

Etymology. The name for this species takes Kahului as a noun in apposition, as a dedication to its provenance.

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Callirhipidae, a new family to the Hawaiian beetle fauna¹

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Coleoptera: Callirhipidae

Callirhipis robusta Waterhouse

New state record

This species represents the first established member of Callirhipidae in Hawai'i. *Callirhipis robusta* was described from a unique specimen from Thailand in the British Museum by Waterhouse (1877: 385).

Hawaiian specimens along with similar specimens from Laos were sent to R. Madge, Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London, who made the identification in March 1990. The natural range of *C. robusta* embraces SE Asia. This species was first seen on O'ahu over 15 years ago but is infrequently collected. The recent captures in Kahalu'u Valley mark about an 8 km range extension from Kāne'ohe and indicates the establishment and spread of this beetle. Larvae are woodborers, usually in decaying wood. The habitat of the Kahalu'u location is lowland wet forest, with *Acacia koa* and *Pandanus tectorius*, and the possibly indigenous *Hibiscus tiliaceus* as the predominant native trees, plus a dense infusion of exotic species, including species of *Brassaia*, *Cecropia*, *Eugenia*, *Persea*, and *Psidium*.

Material examined. O'AHU: Kāne'ohe, 17 Nov 1989, attracted to house lights, C. Murdock (1 ex, CIE, London); Kāne'ohe, 21 Nov 1994, Neil Reimer (1 ex, HDOA); Kāne'ohe, 18 Jun 1996, in house, M. Braden (1 ex, BPBM); Kāne'ohe, Kahalu'u Val., near end of Ahuimanu Road, 100 m, 21

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