

Occurrence of *Merus (Merus) piceus* (ROELOFS) (Coleoptera, Curculionidae, Molytinae) on Okinoerabujima Is., the Amami Isls., Southwestern Japan

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Merus (Merus) piceus (ROELOFS, 1875), belonging to the subfamily Molytinae, family Curculionidae, is known to be a gall-maker on oak, chinquapin, and chestnut trees (MORIMOTO, 1984) and distributed in China (Fujian, Hubei & Zhejiang), Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan (ALONSO-ZARAZAGA, 2013). In Japan, this species has hitherto been recorded from the Izu Isls. (Mikurajima Is. & Hachijojima Is.), Honshu, Sadogashima Is., the Oki Isls. (Dôgo Is.), Shikoku, Kyushu, and the Ryukyus (Okinawajima Is.) (KADOWAKI, 2001; ÔGAI, 2014; KOJIMA, 2015). As far as I know, however, *M. (M.) piceus* has never been recorded from the Amami Isls. located north of Okinawajima Is. In this short report, I record this species for the first time from Okinoerabujima Is., the Amami Isls., filling a gap in its known distribution. I thank M. HAYASHI, H. KOJIMA, and N. TSUJI for their help with literature. I also thank H. SUENAGA for his donation of specimens.

Merus (Merus) piceus (ROELOFS, 1875)

Alcides piceus ROELOFS, 1875, 152 (type locality: “Japon”).

Mecyslobus [sic!] *piceus*: MORIMOTO, 1962, 347 (cataloged).

Mecyslobus piceus: MORIMOTO, 1984, 288, pl. 56, fig. 23 (diagnosis, distribution & ecology).

Specimens examined. Japan: the Ryukyus. 1 ex., Amami Isls., Okinoerabujima Is., China-chô, Mt. Ooyama, 6.VII.2015, H. SUENAGA leg.; 2 exs., same locality, 21.V.2016, H. YOSHITAKE leg.

Distribution. Japan: Izu Isls. (Mikurajima Is. & Hachijojima Is.), Honshu, Sadogashima Is., the Oki Isls. (Dôgo Is.), Shikoku, Kyushu, and the Ryukyus (Okinawajima Is. & Okinoerabujima Is. — new record); China; South Korea; and Taiwan.

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