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Three species of Tiger Beetles (Carabidae, Cicindelinae) new to the Hong Kong Fauna

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ABSTRACT

An updated checklist of Tiger Beetle species recorded in Hong Kong is given, and illustrations and notes given for the three additional species.

Key words: Tiger beetles, new record, Hong Kong

INTRODUCTION

In the catalogue of Hong Kong Carabidae (Aston, 2016) I listed 28 species of Cicindelinae. Since the publication three additional species: *Calomera littoralis peipingensis* (Mandl,1934), *Lophyra* (*Lophyra*) fuliginosa (Dejean, 1826) and *Neocollyris* (*Neocollyris*) moesta moesta (Schmidt-Goebel, 1846) have been identified, bringing the total number of recorded species to 31.

MATERIALS & METHODS

For general methodology see Aston (2016).

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Calomera littoralis peipingensis (Mandl,1934) (Fig. 1)

The occurrence of this distinctive north Asian subspecies in Hong Kong is adventitious (Jürgen Wiesner pers. com.). The fact that it was found in peak bird migration time in September should invoke at least the thought that it may have somehow been bird assisted, but it could just as easily have been assisted by ship, storm or humans. The species has a massive range from North Africa to Siberia, though *C. I. peipingensis* (Mandl,1934) is known so far from Russia (E Siberia), China (Beijing, Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Henan, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Shanxi, Tianjin, Xinjiang) and Mongolia (Jürgen Wiesner pers com). Material: 1 ex. Hong Kong, Lantau, Wang Tong, 6.IX.2018 to light trap, Leg: Paul Aston. Identification: distinctive, see Figure 1.

Lophyra (Lophyra) fuliginosa (Dejean, 1826) (Fig. 2)

It is no surprise this species, recorded from neighboring Guangdong province has been recorded in Hong Kong. Puchkov and Matalin (2003) give its Chinese distribution as Guangdong province and Shanghai. Material: 1 ex. Hong Kong, Sai Kung, Ham Tin, 14.VI.2008, Leg: Yiu Vor. Identification: distinctive, see Figure 2. The key given in Wiesner (2017) covers all species of *Lophyra* recorded in Hong Kong.

Neocollyris (Neocollyris) moesta moesta (Schmidt-Goebel, 1846) (Fig. 3)

This is another species that has been expected in Hong Kong as it has been previously recorded in from neighboring Guangdong province. Wiesner (2017) gives its distribution in China as: Guangdong, Sichuan, Yunnan. Material: 1 ex. Hong Kong, Hang Kung Wo, Malaise trap, 31.III.-14.IV.2018, Leg: C. Barthelemy; 1 ex. Hong Kong, Lam Tsuen valley, 26.V.2012, Leg: Paul Aston; 1 ex. Hong Kong, Wu Kau Tang, 29.V.2012, Leg: Paul Aston; 1 ex. Hong Kong, Pak Sha O, Malaise Trap, 28.V.-11.VI.2016, Leg: C. Barthelemy; 2 ex. Hong Kong, Hang Kung Wo, Malaise Trap, 26.V.-7.VII.2018, Leg: C. Barthelemy. Identification: Illustrated in Figure 3. For a key to the identification of all Hong Kong species of Collyrina, except Protocollyris ngaungakshani Wiesner, 2012, see Wiesner (2017). P. ngaungakshani is much smaller (<10mm long) than the other Collyrina recorded in Hong Hong, it also differs in having dark femora.

Updated checklist of Hong Kong Cicindelidae

Note included in the checklist are two subspecies of *Cylindera kaleea*, and three subspecies of *Lophyra striolata*. * Taxa not recently recorded.

Abroscelis anchoralis anchoralis (Chevrolat, 1845) Abroscelis psammodroma psammodroma (Chevrolat, 1845) Callyton andersoni (Gestro, 1889) Callytron inspeculare inspeculare (Horn, 1904)* Callytron nivicinctum (Chevrolat, 1845) Calochroa flavomaculata (Hope, 1831)* Calochroa interruptofasciata interruptofasciata (Schmidt-Göebel, 1846) Calomera littoralis peipingensis (Mandl, 1934) Cephalota (Taenidia) chiloleuca (Fischer von Waldheim, 1820)* Cicindela (Sophiodela) chinensis chinensis De Geer, 1774 Cosmodela juxtata Acciavatti & Pearson, 1989 Cosmodela virgula (Fleutiaux, 1893)* Cylindera (Ifasina) decolorata (Horn, 1907) Cylindera (Ifasina) fallaciosa (Horn, 1897) Cylindera (Ifasina) kaleea cathaica (Bates, 1874) Cylindera (Ifasina) kaleea kaleea (Bates, 1866)* Cylindera (Ifasina) psilica psilica (Bates, 1866) Lophyra (Lophyra) cancellata candei (Chevrolat, 1845) Lophyra (Lophyra) fuliginosa (Dejean, 1826) Lophyra (Spilodia) striolata dorsolineolata (Chevrolat, 1845) Lophyra (Spilodia) striolata taliensis (Fairmaire, 1886)*

Lophyra (Spilodia) striolata striolata (Illiger, 1800)*

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Myriochila (Myriochila) specularis specularis (Chaudoir, 1865) Myriochila (Myriochile) sinica (Fleutiaux, 1889)* Heptodonta posticalis (White, 1844) Probstia astoni Wiesner, 2010. Neocollyris (Isocollyris) grandisubtilis (Horn, 1935)* Neocollyris (Neocollyris) moesta moesta (Schmidt-Goebel, 1846) Neocollyris (Neocollyris) bonnelli bonnelli (Guerin-Meneville, 1834) Neocollyris (Orthocollyris) crassicornis (Dejean, 1825) Protocollyris ngaungakshani Wiesner, 2012 Tricondyla pulchripes White, 1844 Tricondyla stricticeps Chaudoir, 1864*

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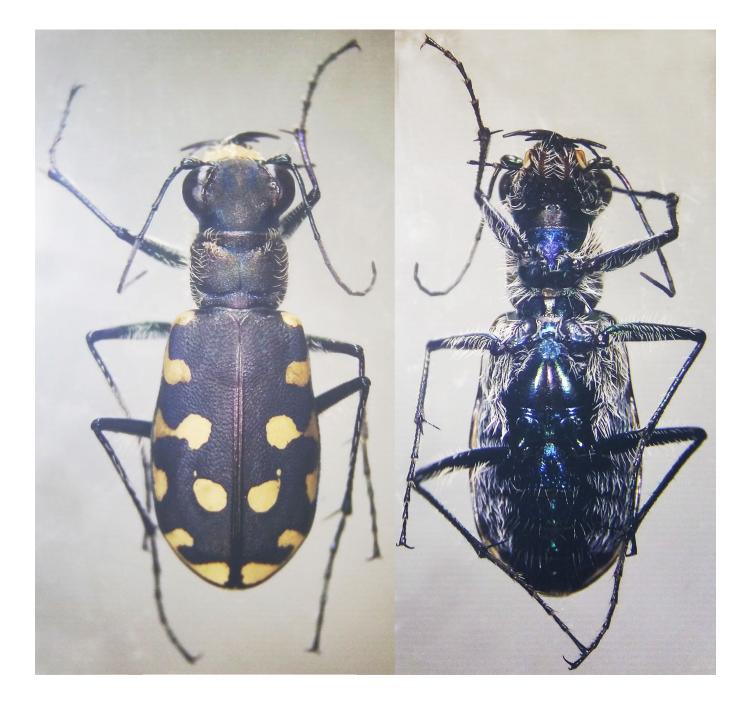


Figure 1. Calomera littoralis peipingensis (Mandl, 1934) (Photo by author).



Figure 2. Lophyra (Lophyra) fuliginosa (Dejean, 1826) (Photo by author).

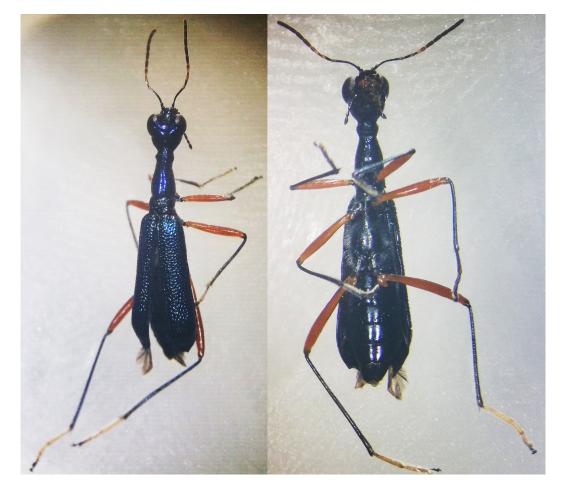


Figure 3. Neocollyris (Neocollyris) moesta moesta (Schmidt-Goebel, 1846) (Photo by author).

Identification and notes on Hong Kong Carabidae 2. The sub-tribe Pentagonicina Bates, 1873 (Lebiinae Bonelli, 1810, Odacanthini Laporte de Castelnau, 1834)

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ABSTRACT

A key to all, and illistrations of most species of Pentagonicina Bates, 1873 recorded from Hong Kong is given. Also included are notes on worldwide and local distribution and a bar chart showing the flight periods of adults.

Key words: Ground Beetles, Carabidae, Hong Kong

INTRODUCTION

The Pentagonicina Bates, 1873 are a distinctive group of ground beetles, historically treated as a subfamily, but here as a sub-tribe as in Lorenz (2005). In the catalogue of Hong Kong Carabidae (Aston, 2016) I listed five species of *Pentagonica*, here a sixth species *Pentagonica proxima* Baehr, 2011 is included.

METHODS

For general methodology see Aston (2016). Species of *Pentagonica*, probably due to their arboreal habits, are scarce and difficult to collect. All Hong Kong specimens to date were caught by netting or lured by light traps.

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Surprisingly this sub-tribe is represented in Hong Kong by six species of the genus *Pentagonica*. As far as is known all Hong Kong species as arboreal, though some species are only known from light traps. Distribution notes below come from Baehr (2011).

Pentagonica suturalis Schaum, 1863

Pentagonica suturalis Schaum, 1863 was described from a Hong Kong specimen, but has recently been discovered to range from Taiwan to Malaysia. Locally all modern records come from light trapping in western Lantau, though the original type specimen will have originated from Hong Kong Island.

Pentagonica pallipes (Nietner, 1856)

Pentagonica pallipes (Nietner, 1856) has a massive distribution from India to Japan and Australia, again all local records come from light traps in western Lantau.

Pentagonica erichsoni Schmidt-Gobel, 1846

Pentagonica erichsoni Schmidt-Gobel, 1846 also has a large range from India to southern China and Australia. In Hong Kong collected from Ng Tung Chai and Tai Mo

Shan.

Pentagonica nitidicollis Baehr, 2011

Pentagonica nitidicollis Baehr, 2011, has a distribution from northern India to Vietnam and southern China. In Hong Kong collected from Ng Tung Chai and Ping Shan Chai.

Pentagonica ruficollis Schmidt-Gobel, 1846

Pentagonica ruficollis Schmidt-Gobel, 1846, is distributed from India to Indonesia. Locally all modern records come from Ng Tung Chai, though in the British Museum of Natural History there is an old specimen collected on Cheng Chau on 4 June 1939, leg J. L. Gressitt.

Pentagonica proxima Baehr, 2011

Pentagonica proxima Baehr, 2011, Described from northern Thailand, north-east India and a specimen from Hong Kong. The Hong kong specimen came from the Schaum collection and lacks antennae and collection information.

Key to Hong Kong species

- Pronotum black 4
- 2. Elytra suture orange along entire length (visible in dry specimen) .. *P. suturalis* Schaum, 1863 (Fig. 3)
- Elytra suture black 3

- Pronotum with microsculpure, not shiny 5

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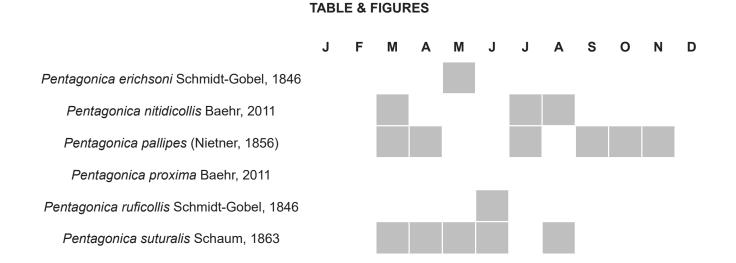


Table 1. Bar chart showing the Imago flight period for all known species (J = January to D = December). No information available for *P. proxima* Baehr, 2011.



Figure 1. Pentagonica pallipes (Nietner, 1856) (Photo by author).

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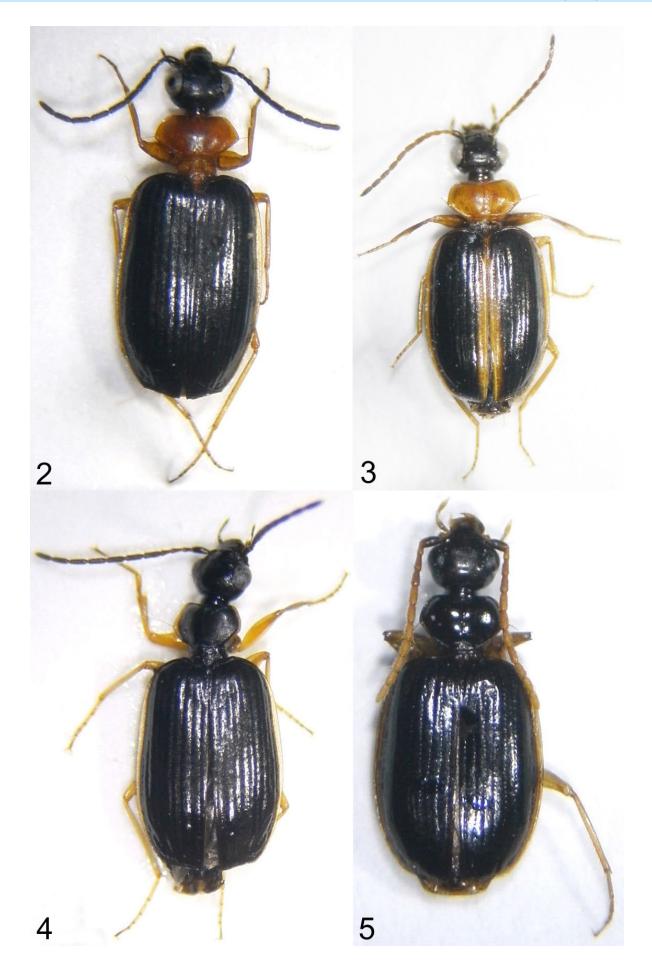


Figure 2-5. *Pentagonica spp.* **2**. *Pentagonica ruficollis* Schmidt-Gobel, 1846. **3**. *Pentagonica suturalis* Schaum, 1863. **4**. *Pentagonica erichsoni* Schmidt-Gobel, 1846. **5**. *Pentagonica nitidicollis* Baehr, 2011 (Photo by author).





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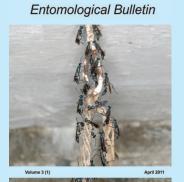




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