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NOTES ON JAPANESE AND FORMOSAN SPECIES OF STANTONIA ASHMEAD

(Hymenoptera, Braconidae)

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In a previous paper (1987) the writer has treated Stantonia ASHMEAD (1904) as a synonym of Microtypus RATZEBURG (1847), representing three species from Japan and Formosa. However, having examined authentic representatives of these genera at the United States National Museum, Washington, D. C. and at the British Museum (Natural History), London, he has come to the conclusion that these genera are quite distinct by the venation of the wings as pointed out by NIXON (1950)*. Thus, the following species, which were stated by the writer in 1937 as members of Microtypus, should be transferred to Stantonia.

Genus Stantonia ASHMEAD

Stantonia ASHMEAD, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 28:146, 1904. (Genotype: Stantonia flava ASHMEAD, 1904).

1. Stantonia issikii Watanabe

Stantonia issikii WATANABE, Ins. Mats. 6: 187. 9, Fig. 3 a, 1932.

Microtypus issikii WATANABE, Jour. Facul. Agr., Hokkaido Imp. Univ. 42: 95, 1937.

Distribution: Formosa.

2. Stantonia sauteri Watanabe

Stantonia sauteri Watanabe, Ins. Mats. 6: 188, 98, Fig. 3b, 1932, 8: 203, 1934.

Microtypus sauteri WATANABE, Jour. Facul. Agr., Hokkaido Imp. Univ. 42: 95, 1937.

Distribution: Formosa.

3. Stantonia takeuchii (WATANABE) Comb. nov.

Microtypus takeuchii Watanabe, Jour. Facul. Agr., Hokkaido Imp. Univ. 42: 95, ♀♂, Pl. IV, Fig. 5, 1937.

Distribution: Japan.

Finally, previous authors have taken divergent views about the systematic position of this genus. The present writer, however, agrees fairly with NIXON's conclusion that this genus along with *Microtypus* is best placed near *Zele* Curtis (1832).

^{*} Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (12) 3: 456, 1950.

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