

# An aberrant species of *Nipponocercyon* from Sichuan, China (Coleoptera, Hydrophilidae, Sphaeridiinae)

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## Abstract

A detailed examination of specimens of *Cryptopleurum sichuanicum* Ryndevich, 2005 from high altitudes of Sichuan Province, China, revealed that the species belongs in the genus *Nipponocercyon* Satô, 1963 previously endemic to Japan. The species is here transferred in *Nipponocercyon*, and *N. sichuanicum* (Ryndevich, 2005), **comb. n.** is redescribed and compared with *N. shibatai* Satô, 1963. The male genitalia of *N. sichuanicum* is described for the first time. An adapted diagnosis of *Nipponocercyon* is provided, and reasons for the inclusion of *N. sichuanicum* into *Nipponocercyon* and the general distribution of the genus are discussed.

## Keywords

Hydrophilidae, Sphaeridiinae, *Nipponocercyon*, taxonomy, morphology, China, Oriental region, Palaearctic region

## Introduction

*Cryptopleurum sichuanicum* Ryndevich, 2005 was described from a few female specimens collected in the mountains of Sichuan Province, China (Ryndevich 2005). Although considered “rather peculiar and isolated with some characters differing from