

Research Notes

NEW RECORDS OF ROVE BEETLES FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH (COLEOPTERA: STAPHYLINIDAE)

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The family Staphylinidae is one of the largest families of the superfamily Staphylinoidea and are commonly known as rove beetles, distributed throughout the world.

Cameron (1931) has dealt with this family in the Indian region extensively. Author has recently reported the rove beetles of Himachal Pradesh (*Bionotes*, Vol. 17 (3) : 76, 17 (4) : 104, and 18 (1) : 25).

The present study is based on the collections brought from different districts of Himachal Pradesh by various recent survey parties from the Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata. The study reports 17 species under 11 genera and one subfamily. All the species are new records from Himachal Pradesh.

Order : Coleoptera

Family : Staphylinidae

Subfamily : Paederinae

Tribe : Pinophilini

Genus *Palaminus* Erichson

1. *Palaminus andrewesi* Cameron

Distribution: India : Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu.

Genus *Paederus* Fabricius

2. *Paederus nigripennis* Cameron

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh.

3. *Paederus atrocyanus* Champion

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal.

4. *Paederus birmanus* Fauvel

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Nagaland. Elsewhere: Myanmar.

5. *Paederus basalis* Bernh.

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand.

Genus *Acanthoglossa* Kraatz

6. *Acanthoglossa testaceipennis* Kraatz

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Tripura, Meghalaya, Sikkim.

Genus *Stiliclus* Latr.

7. *Stiliclus velutinus* Fauvel

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Tripura.

Genus *Charichirus* Sharp

8. *Charichirus chinensis* Boh.

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal. Elsewhere: Sri Lanka and Japan.

Genus *Scopaeus* Erichson

9. *Scopaeus beelsoni* Cameron

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Genus *Lathrobium* Gravenhorst

10. *Lathrobium tristi* Cameron

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.

11. *Lathrobium pustulatum* Cameron

Distr.: Himachal Pradesh, Assam.

Genus *Lobochilus* Bernhauer

12. *Lobochilus fortepunctatus* Cameron

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, West Bengal.

Genus *Medon* Steph.

13. *Medon birmanus* Fauv.

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh (Sirmour, Renuka W.R.S), Sikkim, Uttarakhand. Elsewhere: Myanmar.

14. *Medon inmsi* Bernhauer

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh (Mandi, Ropa, Sundernagar), Uttarakhand. Elsewhere: Singapore.

Genus *Pseudobium* Muls. et Rey

15. *Pseudobium laeviventre* Champ.

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand.

Genus *Cryptobium* Mannerh

16. *Cryptobium abdominal* var. *rufipenne* Motsch.

Distr.: India: Himachal Pradesh (Chamba, Banikhet), widely distributed throughout India. Elsewhere: Sri Lanka.

17. *Cryptobium bernhaueri* Cameron

Dist.: India: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Siwalik.

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