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**A new *Philonthus* from New Guinea**  
**(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae)**

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***Philonthus murex* n. sp.**

Head and segments IV to IX of antennae black, pronotum, legs, base of antennae and tergites reddish, last segment of antennae creamy-white. Elytra greenish-blue.

Head twice as broad as long, shining, eyes moderately convex, from above twice as long as the temples.

Pronotum a little longer than broad, moderately convex, shining, without microsculpture or setae, with two rows each of four punctures.

Elytra as broad as long, very strongly punctured, interstices a little broader than the diameter of the punctures, with short black setae. Suture strongly bordered.

Scutellum very densely punctured.

Abdomen narrowing to the apex, tergites strongly punctured on basal half.

Legs setose and spinose.

Length: 10 mm.

**H o l o t y p e :** ♀ New Guinea

**P a r a t y p e :** ♀ same data. Both specimens in the Zoological Museum, Berlin.

**R e m a r k s :** In coloration this species can be compared with *Philonthus balbus* TOTTENHAM from several African countries but with the following differences: it is more slender, the pronotum is red, the punctuation of the elytra and abdomen stronger.

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