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DISCOVERY OF *ORUSSUS JAPONICUS*
TOSAWA IN HOKKAIDO

(Hymenoptera, Orussidae)

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In the summer of 1951 a female example falling into the genus *Orussus* LATREILLE was collected at Jôzankei, Hokkaido. After careful examination through the literature, we have come to the conclusion that it may be identified with the following species:—

***Orussus japonicus* TOSAWA**

Orussus japonicus TOSAWA, Kontyû 4: 160, ♂, 1930.

Orussus japonicus TOSAWA and SUGIHARA, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc. 5: 2, ♀, 1934.

Orussus japonicus TAKEUCHI, Tenthredo 2: 177, ♀ ♂, 1938.

Specimens examined: 1 ♀, Jôzankei, 15. VII, 1951, K. KOSUGI leg. 1 ♂ & 1 ♀, Nara, 13. V, 1932, N. TOSAWA leg. (deposited in the Entomological Institute, Hokkaido University, Sapporo).

In the specimens examined the clypeus is not rounded out as stated in the original description, but it has three notches on the anterior margin as pointed out by TAKEUCHI (1938). The female taken at Jôzankei is larger in size than that taken at Nara: the latter is about 10 mm., while the former is about 18 mm. in length.

This species is new to Hokkaido. Besides, on July, 1922, an *Orussus*-species (1 ♀ example) was collected by C. TERANISHI at Jôzankei, and it seems probably to be identical with the present species (see: TOSAWA—Kansai Konchu Zasshi 5: 119, 1939). It is, however, very much to be regretted that this example has been lost by accident without any authentic determination (see: TERANISHI—Insect World, Gifu 28: 52, 1924).

Distribution: Japan (Honshu and Hokkaido).

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