A NEW SPECIES OF BRACONIDAE BRED FROM A FUNGIVOROUS BEETLE, DORCATOMA HATTORII KÔNO

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(With one Textfigure)

Subfamily Helconinae

Tribe Diospilini

Genus Diospilus HALIDAY

Diospilus HALIDAY, Ent. Magaz., I, p. 262 (1833).

Genotype—Diospilus oleraceus HALIDAY (1833).

Diospilus kônoi sp. nov.

♀. Black; mandibles, palpi and legs testaceous; antennae yellowish brown, darkened towards the apex; wings hyaline; stigma and veins dark brown; tegulae testaceous.

Head transverse, almost entirely smooth and shining; frons flat, not excavated; face punctate, with two deep apical foveae; clypeus truncate at the hind margin, with scattered punctures; cheeks at the end just below the base of the mandibles projecting into a short flat tooth; occiput strongly marginate; antennae a little longer than the head and thorax together, 24-jointed. Prothorax strongly punctate; mesothorax smooth and shining; scutellum anteriorly bifoveate; parapsidal and mesopleural furrows crenulate. Propodeum reticulate-rugose. Radius of the fore wing inserted at the middle of the stigma; 1st abscissa of the radius as long as one-third the length of the 2nd; 2nd cubital cell rhomboid, shorter than high; recurrent nervure received in the 1st cubital cell; 1st discoidal cell sessile; nervulus interstitial; anal cell with two transverse nervures. Radial cell of the hind wing petiolate; cubitus nearly straight. Abdomen oblong, rounded at the apex, a little shorter than the thorax including the propodeum; 1st tergite reticulate-rugose, shallowly excavated near the base, 1.5 times as long as broad at the apex, gradually narrowed towards the base, with a prominent tubercle placed laterally at the basal third; 2nd and following tergites transverse, smooth and shining. Ovipositor shorter than the body, 3 mm. in length, the sheath covered uniformly with short whitish bristles.

Length, 4 mm.

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Fig. 1

Wings of *Diospilus kono* sp. nov. (♀)

♀. Antennae a little shorter than the body, 24-jointed. Abdomen spindle-shaped, not rounded at the apex as in the female.

Length, 4 mm.

Host—*Dorcatoma hattori* Kono (1938).

This parasite was reared from larvae of *Dorcatoma hattori* Kono* feeding on *Trametes Pini* which was collected by Dr. H. Kono at Horo, Saghaliens.

Holotype (♀), Allotype (♂) and Paratypes (2 ♀, 1 ♂): Horo, III–IV, 1938, H. Kono leg.

The type-specimens are in the Entomological Institute of the Hokkaido Imperial University, Sapporo, Japan.

Remarks—This species closely resembles *Diospilus rufipes* Reinhard**, from which it is easily distinguished by the number of the antennal joints, by the veination of the wings and by the structure of the 1st tergite.

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* Ins. Mats., XII, p. 175 (1938).