-V-1990, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 2 ♂♂, 25 ♀♀, Anjûkyô, Kake-chô, Hiroshima Pref., 20-X-1990, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 2 ♂♂, Takanawayama, Hôjô, Ehime Pref., 20-X-1990, I. OKAMOTO leg.; 3 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀, Odamiyama, Oda-chô, Ehime Pref., 11-VI-1992, I. OKAMOTO leg.

*Distribution.* Japan (Honshu, Shikoku); Taiwan.

This species is similar in general appearance to *G. io* SMETANA, 1984 from Japan, but can be readily distinguished from it by the different configuration of the male genital organ (SCHILLHAMMER, 2001, figs. 4 a-c).

Reference

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