

## First record of the subfamily Hiletinae (Coleoptera, Carabidae) for Hong Kong and China

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### ABSTRACT

The first record of *Eucamaragnathus angulicollis* (Jeanel 1937) and the subfamily Hiletinae for Hong Kong, China and the Palearctic fauna (in the lateral sense) is given. The habitat requirements and where the specimen may have originated from are discussed.

**Key words:** Carabidae, Hiletinae, Coleoptera, Hong Kong, *Eucamaragnathus angulicollis*

### INTRODUCTION

The Hiletinae is a small and little known subfamily of Carabidae with pan-tropical distribution. It contains two genera: *Hiletus* with six species confined to Tropical Africa and the more widely distributed *Eucamaragnathus* with 15 species (Erwin & Stork 1985 and Assman et al 2011).

### METHODS

On 20 November 2014, Graham Reels was sampling with a dip net in Luk Keng marsh, as part of a Hong Kong University freshwater invertebrate survey he was conducting. In the waterlogged grasses and low-lying herbs at the back of Luk Keng village he netted a medium- to large-sized Carabidae beetle. This was passed on to the author, along with other Coleoptera specimens collected by Mr Reels during the course of the invertebrate survey. Most of these specimens are currently deposited in the author's collection.

### RESULTS

Initial examination of the specimen revealed geniculate antennae (see figure 1), deeply sculptured head and zigzag shaped mandibles (figure 2) clearly indicating it did not belong to any of the previously known, locally occurring carabid groups. Using the key given in Andrewes (1929), the author was able to place the specimen in Hiletinae. The specimen was identified as *Eucamaragnathus (Parahiletus) angulicollis* (Jeanel 1937) using Erwin & Stork's (1985) and Negre's (1967) keys.

***Eucamaragnathus angulicollis*** (Jeanel 1937)

Differential diagnosis to known species of *Eucamaragnathus* after Erwin & Stork (1985): Elytron with stria five and seven continued to apex and with apex rounded; pronotum with lateral channel and adjacent surface

punctate; abdominal sternum two coarsely punctured. The length of the Hong Kong specimen at 10.0 mm is slightly under the 10.8 - 12.0 mm range given by Erwin & Stork (1985).

Although only previously recorded from Vietnam, this species has quite a large distribution, the most southerly being Ho Chi Min city (Saigon), latitude 10° 45'N, to the most northerly; the type locality Chiem Hoa, latitude 22° 12'N (almost the same latitude as Hong Kong (22° 14'N)).

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FIGURES

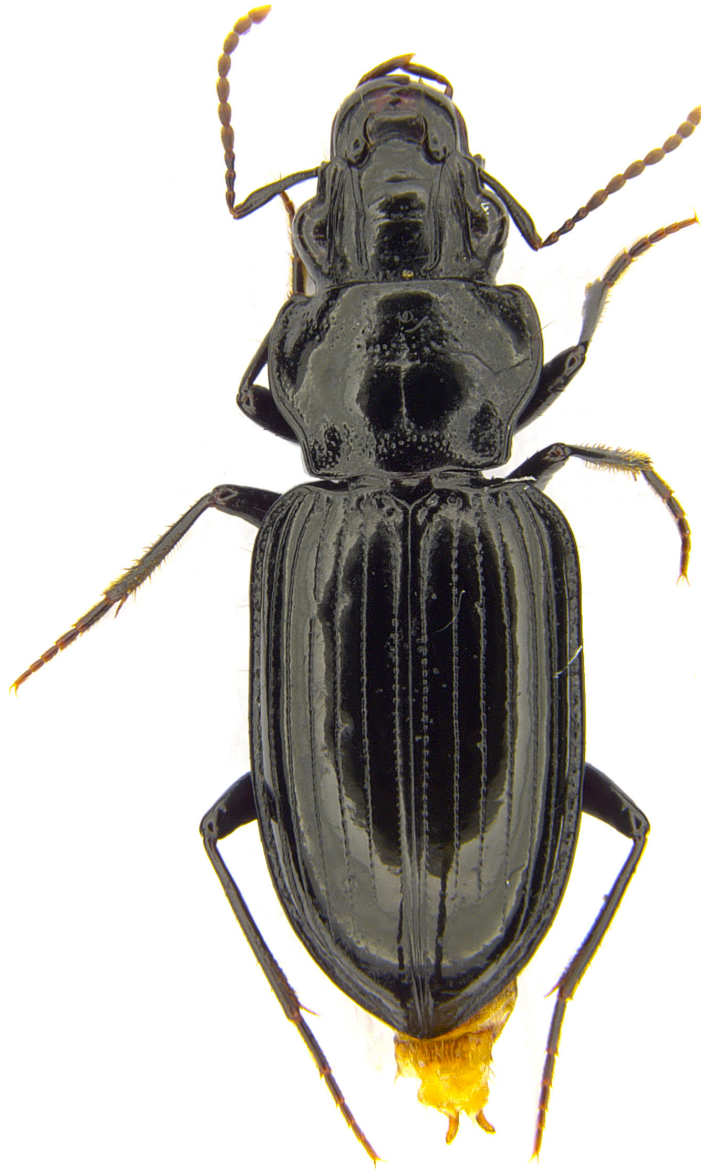


Figure 1: Dorsal view of *Eucamaragnathus angulicollis* (Photo, B. Guénard)



Figure 2: Dorsal view of the head (Photo, B. Guénard)

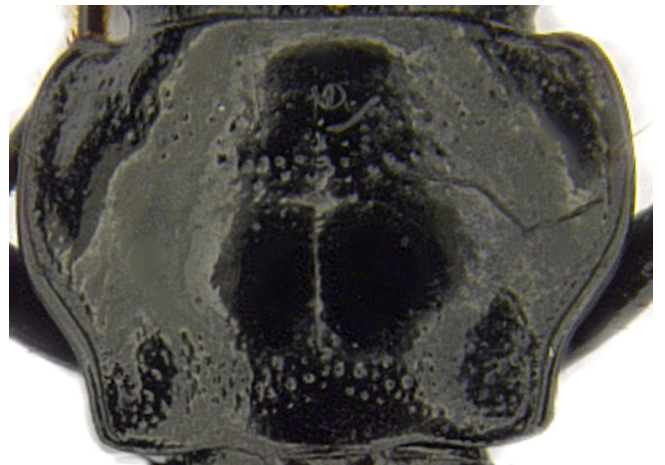


Figure 3: Dorsal view of the pronotum (Photo, B. Guénard)