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Passalid Beetles (Coleoptera, Passalidae) Collected from Thailand, with New Records of *Ophrygonius cantori* (PERCHERON) and *Aceraius laevicollis* (ILLIGER)\(^1\)

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About one hundred fifty examples of the Passalidae were collected during the Kyoto University Expeditions to Thailand in 1994–1997. Nine species are recognized in the collection. We record herewith the materials with the exception of one undescribed form which will be described elsewhere. Of these, *Ophrygonius cantori* (PERCHERON) and *Aceraius laevicollis* (ILLIGER) are recorded for the first time from Thailand.

We referred to HINCKS and DIBB (1935, 1958) and some subsequent works for distributions.

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1. Subfamily Aulacocyclinae

*Ceracupes fronticornis* (WESTWOOD)

*Specimens examined.* 2 exs., Doi Chiang Dao (1,800 m in alt.), 28–V–1997.


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II. Subfamily Passalinae

*Leptaulax dentatus* (FABRICIUS)


*Distribution.* India, eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Taiwan, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Philippines, Sulawesi, Lesser Sundas, Moluccas, New Guinea, Australia.

*Leptaulax planus* ILLIGER

*Specimen examined.* 1 ex., Khao Luang, 26–VIII–1994.

*Distribution.* Myanmar, Thailand, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Sulawesi.

*Macrolinus sikkimensis* (STOLICZKA)


*Distribution.* Eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Indochina.

*Ophrygonius cantori* (PERCHERON)


*Aceraius grandis* (BURMEISTER)


*Distribution.* Eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Philippines.

*Aceraius helferi* KUWERT


*Distribution.* Eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Malay Peninsula, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Korean Peninsula.
Aceriaus laevicollis (Illiger)

Specimens examined. 2 exs., Suratthani, 18–VIII–1997.

Distribution. Thailand (new record), Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Philippines.

Notes. In the present study, this species was firstly recorded from Thailand. However, it is not so unexpected because the collection locality, Suratthani is located in the Malay Peninsula.

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Discovery of Ceracupes chingkini Okano (Coleoptera, Passalidae) from China

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Ceracupes chingkini was described by OKANO (1988) from Taiwan, and later recorded from Thailand and Vietnam (KON & JOHDI, 1995). Recently, we found one female specimen of this species from China in the collection of the late Mr. W. KITAWAKI. Its collecting data are as follows: 1 ♀, the Dayao Shan Range 800–1,200 m, Laoshan, Guangxi, China, VII–1996. This bridges the distributional gap between Taiwan and Indochina.

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