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Coleoptera: Cantharidae

Cantharis cryptica Ashe, 1947. Bohemia centr., Dobřichovice (6051), 25.vi., J. Zeman lgt., 1 ♀, V. Švihla det., coll. National Museum (Praha); Bohemia occ., Soos Nat. Res. (5840), 17.vii.2004, Z. Andrš lgt., 1 ♀, V. Švihla det., coll. L. Dvořák (Mariánské Lázně). The actual year of collecting in Dobřichovice is not mentioned, the collector, Josef Zeman, collected at the end of nineteenth and start of the twentieth century (Koleška 1995). Distribution: Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, England, Ireland, Denmark, southern Sweden, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Germany, Poland (Kazantsev & Brancucci 2007). *Cantharis cryptica* is a western European species, reaching eastern Central Europe, where it becomes very local and rare, excluding maritime regions. It is very similar to *C. pallida* Goeze, 1777, from which it was not differentiated for a long time, but differs from it in the another aedeagus (Kuška 1995) and the last sternite in the female (Bretzendorfer 2006). Both species seem to differ also in their ecological preferences: *C. pallida* prefers the wet grasslands, while *C. cryptica* occurs more in thermophilous deciduous forests, xerotherm grasslands and marshes (A. Kopetz, pers. comm.). New species for the Czech Republic.

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