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Chen-Fu Hsu[1)], Yun Hsiao[1)], Chi-Man Leong[1)], Sin-Yan Shih[2)], Ping-Shih Yang[1*)]. FIRST RECORD OF *NECROBIA RUFIPES* DE GEER, 1775 (COLEOPTERA: CLERIDAE) FROM TAIWAN. – Far Eastern Entomologist. 2015. N 295: 15-16.

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Summary. A well-known cosmopolitan pest, *Necrobia rufipes* De Geer, 1775 is recorded from Taiwan for the first time.

Key words: Red-legged ham beetle, cosmopolitan pest, new record, Taiwan.

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Резюме. Впервые для Тайваня указывается *Necrobia rufipes* De Geer, 1775 – широко распространенный вредитель запасов.

The red-legged ham beetle, *Necrobia rufipes* De Geer, 1775 (Coleoptera: Cleridae) is known as a cosmopolitan pest. They infest foods during long storage as cheese, dried coconut and ham. *N. rufipes* is also recorded as a pest of cashew nuts (Sengupta *et al*., 1984). The populations of *N. rufipes* are observed appearing on corpse from late decomposition stage to early decay stage (Lin & Yang, 2009).

Although some reports indicated that *N. rufipes* distributed in Taiwan, there are still no distributional data to point out the existence of this pest in island. Recently, five specimens have been collected during our field work and confirm its distribution in Taiwan. The studied specimens are deposited at National Museum of Natural Science, Taichung, Taiwan (NMNS). The photos of beetles were prepared using Canon EOS 6D, EF 100mm f/2.8L Macro IS USM, MT-24EX.

NEW RECORD

***Necrobia rufipes* De Geer, 1775**

Figs 1–2

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Taiwan**: Taipei, Daan Dist., National Taiwan University, Agricultural Insect Building, 23. X 2014, 3 ♂, 2 ♀ (C.-F. Hsu, Y. Hsiao and C.-M. Leong coll.).

NOTES. The beetles were collected from the head of cow carcass which was placed in the suburb of National Taiwan University. The head was put in a plastic bag to avoid from dispersing away. This species appeared from the third day we put it to over one month.

The adults are from 3.5 to 7.0 mm. Antennae mostly reddish-brown, with a dark brown or black club. Sides of thorax and elytra provided with stiff bristle-like hairs. Females are very similar to males in appearance and only can be distinguished from males by stiff black and slightly inclined anteriorly hairs on elytra (Simmons & Ellington, 1925).

DISTRIBUTION. Cosmopolitan. Here this species is firstly recorded from Taiwan.

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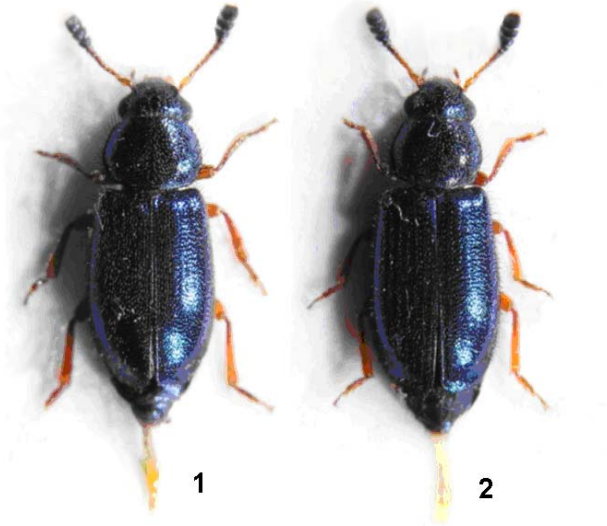

Figs. 1–2. *Necrobia rufipes* De Geer, 1775, dorsal view. 1 – male; 2 – female.

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