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Rediscovery of *Asclepios shiranui* (Heteroptera, Gerridae) from Northern Kyushu, Japan

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The coastal marine skater *Asclepios shiranui* (ESAKI) was recorded from Murozumi, Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Honshu (MIYAMOTO, 1937), and Masaru near Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyushu (type-locality; ESAKI, 1924) and was collected on Ariake Bay, Saga Prefecture, Kyushu (MIYAMOTO, unpublished), but it has been supposed to be extinct in all these localities. In 1991, therefore, this insect was designated as an endangered species in the Red Data Book issued by the Nature Conservation Bureau, Japan.

In our search for the gerrid made around northern Kyushu (including Tsushima Is.) in 1996, we could fortunately find it from some localities as given below (Fig. 1). It was 40 years ago that the gerrid was last recognized in Saga Prefecture by the junior author.

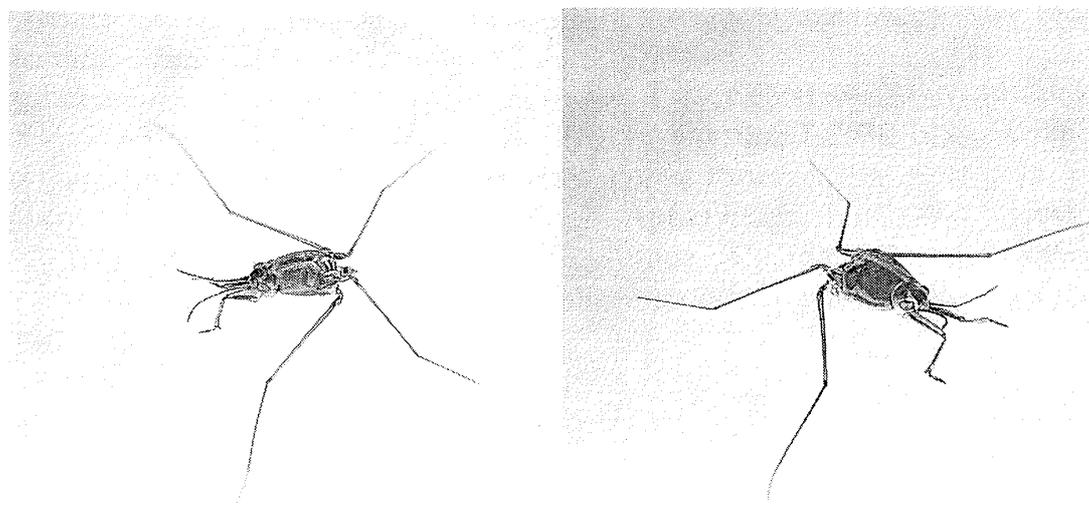


Fig. 1. *Asclepios shiranui*, ♂ (left) and ♀ (right), Hizen, Saga Pref. (19 September 1996). Photo by M. HAYASHI.

Many specimens were collected from the following localities in July and September, 1996: [Saga Pref.] Hizen and Imari; [Nagasaki Pref.] Mitsushima (Tsushima Is.), Fukushima, Sasebo and Kinkai. In most localities, *Halobates matsumurai* ESAKI was observed to live together.

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