

***Yosiityphlus* Sawada, 1971, a new synonym of *Thinobius* Kiesenwetter, 1844 (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae)**

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Abstract

Based on the analysis of the original description, *Yosiityphlus kuroshio* Sawada, 1971, initially described as a member of Leptotyphlinae, is transferred to the genus *Thinobius* Kiesenwetter, 1844, subfamily Oxytelinae. The generic name *Yosiityphlus* Sawada, 1971 is placed in synonymy with the name *Thinobius*.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Leptotyphlinae, Oxytelinae, *Yosiityphlus*, *Thinobius*, taxonomy, synonymy

Introduction

Yosiityphlus kuroshio Sawada (1971), an endogean staphylinid described from the Kii Peninsula of Honshû, Japan, was placed by Sawada in the subfamily Leptotyphlinae. This placement was based on the lack of eyes; the dark tentorial maculae clearly visible on poorly pigmented yellow background; the position of the antennal insertion points and some other characters. Sawada (1971) pointed out that *Yosiityphlus* differed from all known genera of leptotyphlines in arrangement of the setae of the labrum, in the shape of the gular sutures and pronotum, and in having a reduced prementum. Sawada did not assign *Yosiityphlus* to any of the described tribes of Leptotyphlinae (Coiffait 1959). In the recent world catalogue (Herman 2001) *Yosiityphlus* is not assigned to any tribe of Leptotyphlinae and listed as *incertae sedis*.