

Occurrence of *Baris scolopacea* GERMAR in the Daitô Islands, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan (Coleoptera, Curculionidae)

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Baris scolopacea GERMAR, 1824, whose generic placement has not yet been settled clearly (PRENA *et al.*, 2014: 345–347; YOSHIHARA, 2016: 51–53), is a small weevil belonging to the tribe Baridini, subfamily Baridinae (Coleoptera, Curculionidae). This species has a transpalearctic distribution from the Iberian Peninsula in the west to the Japanese Archipelago in the east, and has been introduced to North America (PRENA *et al.*, 2014). In Japan, this species has been known to occur in Honshu, Sadogashima Is., Shikoku, Kyushu, Tsushima Is., and the Nansei Islands (Amami-Ôshima Is. and Kuroshima Is.) (YOSHIHARA, 2016).

As far as I know, however, this species has never been recorded from the Daitô Islands, an archipelago composed of three oceanic islands in the Philippine Sea southeast of Okinawa.

In March 2013, I visited the Daitô Islands and collected this species on Kitadaitôjima Is. Here I report it as the first record of *B. scolopacea* from the islands. Before going further, I thank J. PRENA for help in species identification.

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Baris scolopacea GERMAR, 1824, 132 (type locality: Hungary). — YOSHIHARA, 2016: 51 (in revision of Japanese Baridinae).
Cosmobaris scolopacea: PRENA, 2011, 256 (catalogued). — PRENA *et al.*, 2014: 345 (in nomenclatural and faunistic notes on Chinese Baridinae).

See PRENA *et al.* (2014) and YOSHIHARA (2016) for other synonymy.

Specimens examined. 3 exs., Daitô Isls., Kitadaitôjima Is., Kitadaitô Airport, 8.III.2013, H. YOSHITAKE leg.

Distribution. Transpalearctic from the Iberian Peninsula to Japan (Honshu, Sadogashima Is., Shikoku, Kyushu, Tsushima Is., Amami-Ôshima Is., Kuroshima Is.; Kitadaitôjima Is. — new record); introduced to USA and Canada.

Note. The examined specimens were collected by sweeping in artificial grassland near Kitadaitô Airport, suggesting that this species is not native to Kitadaitôjima Is.

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