COLEOPTERA: COCCINELLIDAE FROM THE MONTE BELLO ISLANDS, 1952

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(With 1 text-figure.)

Coccinella repanda Thunberg

This species is widespread throughout Asia and is also known from Australia and New Zealand.

Three examples were collected in the Monte Bello Islands with data as follows:—

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Fig. 1.—Brumus maculatus sp. nov., elytral pattern.

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Length 3.4-3.5 mm. Breadth 2.5-2.6 mm.

Oval, convex; testaceous with a dark sutural band and three dark spots on each elytron (fig. 1), metasternum and base of abdomen darker than prosternum and abdominal apex; head with anterior clypeal border emarginate medially, inner borders of eyes almost straight, divergent toward vertex, surface finely and rather sparsely punctured, intervals finely reticulate; pronotum with anterior border above eyes and lateral borders narrowly reflexed, disc more finely and sparsely punctured than head, intervals finely reticulate; scutellum small, triangular, feebly transverse, very finely punctate; elytra as long as broad, humeral calli moderately well marked, lateral margins with reflexed border from bases almost to apicosutural angles which are rounded, disc shallowly and sparsely punctured, separation by up to five diameters, punctures coarser and closer along lateral margins, intervals finely reticulate; prosternum with intercoxal process convex, not carinate; mesosternum with anterior margin bordered, entire; metasternum rather short, black, with a longitudinal median sulcus; abdominal segments markedly pubescent, abdominal plates occupying almost three-fourths of the length of the first segment, complete, fifth ventrite truncate apically in male, somewhat arcuate in female; legs yellowish testaceous.

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Paratypes (2 β and 2 φ) with same data as type.

Comparative notes: This is the first species of Brumus to be described from Australasia. Superficially it resembles septentrionis Weise in elytral colour pattern, but in the latter species the pronotum is black. Also in septentrionis the punctation is more readily visible and the reticulation of the intervals stronger.