

SHORT COMMUNICATION

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During the expedition of International Kuril Island Project (IKIP) in 1996 a series of small wasps has been collected. These specimens were identified as *Bethylus fuscicornis* from the family Bethylidae. This family distributed mainly in southern regions of Far East [1] but still unknown from Kuril Islands. All material deposited in the Institute of Biology and Pedology, Vladivostok. The work described here was supported in part by the International Programs Division and Biological Sciences Directorate (Biotic Surveys and Inventories Program) of the U.S. National Science Foundation, Grant Nos. DEB-9400821 and DEB-9505031, Theodore W. Pietsch, principal investigator; and by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant No. BSAR-401, Kunio Amaoka, principal investigator.

Bethylus fuscicornis (Jurine, 1807)

MATERIAL (2♂, 10♀). Russia, Kuril Islands: 1♂, PA-96-ASL-002, Paramushir, 50°38'00"N, 156°07'68"E, 4 km SE Severo-Kurilsk, sweeping on the grass and bushes, 1.VIII 1996 (A.Lelej); 4♀, ON-96-ASL-008, Onkotan, 49°23'71"N, 154°48'71"E, sweeping on the grass and bushes, 7.VIII 1996 (A.Lelej); 1♀, KH-96-ASL-009, Kharimkotan, 49°09'50"N, 154°29'47"E, sweeping on the grass and bushes, 8.VIII 1996 (A.Lelej); 4♀, UR-96-ASL-021, Urup, 45°38'77"N, 149°27'77"E, sweeping on the grass, 21.VIII 1996 (A.Lelej); 1♀, Kunashir, Dubovoye, 30.VII 1989 (A.Lelej); 1♂, KU-96-ASL-025, Kunashir, 3 km S Yuzhno-Kurilsk, on *Sasa* leaves, 25.VIII 1996 (A.Lelej).

DISTRIBUTION. Russia: Yakutiya, South of Magadanskaya oblast', Kamchatka, South Sakhalin, Kuril Islands (new record) (Paramushir, Onkotan, Kharimkotan, Urup, Kunashir), Amurskaya oblast', Khabarovskii krai, Primorskii krai. Western Europe. North Africa.

1. Gorbatovskij, V.V. 1995. [58. Fam. Bethylidae]. – In: Lehr, P. A. (ed.). Key to the insects of Russian Far East. Vol. 4, pt. 1. Nauka, St. Petersburg: 179–180. (In Russian).

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