



Short Communication

NEW RECORD OF *COSSYPHUS DEPRESSUS* FAB. 1781 (COSSYPHINI : LAGRIINAE : TENEBRIONIDAE: COLEOPTERA) FROM UTTAR PRADESH

INTRODUCTION

While undertaking the general faunistic survey of Hardoi and Sitapur districts (Uttar Pradesh), two examples *Cossyphus depressus* are collected, which constitutes to new record from Uttar Pradesh.

Previously, *Cossyphus depressus* Fabricius, 1781 was first reported by P.S. Nathan in India in 1937 from Nedungadu, Tanjore District, Tamil Nadu and Shimoga, Mysore state (presently Karnataka state) (Hava, 2007). Thereafter, the species has been reported from West Bengal (Saha and Das, 1996).

SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT

- Order COLEOPTERA
Suborder POLYPHAGA
Family TENEBRIONIDAE
Subfamily LAGRINAE, Latreille, 1825
Tribe COSSYPHINI, Latreille, 1802
Genera *Cossyphus*, Oliv. 1975

2000. Scupola. *Cossyphus cossyphus depressus* (Fabricius, 1781) *Atte del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Trieste*, 48: 185-249.

2000. Scupola. *Cossyphus cossyphus planus* Fabricius, 1801. *Atte del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Trieste*, 48: 185-249.

Diagnostic characters : Brownish in colour, size small, flat body, head and pronotum joined together except a fine suture in between. Elytra similarly and equally flattened as pronotum and each elytron with a longitudinal and elevated ridge in the middle; antennae moderately elongated, basal segment longest, 2 to 7 segments slender, 10th strongly transverse, apical segment rounded, last four apical segments flattened; maxillary palpi fairly elongate, apical segment of maxillary palpi fairly triangular and flattened; labrum and labial



Fig. I: Dorsal view



Fig. II: Ventral view

palpi small, fairly elongated legs. Lateral membranous elevations of elytra completely cover the body. (Fig. I & II).

Material examined : Uttar Pradesh, Hardoi district 02 examples collected under the leaf litter at Sandi Bird Sanctuary, on 21.ii.2011. and 02 examples collected under the mud from Sinhanipur Jheel, Sitapur district on 23.ii.2011 and Coll: V.D. Hegde all party.

Distribution : INDIA: Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh (Hardoi and Sitapur districts).

Elsewhere : SRI LANKA (Scupola, 2000)

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