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**FIRST RECORD OF *ANAX NIGROFASCIATUS* OGUMA, 1915  
(ODONATA: AESHNIDAE) FROM RUSSIA**

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**Summary.** Dragonfly *Anax nigrofasciatus* Oguma, 1915 (Odonata: Aeshnidae) was collected on a small pond in the vicinity of Vityaz settlement, Gamov Peninsula, Primorsky Krai in 2021. It is the first record of this East Asian species from Russia. *A. nigrofasciatus* clearly differs from *A. parthenope julius* Brauer, 1865, more common in the south of the Russian Far East, by body coloration and by details of morphology.

**Key words:** Odonata, dragonflies, *Anax*, fauna, new record, Primorsky Krai, Russian Far East.

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**Резюме.** *Anax nigrofasciatus* Oguma, 1915 (Odonata: Aeshnidae) был собран на небольшом пруду в окрестностях пос. Витязь, п-ов Гамова, Приморский край в 2021 г. Ранее этот восточноазиатский вид для территории России не указывался. От более обычного на юге Дальнего Востока России *A. parthenope julius* Brauer, 1865 этот вид легко отличается по окраске и деталям морфологии.

**INTRODUCTION**

So far, five taxa from the genus *Anax* have been reported for Russia, namely *A. ephippiger* (Burmeister, 1839), *A. imperator* Leach, 1815, *A. junius* (Drury, 1773), *A. parthenope parthenope* (Selys, 1839), *A. parthenope julius* Brauer, 1865 (Malikova & Kosterin, 2019). The first two are distributed in the European part of the country, *A. parthenope parthenope* is found also in Siberia east to Omsk and the Tyva Republic (Kosterin, 2007; Kosterin & Zaika, 2011). *A. junius* is a stray species reported twice from Kamchatka in XIX – early XX centuries (Hagen, 1856; Bartenev, 1912). The only registered representative of this genus in the Russian Far East was *A. parthenope julius* native to Korean Peninsula, Japan, China, and Vietnam (Malikova, 2010). A species of *Anax* that is new for Russian fauna was collected in the south of Primorsky Krai, Russian Far East. The studied specimens are deposited in the Federal Scientific Center of East Asia Terrestrial Biodiversity, Vladivostok, Russia [FCBV] (formerly the Institute of Biology and Soil Science).

## NEW RECORD

### Family Aeshnidae Rambur, 1842

#### *Anax nigrofasciatus* Oguma, 1915

Fig. 1

*Anax nigrofasciatus* Oguma, 1915: 121. Type locality: Okayama; Kyoto, Totomi; Tokyo [Japan].

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Russia:** Primorskii krai, Khasanskii district, Gamov Peninsula, Vitjaz settl., 42°35'56"N, 131°11'13"E, 14–16.VII 2021, 3♂, leg. Yu. Chistyakov (2♂ deposited in FCBV; 1♂ was taken alive from a spiderweb and then released).



Fig. 1. *Anax nigrofasciatus*, resting male. (Photo by Yu.A. Chistyakov).

HABITAT. Collecting site (Fig. 2) is located about 150 m from the sea shore in a boggy valley with sparse spreading trees of *Salix caprea*, *S. udensis*, *Alnus japonica*, *A. hirsuta* and *Fraxinus mandshurica* where there are two rather small, no more than 200 square meters each, 20-year-old artificial ponds. The depth of the ponds is about 2 meters or even less; their banks are occupied by the same vegetation that used to grow in this valley: *Calamagrostis langsdorffii*, *C. extremiorientalis*, *Lithrum salicaria*, *Poa pratensis*, *Carex maackii*, *C. rhynchophysa*, *Juncus decipiens*, *Scirpus asiaticus* and others. Shallow areas of the ponds are overgrown with *Calla palustris*, *Phragmites communis* and *Typha orientalis*. The water surface is mostly covered by *Nymphoides peltatum*.



Fig. 3. Habitat of *Anax nigrofasciatus* in Russia (Primorsky Krai, Gamov Peninsula). (Photo by Yu.A. Chistyakov).

**DISTRIBUTION.** The species occurs in Japan except Hokkaido (Sugimura *et al.*, 2001), in South Korea (Lee, 2001), North, East, South, and Central China (Hua, 2000), Hong Kong (Reels, 2019), Taiwan (Liefinck *et al.*, 1984; Wang, 2000), and Vietnam (Cuong & Hoa, 2007). The record from the Philippines is considered doubtful (Wilson, 2009).

**COMMENTS.** *A. nigrofasciatus* is easily distinguished from its congeners distributed in Russia by the presence of distinct, bright black T-shaped mark on the horizontal part of frons, by black thoracic sutures on green thorax and black abdomen with 2 pairs of blue (green in females) lateral spots on tergites 3-10.

### CONCLUSION

The new record of *A. nigrofasciatus* indicates its significant advance to the north in the last two decades. Lee (2001) cited no records from the north of Korean Peninsula, but Kim *et al.* (2020) reported it from the central part of North Korea. A number of oriental Odonata species seems advancing northward and westward recently (Malikova, 2010; Malikova & Streltsov, 2015) and this record confirms the trend. Moreover, the trend of invasions of the East Asian-Oriental species of insects into the Russian Far East has existed at least during last century but is noticeably increased during last years (Dubatolov, 2021; Spitsyn & Spitsyna, 2021; Ustjuzhanin *et al.*, 2021).

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