

A New Record of *Pachylister ceylanus pygidialis* (Coleoptera, Histeridae) from Japan

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Thanks to Mr. Shigehiko SHIYAKE, the curator of the Osaka Natural History Museum, I had an opportunity to examine the museum's collection of histerid beetles from Tsushima, Japan. I found two large histerid beetles in the collection new to the fauna of Japan. I wish to thank Dr. T. CHITTENDEN for the critical reading of this paper.

Pachylister ceylanus pygidialis LEWIS, 1906

(Figs. 1 & 2)

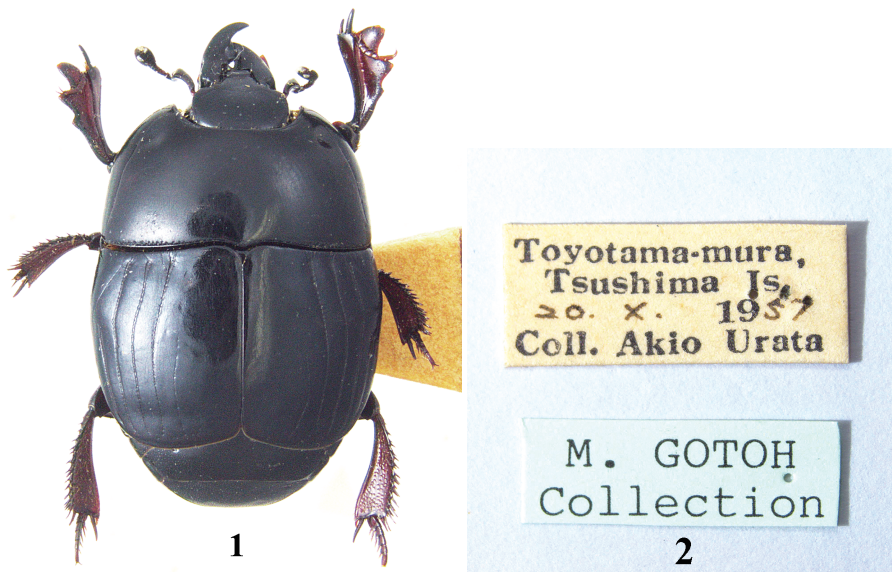
Pachylister pygidialis LEWIS, 1906, 399.

Pachylister ceylanus pygidialis: ÔHARA & PAIK, 1998, 9 [Korea: redescription].

Specimens examined. Japan: [Tsushima] 2 exs., Toyotama-mura, 20.X.1957, A. URATA leg.

Remarks. The species is distributed in Korea, Continental China (Yunnan) and Himalaya, and new to Japan.

The genus *Pachylister* is characterized by having the labrum with a projection on the anterior margin. In Japan, *P. chinensis* (QUENSEL in SHÖNHERR, 1806) is distributed in the southern Ryukyus (Ishigaki-jima and Iriomote-jima), and *P. ceylanus pygidialis* can be distinguished from it by the following character-states: first to third dorsal elytral striae complete; fourth dorsal stria usually absent or sometimes rudimentary impressed; interspace between margin and lateral stria of pronotum not wide; dorsal surface wholly shiny. It is one of the largest Japanese histerid species, and body lengths (PPL: length between anterior of pronotum and apex of pygidium) of the specimens are 10.87 mm and 8.19 mm, respectively.



Figs. 1–2. *Pachylister ceylanus pygidialis* LEWIS. — 1, Habitus, dorsal side; 2, labels.

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