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**New data on the oriental Xantholinini. 36. Description of the male  
of *Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI, 2012 and new records  
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae)**

**253° contribution to the knowledge of the Staphylinidae**

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**A b s t r a c t :** The male of *Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI is described (Sabah); new records of the genus are listed; *Thyrecephalus hongkongensis* (REDTENBACHER) is new record for Sabah.

**K e y w o r d s :** Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Xantholinini, male of *Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI, 2012, Sabah, new records.

### **Introduction**

Recently I have received in study some specimens of *Thyrecephalus* GUERIN-MÈNEVILLE, 1844 collected in different localities of the Oriental Region. This short note is the result of this study. In particular the male of *Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI, 2012 is described.

### **Acronyms**

cH ..... coll. Y. Hayashi, Kawanishi

OUMNH ..... Oxford University Museum Natural History

### ***Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI, 2012**

**M a t e r i a l s t u d i e d :** Sabah, Tawau, 4.70N, 117.52E, 250 m, C.L. Gray 10-16.XI.2012, SAFE project area, FIT, riparian forest strip in oil palm, 1♂, OUMNH-2013-056.

**N o t e :** *Thyrecephalus elegantissimus* was described on a female from Danum Valley, Sabah (BORDONI 2012). It differs from the congeners and from the known species of Sabah [*T. laticeps* (ERICHSOHN 1839), *T. albertisi* (FAUVEL 1895), *T. bipunctatus* BORDONI 2002] in shape of body, dimension, colouration, puncturation. The study of the male confirm the validity of the species and that it differs from other *Thyrecephalus* also in the particular shape of the aedeagus that is very big (3,25 mm long), with small median lobe and short parameres; inner sac tape-like, narrow and long, covered with fine spinules and scales (Fig. 3). Tergite and sternite of the male genital segment as in Figs 1-2. The male differs from the female only by the just larger body.

***Thyreoccephalus hongkongensis* (REDTENBACHER, 1867)**

M a t e r i a l s t u d i e d : Sabah, Tawau, 4.57105N, 117.16964E, 170 m, C. Gray 18.III.2011, Forest corridor, 25g Human feaces, PF trap, 48 hours, Ref: RR 1210m, 1♂, OUMNH-2012-036.

N o t e : The species is known from Burma to Vietnam, Philippines, Java, Bali and China (BORDONI 2002). New record for Sabah.

***Thyreoccephalus annulatus* (FAUVEL, 1895)**

M a t e r i a l s t u d i e d : Sumatra, Riau Prov., Siak Reg., Smartri Ujung Tanyung Estate, 0.962283136N, 101.3232386E, 26 m, Mann & Slade 2-9.X.2013, Mature oil palm Plot D28, Befta Code-6A, FIT, 1 ex., OUMNH-2013-064.

N o t e : *Thyreoccephalus annulatus* is known from numerous areas in the Oriental region, including Sumatra (BORDONI 2002) and cited also from Yunnan (BORDONI 2013).

***Thyreoccephalus feae* (FAUVEL, 1895)**

M a t e r i a l s t u d i e d : Thailand, Chiang Rai, Wiang Pa Pao, K. Takahashi 14.XI.2012, 1 ex. (cH).

N o t e : This species is known from Burma, Thailand, Vietnam (BORDONI 2002), Laos (BORDONI 2009), and China: Yunnan, Guangzhou (BORDONI 2002), Sichuan (BORDONI 2003).

***Thyreoccephalus laticeps* (ERICHSON, 1839)**

M a t e r i a l s t u d i e d : E Malaysia, 30 km from Kuatabuku, Baharu, K. Matsuda & T. Hatayama, 1 ex. (cH).

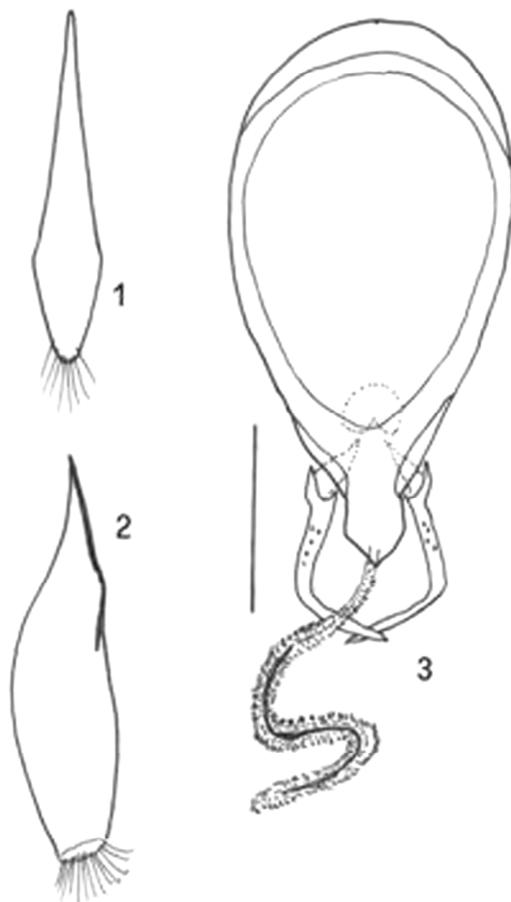
N o t e : The species is known from Burma, Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, Borneo (BORDONI 2002).

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Figs 1-3: tergite, sternite of the male genital segment and aedeagus (1-3) of *Thyreoccephalus elegantissimus* BORDONI (bar scale: 1 mm).

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