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## New Records of *Bolcocius granulatus* (Sharp, 1885) (Coleoptera: Zopheridae) from Taiwan, with a Key to Taiwanese Species of *Bolcocius*

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**Abstract.** *Bolcocius granulatus* (Sharp, 1885) is newly recorded from Taiwan. A key to Taiwanese species of the genus is provided.

**Key words:** Zopheridae, Colydiinae, *Bolcocius*, new faunistic record, Taiwan

### Introduction

The genus *Bolcocius* Dajoz, 1975 is widely distributed in Japan, Taiwan, China, India, Indonesia, Pacific Islands, New Guinea and Australia (Dajoz, 1975; Ślipiński et al., 1999). However, only one species (*B. formosanus* Sasaji, 1984) of the genus has been recorded from Taiwan. The genus is morphologically similar to *Colobicus* Latreille, 1807, but it can be distinguished by the combination of following characters: narrower and convex body; pronotal and elytral margins at most narrowly explanate; interfacetal setae in the form of long stout bristles; antennomere III much shorter than the combined length of I and II. (Ślipiński et al., 1999; Aoki, 2012). The genus *Bolcocius* in East Asia has been studied by some Japanese entomologists such as Hiroyuki Sasaji and Junichi Aoki.

I've visited the Taiwan agricultural Research Institute, Wufeng, Taichung, Taiwan recently in order to examine specimens of zopherid beetles and found specimens of *Bolcocius granulatus* (Sharp, 1885) collected in Taiwan. Hence, I herein report this new faunistic record from Taiwan, and provide notes on morphological characters, which are needed for the identification. In addition, some important literature for studying on this genus occurred in East Asia are catalogued below.

### Material and methods

All materials examined in this paper are deposited at the Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute, Wufeng, Taichung, Taiwan (TARI, Dr. Chi-Feng Lee). Abbreviation used in the text: ex – unidentified sex specimen(s).

### Results

#### *Bolcocius granulatus* (Sharp, 1885)

(Figs. 1–3)

*Colobicus granulatus* Sharp, 1885: 65.

*Bolcocius granulatus*: Sasaji, 1984: 38; Sasaji, 1985: 293; Ślipiński & Schuh, 2008: 81; Aoki, 2009: 41 & 144; Aoki, 2012: 57.

**Material examined.** TAIWAN: 1 ex., Shitou, Nantou Country, 1. II. 2005, C.-F. Lee leg. (TARI); 2 ex., Shitou, Nantou Country, 18. III. 2004, C.-F. Lee leg. (TARI).

**Differential Diagnosis.** It can be easily distinguished from any other *Bolcocius* species occurred in East Asia by the combination of following characters: larger body; apex of elytral setae sharpened; posterior margin of pronotum arcuate.

**Comment.** This species has been recorded from Japan (Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and Tsushima) and China (Southwestern Territory), excluded Taiwan. The present study firstly confirmed and proposed its first record from Taiwan.



Figure 1. Dorsal view of *Bolcocius granulosis* (Sharp, 1885). Scale: 0.5 mm.

**Key to Taiwanese species of the genus *Bolcocius* Dajoz, 1975**

- Larger body; setae on elytra rounded apically.....*B. formosanus* Sasaji, 1984 (Fig. 2)
- Smaller body; setae on elytra sharpened apically.....*B. granulosis* (Sharp, 1885) (Fig. 3)



Figure 2. Elytral setae of *B. granulosis* (Sharp, 1885), showing elytral setae sharpened apically. Scale: 0.1 mm.



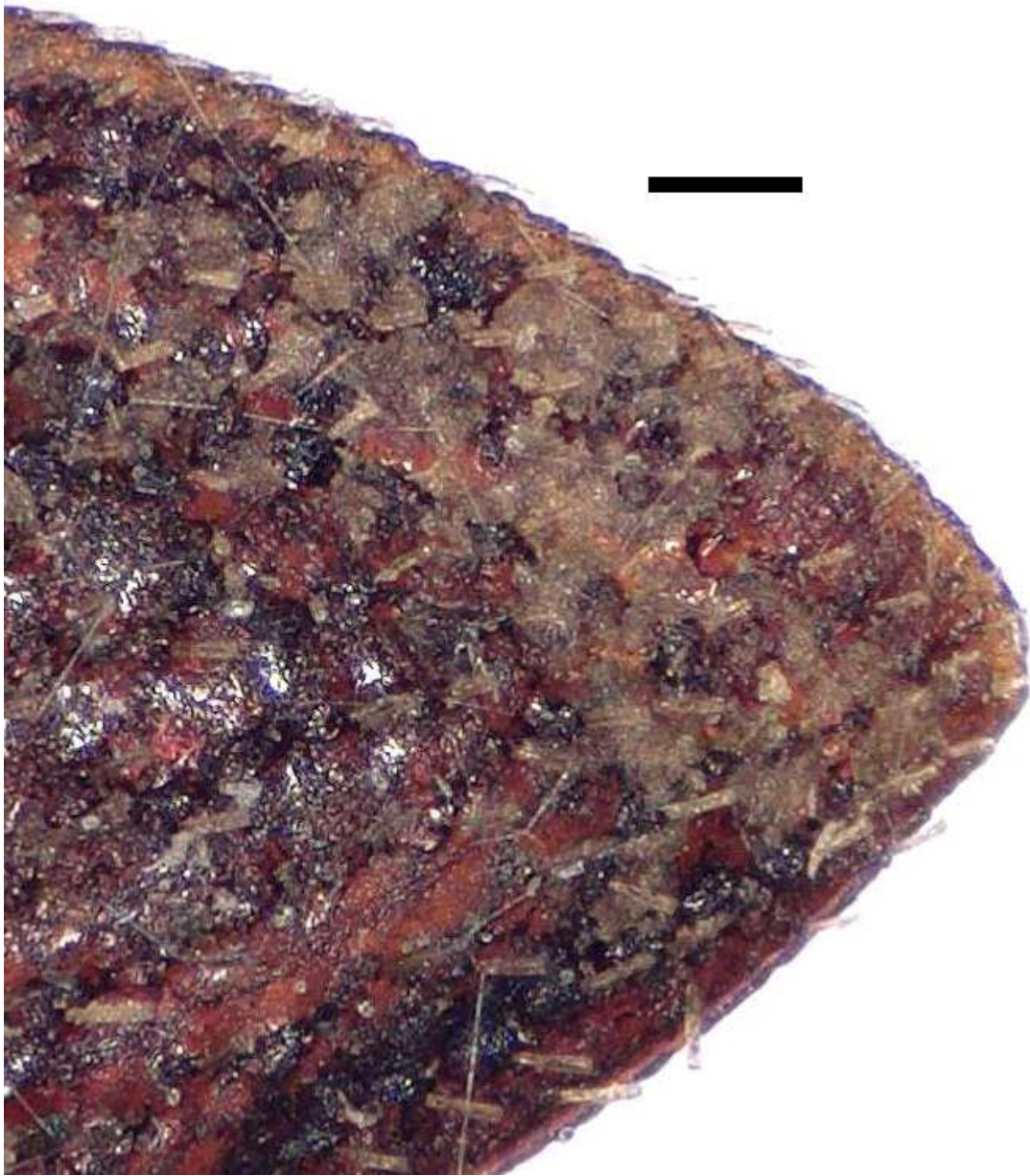


Figure 3. Elytral setae of *B. formosanus* Sasaji, 1984, showing elytral setae rounded apically. Scale: 0.1 mm.

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## 臺灣新紀錄種粒面丸形細堅蟲之記述及臺灣產丸形細堅蟲屬檢索表 (鞘翅目：瘤擬步行蟲科)

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**摘要:** 粒面丸形細堅蟲 *Bolcocius granulatus* (Sharp, 1885) 新紀錄於臺灣，本文同時提供臺灣產丸形細堅蟲屬檢索表。

**關鍵詞:** 瘤擬步行蟲科、細堅蟲亞科、丸形細堅蟲屬、物種相新紀錄、臺灣