ONE NEW DRAGONFLY FROM HOKKAIDO

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(With Plate I)

In this paper is given a description of one new species of Odonata from Hokkaido.

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Family AESCHNIDAE
Subfamily GOMPHINAE
Genus Gomphus Leach

Gomphus Leach, Edimb. Encycl., IX, p. 137 (1815); SELYS et HAGEN, Rev. Odon., p. 81 (1850); SELYS, Synops. Gomph., p. 25 (1854).
Aeschna KIRBY, Cat. Odon., p. 64 (1890) (part).

Gomphus moiwanus MATSUMURA et OKUMURA, n. sp.

A pretty steady blackish species of small size, striped with dull pale lemon yellow, the abdomen black with narrow yellow rings.

Male (adult)—Labium, labrum, ante- and postclypeus blackish; frons dull lemon yellow, except a narrow anterior border of the horizontal which is black; vertex and occiput black; antennae nearly black. Eyes dark brown, probably dark greenish glaucous in life.

Synthorax black, with dull lemon yellow markings, the frontal part black, with 2 longitudinal dull lemon yellow stripes, not reaching to the collar and the ante-alar ridge, and with a small yellow spot near the scapula; mesepimeron with a dull lemon yellow pattern between the humeral and second lateral sutures except a lower black line along the latter; metepisternum blackish,

with a dull yellow pattern, not extend to the upper part, and with a narrow streak, descending from the spiracle and continuing to the upper pattern; a greater part of metepimeron dull yellow. Legs black. Wings entirely hyaline, sometimes slightly smoky; veins black, pterostigma brown to dark brown.

Abdomen black, marked with narrow yellow rings. A middorsal longitudinal yellow stripe on tergites 1 and 2; segments 1 and 2 laterally yellow; auricles yellow; genitalia black; segments 3 to 8 with a basal triangle and a narrow line; segments 9 and 10 unmarked. Anal appendages dark brown to black. Segments 1 and 2 thick, segment 3 the slenderest, segments 3 to 9 becoming thick gradually. Segments 4 and 5 the longest, segments 1 and 10 shorter than the others. Segment 10 rapidly narrowed towards the apex, pointed at the end. Tergum of segment 10 enlarged on the middle part. Superior anal appendages a little shorter than the last segment, stout, cylindrical and sharply pointed at the apex, with an inwardly curved hook at the base.

Female (adult)—Closely resembles the male in colour, but a dull lemon yellow stripe is placed just behind the quadrangular spot on each side of abdominal segments 3 to 8. Vulvar scale much shorter than the anal appendages which are shorter than the segment 10.

Length:  ♂ abd. app. 31, hw. 25, pterostigma 3 mm.
♀ 29.5, 26.5, 3.5 mm.

Holotype (♂): Moiwa near Sapporo, VII. 1905 (Dr. S. Matsumura).
Allotype (♀): Jōzankei near Sapporo, 1/VII. 1912 (Dr. S. Matsumura).
Paratype: Sapporo, 1 ♀, 12/VII. 1905 (Dr. S. Matsumura), 1 ♀, 10/VI. 1931 (K. Sato); Moiwa, 1 ♂, VII. 1905 (Dr. S. Matsumura); Ishiyama near Sapporo, 3 ♂, 6/VIII. 1929 (Dr. S. Matsumura); Jōzankei, 1 ♂, 8/VII. 1907, 2 ♂, 1/VIII. 1917 (Dr. S. Matsumura), 2 ♀, 8/VII. 1925 (Dr. S. Matsumura and K. Tamanuki), 1 ♀, 17/VII. 1926 (K. Tamanuki); Kucharo near Kushiro, 1 ♂, 14/VIII. 1917 (Dr. S. Matsumura).

Habitat: Hokkaido.


This species is closely allied to Gonplius hakiensis Matsumura, but easily distinguished from the latter by the colour-pattern of synthorax and the structure of the anal appendages.

The types are deposited in the Entomological Institute of the Hokkaido Imperial University, Sapporo, Japan.
Explanation of Plate I

A. Wings of *Gomphus moianus* n. sp. (♀).

B. Anal appendages of *Gomphus moianus* (♀) (dorsal view).

C. Ditto (lateral view).

D. Colour-patterns of synthorax of *Gomphus moianus* (♀).