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New records of two Staphylinine species (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) in the Korean peninsula

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ABSTRACT

Philonthus (*Philonthus*) *kiautschauensis* Bernhauer and *Platydracus* (*Platydracus*) *aureofasciatus* (Motschulsky) are reported for the first time in Korea. The habitus photographs and illustration of the male genitalia are provided.

Introduction

One male of *Philonthus* (*Philonthus*) *kiautschauensis* Bernhauer and two males of *Platydracus* (*Platydracus*) *aureofasciatus* (Motschulsky) collected in Gangwon-do were identified. I report these two Staphylinine species of subfamily Staphylininae for the first time in the Korean peninsula.

The most species rich Staphylinine genus *Philonthus* Stephens contains about 1,255 species worldwide (Herman 2001) and 33 species in Korea (Cho 2014). This genus is characterized by last maxillary palpomere more or less fusiform, usually $>$ 1.3 times as long as penultimate palpomere; labial palpus moderately long, last labial palpomere at least 1.5 times as long as penultimate palpomere; superior line of pronotal hypomeron not turning downwards until close to front angle, lateral puncture of pronotum bearing long seta separated from lateral margin by at most little more than the width of the puncture (Smetana 1995).

The genus *Platydracus* Thomson contains about 178 species worldwide (Herman 2001) and 7 species in Korea. This genus is characterized as follows: puncture bearing postocular seta on head situated distinctly closer to posterior margin of head than to posterior margin of eye; mandibular teeth (on both mandibles) appearing in two planes, dorsal and ventral, in most species; maxillary and labial palpi with last palpomere moderately elongate, fusiform, without setae; paramere of aedeagus devoid of any sensory peg setae and attached to median lobe in such a way that it is somewhat dorsoventrally flexible (Smetana and Davies 2000).

Accordingly, a total of 34 species of genus *Philonthus* and 8 species of genus *Platydracus* have been recorded in Korea.

Materials and methods

Material examined herein is deposited in the Natural History Museum, Hannam University, Daejeon, Korea. To examine the genitalic structures, the last three abdominal segments of specimen were dissected from the body after softening in hot water. Habitus photographs were taken based on a former study by Cho et al (2016).

Taxonomic accounts

***Philonthus* (*Philonthus*) *kiautschauensis* Bernhauer, 1916** 북방좀반날개 (신칭)
(Figures 1A, 2A, and 2B)

Philonthus kiautschauensis Bernhauer, 1916: 30 [TL: Kiautschau (China)]
Philonthus altaicus Bernhauer, 1923: 124.

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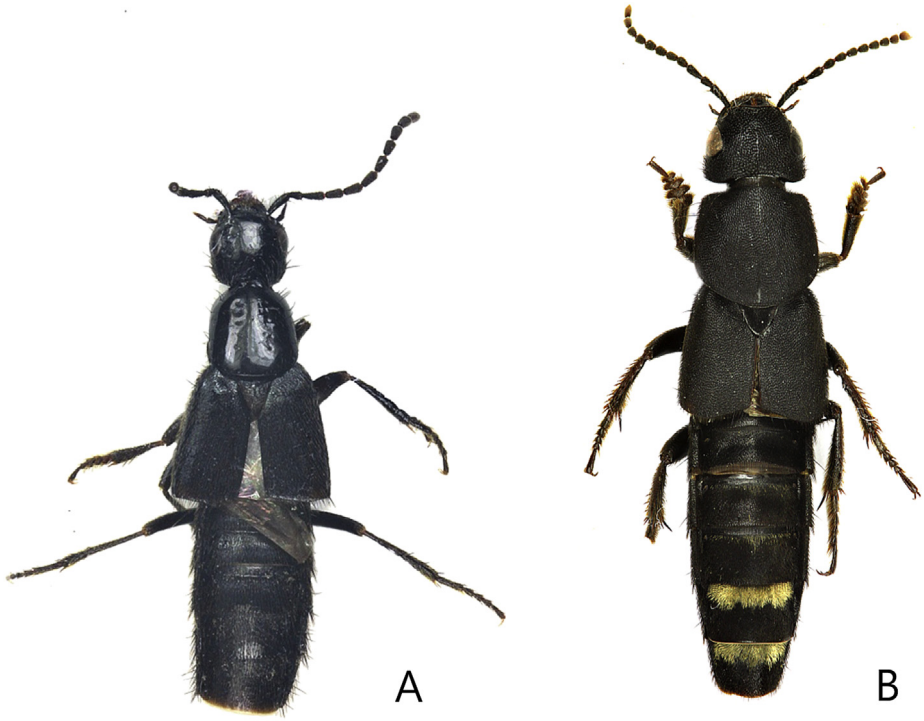

Figure 1. Habitus: A, *Philonthus (Philonthus) kiautschauensis* (7.5 mm); B, *Platydracus (Platydracus) aureofasciatus* (17.5 mm).

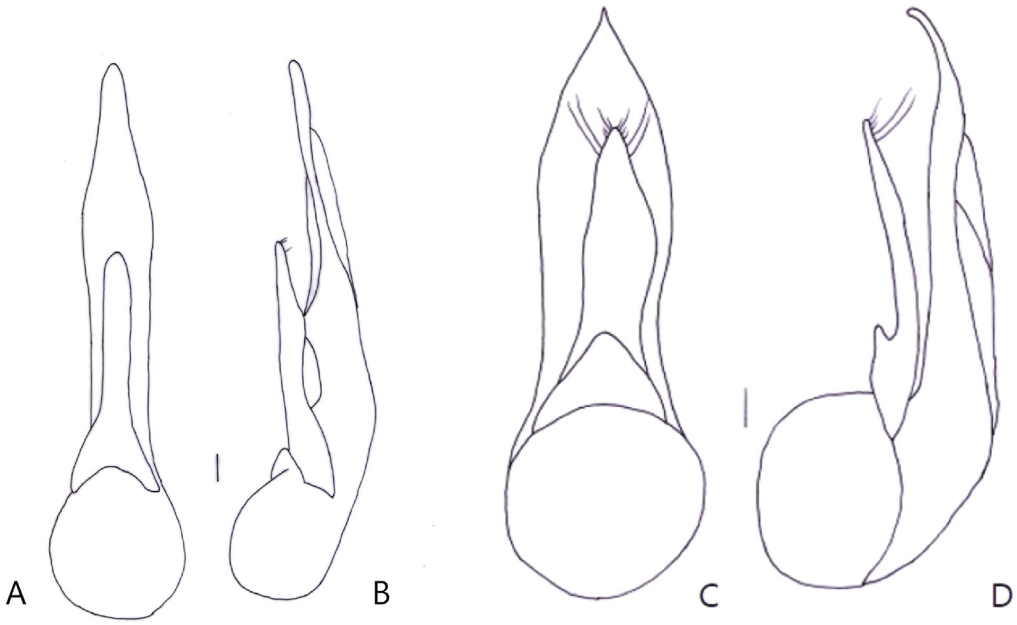

Figure 2. Male genitalia: A, ventral view of *Philonthus (Philonthus) kiautschauensis*; B, ditto, lateral view; C, ventral view of *Platydracus (Platydracus) aureofasciatus*; D, ditto, lateral view. <scale bars: 0.04 mm (A, B); 0.21 mm (C, D)>

Philonthus khnzoriani Coiffait, 1967: 352.
Philonthus septempunctatus Tikhomirova, 1973: 169 (Homonym).
Philonthus (*Philonthus*) *kiautschauensis*: Schülke and Smetana, 2015: 1042.

Diagnosis. Body length about 7.5 mm. Body black and strongly glossy, head and pronotum with microsculpture, antennae, and legs black. Head subquadrate, slightly narrower than pronotum, each antennomere longer than wide, eye slightly protruded, as long as temple; pronotum rectangular, longer than wide, dorsal row with six or seven punctures; aedeagus (Figures 2A and 2B) narrow and elongate; lateral margin of median lobe almost parallel, subapical area slightly dilated, apical area abruptly narrowed, with a large tubercle on face adjacent to subapical area of paramere in lateral view; paramere much shorter than median lobe, without sensory peg seta on underside, apex rounded.

Material examined. Korea: Gangwon-do, 1♂, Gajeon-ri, Seohwa-myeon, Inje-gun, N38° 18'41.7" E128° 12'12.8", alt. 390 m, 20. v. 2008, Y. B. Cho.

Distribution. Korea (new record), China (Shandong), Russia (Far East, West Siberia).

Remarks. This species is similar to *Philonthus (Philonthus) prolatus chonrima* Hayashi but the former is darker and thicker and can be distinguished by the shape of aedeagus.

***Platydracus* (*Platydracus*) *aureofasciatus* (Motschulsky, 1861)**
황색털검정반날개 (신칭)
(Figures 1B, 2C, and 2D)

Staphylinus aureofasciatus Motschulsky, 1861: 40 (Type locality: Russia).
Staphylinus teter Bondroit, 1913: 90 (Type locality: Russia).
Platydracus (*Platydracus*) *aureofasciatus*: Schülke and Smetana, 2015: 1096.

Diagnosis. Body length 17.5–18.1 mm. Body black, dull, antennae black but last three antennomeres reddish brown, legs black but tibia and tarsi reddish black. Head rectangular, slightly wider than long, coarsely and densely punctured, punctures larger than ones of pronotum and elytra; eye longer than temple (1:0.7). Pronotum slightly dilated towards posteriad, wider than head, with smooth median line at posteromiddle area. Abdomen with yellow dense pubescence at the basal portion of sixth and seventh tergites; medioapical margin of sixth sternite in male very shallowly emarginated; seventh one deeply emarginated. Aedeagus with robust median lobe, each lateral middle area broadly and shallowly emarginated, apical portion narrowing towards apically, apical area slightly bent ventrally in lateral view; paramere asymmetrical, clearly shorter, and narrower than median lobe.

Material examined. Gangwon-do: 1♂, Nodong valley, Nodong-ri, Yongpyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, N37° 42.08' E128° 28.89', alt. 900 m, by malaise trap, 26. viii – 1. x. 2006, Tripotin P.; 1♂, near Dongdaesa temple, Mount Odaesan, Pyeongchang-gun, N37° 44.31' E128° 35.71', alt. 800 m, by malaise trap, 21. vi – 2. viii. 2006, Tripotin P.

Distribution. Korea (new record), Russia (East Siberia, Far East).

Remarks. This species is easily separated from the other Korean *Platydracus* species by yellow dense pubescence along basal portion of sixth and seventh tergites.

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