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Lathrobium (s. str.) *japonicum kunashiriense* was originally described by Watanabe (2004, p. 39) from the Island of Kunashiri-tô of the Kuril Islands as a new subspecies of *L.* (s. str.) *japonicum* Bernhauer (1907, p. 384). It was, however, clarified that the true type locality of this subspecies was not the Island of Kunashiri-tô but the Island of Iturup-tô of the same archipelago. On the other hand, the accurate type locality of *L.* (s. str.) *japonicum* was not described in Bernhauer's original account. Accordingly, it has become difficult to decide whether or not these two forms are independent geographical race. Examination of ampler specimens obtained from various localities in the Island of Iturup-tô is needed for determining their true systematic status. The correct habitat of *L.* (s. str.) *japonicum kunashiriense*

is as follows:

Holotype: ♂, Kuril Islands, Iturup Islnd, 40°15.52'N, 147°55.41'E, about 4 km east of Kitovyiby road enviorns of Podoshevka river, 29-VII-1997, E. M. Sayenko leg. [IT97EMS-003].

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