

## Occurrence of *Hypera postica* (GYLLENHAL) (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) on Yorojima Is. and Tokunoshima Is., the Amami Isls., Southwestern Japan

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*Hypera postica* (GYLLENHAL, 1813) is well-known as the alfalfa or lucerne weevil, a notorious pest of alfalfa and clover (NIAES, 2007; CABI, 2017). This species is widely distributed in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Mongolia, and is widespread to Japan, South Korea, South-east Asia, Oceania and North America by means of artificial introductions (CABI, 2017). This species was introduced to Japan in the 1980s and then became widespread in most parts of the country (NIAES, 2007; KOJIMA, 2012; KOJIMA *et al.*, 2016). In the Amami Isls., central Ryukyus, this species has been recorded from the Yorontô Is. and Okinoerabujima Is. (YAMAGUCHI *et al.*, 1991), but never from the other islands. In this short report, we record *H. postica* for the first time from Yorojima Is. and Tokunoshima Is. in the Amami Isls.

### *Hypera postica* (GYLLENHAL, 1813)

See SKUHROVEC (2013) for synonymy.

*Specimens examined.* Japan: the Ryukyus. [Yorojima Is.] 1 ex., near Yoro Port, 1.XII.2016, H. YOSHITAKE leg. [Tokunoshima Is.] 7 exs., Senma-kaigan, 28.IX.2016, H. YOSHITAKE leg. 8 exs., Mt. Yamatogusukuyama, 18.IX.2017, H. YOSHITAKE & N. TSUJI leg. 1 ex., Aze, 21.VI.2017, N. TSUJI leg.

*Distribution.* Introduced to Japan (Hokkaido, Honshu, Hachijôjima Is., Shikoku, Kyushu, Takarajima Is., Kodakarajima Is., Okinoerabujima Is., Yorontô Is. & Okinawajima Is.; Yorojima Is. & Tokunoshima Is. — new record); Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Mongolia; introduced to South Korea, Southeast Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia & Philippines), Oceania (American Samoa, Australia, Papua New Guinea & Samoa) and North America (Canada & USA).

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