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*Hydroporus springeri* G. Müller, 1924  
(Coleoptera: Dytiscidae)  
new species for Piedmont (NW Italy)

**ABSTRACT** - *Hydroporus springeri* G. Müller, 1924 (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae), new species for Piedmont (NW Italy). *Hydroporus springeri* is reported for the first time for Piedmont (NW Italy). All known data of its distribution are summarized and ecological remarks are given. A key to the group of morphologically similar Italian species belonging to the *H. palustris* group is added.

**KEY WORDS** - New record, distribution, Northern Italy, water beetles.

**RIASSUNTO** - *Hydroporus springeri* G. Müller, 1924 (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae) nuova specie per il Piemonte.

L'articolo segnala per la prima volta la presenza in Piemonte di *Hydroporus springeri* G. Müller, 1924; sono quindi riassunti i dati sulla distribuzione e sono aggiunte brevi note sistematiche ed ecologiche della specie, con una chiave differenziale delle specie italiane morfologicamente simili afferenti al gruppo *H. palustris*.

## INTRODUCTION

In the course of a research aimed at the knowledge of the coenoses of aquatic Coleoptera of three newly established humid habitats within the WWF Oasis "Il Vernetto", located in the SCI IT1170005 (municipality of Rocchetta Tanaro, Asti, Piedmont, NW Italy), some specimens of *Hydroporus springeri* G. Müller, 1924 have been collected.

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