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Occurrence of *Gerris (Gerris) lacustris* (Heteroptera, Gerridae) in Hokkaido, Japan

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A Palearctic water strider, *Gerris (Gerris) lacustris* (LINNAEUS, 1758) has been known to occur as east as the Russian Far East (Amur, Khabarovsk, Primorskij Kray and Sakhalin), and it is very similar but not closely allied to *G. latiabdominis* MIYAMOTO, 1958 (originally described as a subspecies of *lacustris*) (KANYUKOVA, 1982; ANDERSEN & CHEN, 1993; ANDERSEN, 1993). Recently, we have recognized the water strider *G. lacustris* from central and eastern Hokkaido for the first time. In any localities, both *G. lacustris* and *G. latiabdominis* are observed to occupy a same marshy pond.

In the collecting data of the water striders, macropterous and brachypterous forms are abbreviated to *Mf* and *Bf*, respectively. All the specimens are preserved in Saitama University, Urawa.

Specimens examined: 28♂ 25♀ (*Mf*) and 9♂ 5♀ (*Bf*), Mitsumata, Kami-shihoro, 24. VIII. 1995, M. HAYASHI et al.; 1♂ 2♀ (*Mf*), Onnenai, Kushiro Marsh, 19. VII. 1991, S. SAITO; 1♂ (*Mf*), same locality, 12. VII. 1992, M. HAYASHI et al.; 19♂ 20♀ (*Mf*) and 1♂ 1♀ (*Bf*), same data except 28-30. VIII. 1995; 4♂ 5♀ (*Mf*), Iwabokki, Kushiro Marsh, 28. VIII. 1995, M. HAYASHI et al.; 1♂ (*Mf*), Shimo-kuchoro, Tsurui, 30. VIII. 1995, M. HAYASHI et al.; 1♂ (*Mf*), Kiritappu, Hamanaka, 2. VII. 1990, M. HAYASHI et al.

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