

The Korean Species of the Intertidal Genus *Cafius* Stephens (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Staphylininae)

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A taxonomic study of the genus *Cafius* Stephens in Korea is presented. The world-wide genus *Cafius* containing more than 50 species are exclusively found under seaweeds in the intertidal zones. They are characterized by the combination of: apical maxillary palpomere more or less fusiform or cylindrical; ligula entire, rounded or slightly sinuate apically; largest lateral macrosetal puncture of pronotum separated from lateral margin by about three times the width of the puncture or more; pronotal hypomeron without postcoxal process; mesosternum with acute intercoxal process; tarsal formula 5-5-5; outer edge of protibia with spines; protarsus in both sexes with basal four tarsomeres each bearing modified pale setae on ventral face and each almost always variably dilated. Five species are recognized, three of which are reported for the first time in Korea [*C. algarum* (Sharp), *C. mimulus* (Sharp), *C. rufescens* Sharp]. A key, descriptions, and drawings of diagnostic characters of known Korean *Cafius* species are presented.