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New Locality and Host Record of *Noxius japonicus* Morimoto, 1981 (Coleoptera, Anthribidae)

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The genus *Noxius* Jordan, 1936 contains 27 species worldwide, 24 of which are distributed in the Ethiopian Region while three of which occurs in the Palaearctic Region (Rheinheimer, 2004). In Japan, only *Noxius japonicus* Morimoto, 1981 is known from Honshu, Kyushu, and the Yaeyama Islands (Ishigaki Is. and Yonaguni Is.) in the southern Ryukyus (Morimoto, 1981; Matoba, 1982; Nishimoto, 1992). However, a considerable gap in the known distribution range of this species strongly suggests its occurrence in other parts of the Ryukyus. In addition, the biology of this species is still unknown. I here report the first distribution record of *N. japonicus* from the Tokara Islands in the northern Ryukyus, together with the first host plant record.

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Material examined. 15 exs. (KUM), Southeastern coast of Funakura, Nakanoshima Is., Tokara Isls., Japan, 17.III.1990, R. Iwata leg., ex. emerged V.1991 from *Cinnamomun daphoides*.

Biological notes. *Cinnamomun daphoides* (Maruba-nikkei in Japanese) is a woody plant which belongs to the family Lauraceae and forms coastal forests in the Tokara Islands. This report revealed that *Noxius japonicus* is associated with *C. daphoides* for the first time. Matoba (1982) collected this species by sweeping living leaves of *Pieris japonica japonica* (Asebi in Japanese) which belongs to the family Ericaceae. This collecting record may suggest that the host range of this species could be wide as is an allied species, *Noxius curtirostris* (Mulsant et Rey, 1861), which is polyphagous on several broad-leaved trees, such as *Eriobotrya japonica* (Rosaceae), and *Abies* spp. (Pinaceae), *Cupressus* spp. (Cupressaceae), *Juniperus* spp. (Cupressaceae) and *Pinus* spp. (Pinaceae) (Abbazzi *et al*., 1999; Mifsud & Colonnelli, 2010).

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