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New species of the genus *Ontholestes* Ganglbauer, 1895 (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Staphylininae) from Yakutia

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Recently, the junior author had an opportunity to study material of Staphylinidae, which was given to him by the Yakutian entomologist Dr. Sargylana Nogovitsyna (Institute of Biological Problems of Cryolithozone, Yakutsk, Russia). Three species of the genus *Ontholestes* Ganglbauer, 1895 were included in this material from South-western and North-eastern Yakutia (Republic of Sakha, Russia): *O. inauratus* Mannerheim, 1830, *O. murinus* (Linnaeus, 1758) and one additional, new species in three specimens (Shavrin *et al.* 2008), all from north-eastern part of Yakutia (Cherskiy Mts., Suntar-Khayata Mts.). Subsequently, during one of the annual Meetings on Biology and Systematics of Staphylinidae, the junior author presented two males of this new species to the senior author who concurred that it is a new species. The goal of our paper is to give the description of this new species.

Ontholestes yakuticus, Smetana & Shavrin, new species

(Figs. 1–6)

Ontholestes sp.: Shavrin *et al.* 2008: 91

Type locality. NE Yakutia, Cherskiy ridge, Ulakhan-Chistay Mt., basin of Moma river, upper flow of Gyrbynya river, environs of mouth of Anchik stream 64°40'27"N 146°40'4"E, 1040 m. [Translation from Russian].

Holotype: male: RUSSIA: “SV [NE] Yakutia, khr. [Mt.] Cherskogo, khr. [Mt.] Ulakhan-Chistay, bass. [basin] r. Moma, verkh. [upper flow] r. Gyrbynya, okr. ust'ia ruch. [environs of mouth of stream] Anchik, naled', 1040 m n.u.m. [a.s.l.] [S.] Nogovitsyna 19.07.2003”. [Translation from Russian]. In the collection of Zoological Museum of Moscow University (Moscow, Russia).

Paratypes: 2 males: RUSSIA: “NE Yakutia, khr. [Mt] Suntar-Khayata, verch. [upper flow] r. Setorym, prav. prit. [right influent] r. Vost. [East.] Khandyga, okr. ust'ia ruch. [environs of mouth of stream] Nekulyak, naled' [frazil], Stepanov A.D. 13.07.[20]03”. [Translation from Russian]. In the collection of A. Shavrin (Daugavpils, Latvia) and A. Smetana (Ottawa, Canada).

Description. Habitus as in Fig. 1. Length 9.6–9.8 mm. Black; head, pronotum and elytra with dark metallic lustre, head and pronotum moderately shiny; elytra somewhat duller; pubescence of forebody inconspicuously golden, with traces of whitish hairs on lateral portion of each elytron; pubescence of abdominal tergites 3 and 4 in middle each with two patches of black tomentose pubescence, each patch bordered by some whitish hairs; tergite 5 with small patch of whitish hairs in middle of basal portion; tergite 6 with dark uniform pubescence except for a few whitish hairs in each basal corner; tergite 7 and 8 with wide, irregular basal band of whitish hair, otherwise with dark uniform pubescence. Maxillary and labial palpi pale piceous with bases of all segments paler; first three segments of antenna rufotestaceous (with dorsum of first segment darkened); following segments gradually becoming darker, outer segments piceous; legs with tibiae and tarsi rufotestaceous; all femora piceous.

Head with rounded quadrangular shape, with obtusely marked posterior angles, not dilated behind eyes, markedly wider than long (ratio 1.43); eyes large, moderately convex; tempora markedly shorter than eyes from above (ratio 0.47); dorsal surface of head densely, coarsely punctate; punctation becoming gradually somewhat finer and sparser anteriorly, interspaces between punctures narrow, linear, without microsculpture, indistinct trace of impunctate midline on posterior half of head. Dorsal surface of neck with punctation similar to that on head but finer. Antenna short, reaching anterior