A new species of *Platambus* from China (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae)

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**Abstract**

A new species of *Platambus* Thomson (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae) is described from China: *Platambus elongatus* sp. nov. *Platambus elongatus* sp. nov. has to be included within *sawadai*-group, characterized by its broadly oval shape, indistinct pronoto-elytral angle, and the strong punctuation on the upper surface. *Platambus wulingshanensis* Brancucci, 2005 is recorded from Hubei (China) for the first time and the widely distributed species *Platambus excoffieri* Régimbart, 1899 is recorded from Hainan and Shaanxi Chinese Provinces for the first time.

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**Introduction**

The genus *Platambus* was established by Thomson in 1859, with *Dytiscus maculatus* Linnaeus, 1758 as type species. Sharp (1884) reported one new species from Japan. Gschwendtner (1935) and Vazirani (1965) established one new species each. Brancucci (1982, 1984, 1988, 1990) described about 5 new species from Palearctic region. In Brancucci (1988) the genus is revised, and a total of three subgenera and 23 species were recognized. The genus *Stictogabus* was considered to be a junior synonym of *Platambus*. Nilsson (2001) listed 55 valid species in the book ‘World Catalogue of Insect (Vol. 3)’. To date, 62 species of this genus are recorded from the Nearctic, Neotropical, Oriental and Palearctic regions.


The current paper describes one new species of *Platambus* from China, which was collected by L. Ji & M. Wang from Hainan Province.