Short reports

The following reports have been presented during the last year at the meetings of the Entomological Society of Finland (ESF), the Societas Entomologica Helsingforsiensis (SEH), the Lepidopterological Society of Finland (LSF) and the Entomological Club of the Zoological and Botanical Society of Turku (ECT). For biogeographical provinces, Finnish grid coordinates, and UTM squares see inside back cover of yearly issues 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

Altica carduorum (Guérin-Ménéville) and Altica quercetorum saliceti Weise (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) new to Finland

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Together with Ilpo Rutanen, the author has been preparing an identification key for the females of the genus *Altica*. During this work, two species have been found as new for the Finnish fauna. So far only one ♀ of *A. carduorum* is known, from *Kb*: Ilomantsi, 1.VI.1980 (Leimo Kangas leg.). The place was a gravelly forest road. The nearest records of this species are from the Baltic countries, Belorussia and southern Sweden (under the name *A. cirsii* Israelsson). *A. cirsii*, which should be synonymised with *A. carduorum* (M. Döberl pers.comm.), has also been reported from Finland, but the record was based on a false identification. According to the literature, the host plant is *Cirsium*.

One male of *A. quercetorum saliceti* is known from *N*: Helsinki (J. Muona leg.). The species has been recorded from Sweden, Norway and the Baltic countries. — ESF 13.XII.1991.

Anthonomus brunnipennis Curtis (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) new to Finland

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Anthonomus brunnipennis was long considered a synonym of A. rubi, but has now for some time been recognized as a separate species (Kevan

1966 Entomol. Mon. Mag. 101:203). It has been found in Denmark and Sweden (E. Palm in litt.), and a study of those specimens standing as *A. rubi* in the collection of the Zoological Museum in Helsinki showed that it is also widespread in Finland. Both species seem to be common in southern Finland. The northernmost specimens identified as *A. brunnipennis* have thus far been collected in *Om*: Nykarleby and Öja, and *Kb*: Kontiolahti. For *A. rubi* the northernmost records are from *Ok*: Säräisniemi and *Ks*: Kuusamo. Both species were also found in the Karelian Isthmus and in Russian Karelia.

A. brunnipennis is somewhat smaller than A. rubi, its elytra are brownish while A. rubi is generally black, and it has shorter antennal segments; it has been reported to live on Potentilla palustris (Kevan 1966) and P. erecta (Morris 1977 Entomol. Mon. Mag. 112:28). — SEH 25.IX.1991.

Further records of *Anthonomus brunni*pennis Curtis (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) from Finland and Karelia

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Referring to Runge 1991 (Entomologiske Meddelerser 59:127–130), I studied my material of the common *A. rubi* (Herbst). In it I found specimens of *A. brunnipennis* from *N*: Helsinki, Huopalahti and Oulunkylä, *N*: Tuusula and *Ta*: Lammi, Evo. In addition to these, I have specimens from the Fennoscandian parts of Russia, from the following places: *Ka*: Viipuri and Koi-

visto, *Ik*: Terijoki, Kivennapa, Pyhäjärvi and Uusikirkko, *Kol*: Vitele and *Kon*: Petroskoi.

A. brunnipennis resembles A. rubi, the most useful differences being found in the male genitalia and the antenna. A. brunnipennis is brown, while A. rubi is usually black, but brown specimens occur. They also have different host plants. The distribution of A. brunnipennis is insufficiently known. — ESF 13.XII.1991.

Attagenus smirnovi Zhantiev (Coleoptera, Dermestidae) — today an established indoor pest in Eastern Fennoscandia?

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Attagenus smirnovi Zhantiev was for the first time recorded from Finland by Hämäläinen (1980, Notulae Entomol. 60:230) (cf. also Hämäläinen & Mannerkoski 1984, Notulae Entomol. 64:167–184). The species has occurred in a flat in *Ta*: Lahti for at least two years. In Europe it is reported to be an indoor species at least in Sweden, Denmark, England, and the former USSR. Åkerlund (1991: Ängrar — finns dom...? Om skadeinsekter i museer och magasin. — Uppsala, 207 pp.) reports that the species is extending its range, and that it has almost the same feeding habits as the other indoor *Attagenus* species in the Nordic countries. During the 1980s no new records of *A. smirnovi* were reported from Finland.

In July 1991 the Zoological Museum of Helsinki University received a sample of five specimens of a dermestid which proved to belong to *A. smirnovi*. These specimens were also collected indoors in a flat (*N*: Helsinki, Kontula, leg. Huttunen).

Additionally, during a visit to Russian Karelia (Kostamus 15.VII.1991) Ilpo Rutanen collected one female specimen of the same species. *A. smirnovi* has not so far been reported from this part of Russia, also recognized as a part of eastern Fennoscandia.

In our opinion these new records of A. smirnovi in eastern Fennoscandia indicate that

the species has today an established indoor population in this part of Europe. — SEH 25.IX.1991.

Crioceris asparagi (L.) (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) found in Finland

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In March 1991 a specimen of *Crioceris asparagi* was brought to the Zoological Museum. It had been found on 10.III.1991 inside a house in *N*: Tusby (=Tuusula). Since there is a florist's shop in the same building it seems obvious that the specimen had been imported with branches of *Asparagus* from somewhere in Central Europe, where the beetle is common. There are no previous records of this species from Finland. — SEH 15.V.1991.

Cryptophagus obsoletus Reitter (Coleoptera, Cryptophagidae) new to Finland

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In the difficult genus *Cryptophagus*, *C. obsoletus* is a very typical and easily recognized species with a pronouncedly eastern distribution. In western Europe it is so far known from Germany and England, from storehouses. In Sweden the species was found for the first time in February 1972, in leaf compost in a zoological garden in Uppland (Gunnar Sjödin leg.). Furthermore, it has been taken by several collectors in a grain store in Gothenburg harbour since 1973 onwards (Stig Lundberg pers. comm.). The main distribution area extends eastward from the St. Petersburg area

The first specimens from Finland were taken from *N*: Espoo, Fiskars (667:36) on 20.X.1990, from a small wooded hill mainly bearing old lindens (Tom Clayhills leg.). The species seemed

to live in the decaying wood of the lindens, many of which were either hollow or otherwise injured and heavily infected by some fungus species. The specimens were obtained by sieving the soft infected wood. *C. obsoletus* was living together with *C. fuscicornis* Sturm, which is a typical but very rare inhabitant of hollow broad-leaved trees. Among many other interesting beetle species taken at the same time, *Atheta ravilla* (Erichson) (Staphylinidae) deserves mention. It was living in the litter around old spruces. — ESF 15.III.1991.

Demetrias imperialis (Germar) (Coleoptera, Carabidae) new to Finland

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I collected one specimen of the carabid beetle *Demetrias imperialis* (Germar, 1824) from Finland 664:31 *N*: Tammisaari (=Ekenäs), Gästans, Fårholm 5.VI.1989. This was the first record of the species from Finland. The capture site is the rocky seashore of a little isle in the outer archipelago in southwestern Finland. I found the specimen by washing crevices in the rock very close to the sea shore.

In the literature this species is said to be "a hygrophilous species, occurring on clayey or muddy shores of eutrophic lakes having rich and tall vegetation (...) Sometimes found in seadrift." (C. H. Lindroth 1986, The Carabidae (Coleoptera) of Fennoscandia and Denmark, - Fauna Entomol. Scand. 15(2).) Near the Finnish site are some sheltered coves with rich vegetation of Phragmites and Scirpus maritimus, but I have not succeeded in finding any additional specimens of D. imperialis. Thus it is not yet known if this species has a local population in Finland. Lindroth (1986) states this species to be rapidly spreading, but still uncommon, in the southeastern part of Sweden north to Värmland and Upland. It has not been recorded from the Baltic countries. - SEH 17.IV.1991.

Second record of *Galerucella grisescens* (Joannis) (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) from Finland

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The first Finnish record of this species was made by Jyrki Muona in *N*: Mäntsälä, Hautjärvi (Muona 1988, Notulae Entomol. 68:25–26). The authors collected beetles with pitfall traps on the northern bank of the lake Nuijamaanjärvi in *Ka*: Lappeenranta (6763:585), southeastern Finland, in summer 1989. Three specimens of this species were caught during the month of May: 10.V.–1.VI.1989.

G. grisescens is an eastern species in Fennoscandia: besides the southeastern part of Finland it is known from Karelia and the Baltic countries. — ESF 20.IX.1991.

Lionychus quadrillum (Duftschmid) (Coleoptera, Carabidae), second record from Finland, and Sibinia primita (Herbst) (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) found in Parainen, SW Finland

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Lionychus quadrillum was found for the first time in Finland, in Ab: Pargas, Airisto, on 16.IV.1983 (Clayhills 1984: Notulae Entomol. 64:199). Only one specimen was caught. The author found the species a second time in another sand pit in Parainen, Mustfinns (669:22), on 27.V.1991, when fairly abundant occurrence was observed. A visit to the place on 18.VII.1991 with Jaakko Kangas revealed that the species was active in the middle of the summer as well.

The weevil *Sibinia primita* was found in quantity on tussocks of *Spergularia rubra* in the same sand pit. It is known as a very rare species

from southwestern Finland and also from the province *Sa.* — ESF 20.IX.1991.

Longitarsus ochroleucus (Marsham) (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) new to Finland

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One specimen was caught in *N*: Espoo (6676: 374) on 3.VIII.1989 by netting field vegetation (*Matricaria inodora*, *Achillea millefolia*). The species has been recorded from southern Sweden, Denmark, Norway and the Baltic countries. An earlier report from Finland is evidently based on uncertain information and cannot be confirmed.

Several host plants have been reported in the literature: *Achillea millefolia, Matricaria inodora, Senecio* spp. The distinctly two-coloured hind femora distinguish *L. ochroleucus* fairly clearly from the other uniformly light-yellowish *Longitarsus* species. — ESF 19.IV.1991.

Thamiaraea hospita (Märkel) (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) new to Finland

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One specimen was caught with a car net in *N*: Espoo (6674:367) on 4.VI.1989. Numerous old deciduous trees grow in the area. The species has been recorded from Sweden, but not from the Baltic countries or Karelia. — ESF 19.IV.1991.

Rare or interesting beetles (Coleoptera) from Leivonmäki (Sa) and Savonranta (Sb), central Finland

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The following beetle species were collected with a car net or window trap in connection with the inventory of the beetle fauna of the Syysniemi-Haapasuo nature conservation area situated in *Sa*: Leivonmäki (687:44) and with a car net in *Sb*: Savonranta (690:60).

Nargus velox (Spence) (Cholevidae). Leivonmäki $1 \circ 0$ with car net on forest road, 3.VIII.1990.

Sciodrepoides alpestris Jeannel (Cholevidae). Leivonmäki 1 ♂ in window trap placed in old forest dominated by Norway spruce (*Picea abietis*).

Acrotrichis insularis (Mäklin) (Ptiliidae). Leivonmäki 2 $\varphi\varphi$ with car net, 16.VI.1989. Savonranta several specimens (all $\varphi\varphi$) with car net, 25.VI.1990.

Acrotona parens (Mulsant & Rey) (Staphylinidae). Leivonmäki 2 QQ with car net, 16.VI.1989. Savonranta 1 d with car net, 25.VI.1990. This and the previous species were observed for the first time in Finland in the 1980s, and are spreading rapidly. These are at present the northernmost records of them in Finland.

Gyrophaena sp. incogn. (Staphylinidae). Leivonmäki 1 ♂ with a car net, 16.VI.1989. This is probably an undescribed species closely related to the common G. affinis Mannerheim, but the shape of the male genitalia and the hind edge of the last tergite are different. — ESF 19.IV.1991.

Brachycercus harrisella Curtis (Ephemeroptera, Caenidae) in Finland

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Brachycercus harrisella was reported from Finland by Itämies & al. in 1979 (Notulae Entomol. 59:89–90). Since Kluge recently (1991, Vestnik zool. 1991(2):14–23) described another species, B. europaea, which is known from the eastern parts of European Russia, and from Lithuania, it seemed advisable to re-examine the Finnish record. This re-examination confirmed the original identification, and the Finnish specimens thus belong to Brachycercus harrisella, a species distributed from Central Europe to east-

ern Siberia and Mongolia, and mentioned by Kluge e.g. from the St. Petersburg area. — SEH 16.X.1991.

Piesma salsolae (Becker) (Heteroptera, Piesmatidae) new to Finland

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Two males were found from *V*: Korpo, Jurmo, Sanden (6648:200) 6.VIII.1991 on *Salsola kali*, when surveying the Heteropteran fauna of some sandy islands in the Archipelago National Park. *Piesma salsolae* is quite common in central and southern Europe, but in northern Europe it has been found only on the islands of Lavansaari, Tytärsaari and Seiskari, eastern Gulf of Finland. — ECT 27.XI.1991.

Baizongia pistaciae (Linnaeus) (Homoptera, Pemphigidae) new to Finland

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Ab: Lohja (668:32) 8.V.1991 and 28.XI.1991; Ab: Pohja (666:30) 24.IV.1991; Ab: Tenala (665:28) 9.VI.1991; N: Helsinki (667:39) 26.IV.1991; N: Ingå (666:32) 24.IV.1991, 21.V.1991 and 6.XI.1991; N: Kirkkonummi (665:35) 5.V.1991; N: Perniö (669:44) 13.XI.1991; N: Pernå (670:44) 18.V.1991 and 13.XI.1991; N: Sibbo (669:40) 7.IV.1991 and 13.IV.1991; N: Sibbo (668:41) 19.IV.1991 and 20.IV.1991; N: Vantaa (668:39) 27.IV.1991 and 19.V.1991. All A. Albrecht leg.

The specimens, apterous viviparous ♀♀ and larvae, were found in nests of *Lasius flavus* (Fabricius). They occurred singly and in small colonies freely in the soil or on the subterranean parts, mostly thin roots, of grasses (*Agrostis capillaris*, *Deschampsia flexuosa*, *Poa* sp. and unidentified species).

In southern Europe *B. pistaciae* shows host alternation between *Pistacia terebinthus* and grass roots, farther north it is anholocyclic on grass roots.

In northern Europe the species has been previously known from Denmark and Sweden (Heie 1991: Aphidodea of Nordic countries. — Nordic Code Centre 15:1–26). Heie's (1991) list also includes an unpublished record by Osmo Heikinheimo from Finland. — SEH 25.IX.1991.

Geoica setulosa (Passerini) (Homoptera, Pemphigidae) new to Finland

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N: Ingå (666:32) 24.IV.1991, A. Albrecht & L. Huldén leg.; 21.V.1991, A. Albrecht leg.; 6.XI.1991, A. Albrecht leg; N: Vantaa (668:39) 27.IV.1991.

The specimens, apterous viviparous $\Diamond \varphi$ and larvae, were found in nests of *Lasius flavus* (Fabricius), occurring singly and in small colonies freely in the soil or on thin roots of *Deschampsia flexuosa*.

The species is anholocyclic on grass roots, at least in central and northern Europe (Heie 1980: The Aphidoidea (Hemiptera) of Fennoscandia and Denmark. I. — Fauna Entomol. Scand. 9:1–236).

In northern Europe *G. setulosa* has been previously known from Denmark and Sweden (Heie 1980). — SEH 25.IX.1991.

Protrama flavescens (Koch) (Homoptera, Lachnidae) new to Finland

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N: Hangö, Furuvik (6641:277), 8.VI.1991, sea shore dune, one apterous viviparous ♀ on root of *Artemisia campestris* in nest of *Lasius niger* (L.).

P. flavescens lives in ant nests on the subterranean parts of Artemisia spp. (Heinze 1962: Pflanzenschädliche Blattlausarten der Familien Lachnidae, Adelgidae und Phylloxeridae, eine systematisch-faunistische Studie. — Deutsche Entomol. Zeitschr. N. F. 9:143–227).

The species is known from Denmark, Sweden and the Baltic countries (Heie 1991: Aphidodea of Nordic countries. — Nordic Code Centre 15:1–26). — SEH 16.X.1991.

Smynthurodes betae Westwood (Homoptera, Pemphigidae) new to Finland

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N: Pernå (670:44) 18.V.1991 and 13.XI.1991; N: Sjundeå (667:34) 28.XI.1991 (all A. Albrecht leg.), apterous viviparous ♀♀ freely in the soil in nests of *Lasius flavus* (Fabricius).

The species is polyphagous, occurring on the roots of several herbaceous dicotyledones. In southern Europe it shows host alternation, with *Pistacia mutica* as the primary host (Heie 1980: The Aphidoidea (Hemiptera) of Fennoscandia and Denmark. I. — Fauna Entomol. Scand. 9:1–236).

S. betae is also known from Denmark, Sweden and the Baltic countries (Heie 1980; 1991: Aphidodea of Nordic countries. — Nordic Code Centre 15:1–26). — SEH 16.X.1991.

Tapinoma melanocephalum (Fabricius) (Hymenoptera, Formicidae) a new housepest in Finland

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In February 1991 some worker ants were found in a flat in central Helsinki (leg. R. Sjöblom). They were identified as *Tapinoma melano-cephalum*, a species not previously reported from Fennoscandia. Similar ants were abundant in other flats of the same building (R. Sjöblom, personal communication), and a telephone call from another building of the same block indicated that several other colonies of those ants, erroneously identified as *Monomorium pharaonis* (L.), were established indoors in the area. *Tapinoma melanocephalum*, which belongs to the subfamily Dolichoderinae, is a widely distributed housepest in the tropics, and according to Collingwood (Fauna Ent. Scand. 8, 1979) it has occasionally become established in homes in the British Isles. No other *Tapinoma* species has thus far been reported from Finland. — SEH 20.III.1991.

Amphipyra livida (Lepidoptera, Noctuidae) new to Finland

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One male specimen of *Amphipyra livida* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) was collected from Finland 670:49 *Ka*: Kotka. The specimen, which is the first from Finland, was collected 15.–20. VIII.1991 by J. Kotiaho, J. Päivinen & A. Oksanen.

This species is very rare in northern Europe. Skou 1991 (Nordens Ugler. Danmarks Dyreliv, Bind 5. Apollo Books, Stensrup, Denmark) mentions two records from Denmark, and the species is also known from Latvia.

The Finnish specimen was collected by a light trap placed on a rock close to the seashore. The specimen was probably an immigrant, as the northern limit of the distribution range of *A. livida* is several hundred km south of the capture site (Skou, 1991). The larva of *A. livida* feeds on various herbs. — LSF 9.X.1991.

Deletions from the fauna of Finland

Anthonomus pedicularius (L.) (Coleoptera, Curculionidae). Kangas (1984 Notulae Entomol. 64:201) observed that he had studied many specimens standing as *A. pedicularius*, and found

all of them to be *A. conspersus* Desbrochers des Loges. He considered it doubtful whether *A. pedicularius* is found at all in Finland. A study of the material in the Zoological Museum gives a similar result, both for Finland and for the Russian parts of Fennoscandia, and *A. pedicularius* should be deleted from the Finnish fauna. — *Hans Silfverberg*, SEH 25.IX.1991.

Hallomenus innatus Kangas (Coleoptera, Melandryidae). Dr. N. Nikitsky (Moscow) has determined the single known specimen as *Scraptia*, most probably *S. fuscula* Müller (Coleoptera, Scraptiidae). — *Esko Kangas*, ESF 19.IV.1991.

New provincial records

Bembidion monticola Sturm (Coleoptera, Carabidae). N: Espoo (6681:370) 14. and 15.IV.1991. Previously recorded from Ab and Kb. — Eero Helve, ESF 19.IV.1991.

Carphacis striatus (Olivier) (Coeloptera, Staphylinidae). Ta: Heinolan mlk, Heponiemi (678:45) 2.–19.VII.1990 (L. Kaila & A. Ruuskanen leg.). Previously recorded from Ab (3 records) and Sa. — Lauri Kaila, ESF 18.X.1991.

Dircaea quadriguttata (Paykull) (Coleoptera, Melandryidae). Ta: Heinolan mlk (6784:460) 29.VII.—15.VIII.1990, forest with many dead and dying birches with polypores (L. Kaila & A. Ruuskanen leg.). — Lauri Kaila, ESF 15.III.1991.

Dorcatoma serra Panzer (Coleoptera, Anobiidae). Sa: Pertunmaa (6807:461–2) 13 exx. June–August 1990, in forest with abundance of dead trees (L. Kaila & A. Ruuskanen leg.). Previously known from Ab and Ta. — Lauri Kaila, ESF 15.III.1991.

Laccobius sinuatus Motschulsky (Coleoptera, Hydrophilidae). Ab: Turku, Huhkola (6711: 243) 13.VIII.1990 3 exx. and 15.VIII.1990 2 exx. V.-M. Mukkala leg. — Veli-Matti Mukkala, ECT 26.IX.1990.

Microrhagus lepidus Rosenhauer (Coleoptera, Eucnemidae). Ta: Heinolan mlk (6792:454) 2.–19.VII.1990 (L. Kaila & A. Ruuskanen leg.). — Lauri Kaila, ESF 19.IV.1991.

Phytobaenus amabilis F. Sahlberg (Coleoptera, Aderidae). Ta: Heinolan mlk (6784:460) 2.–19.VII.1990, 2 exx. from a wooded hollow with many old and dying birches (L. Kaila & A. Ruuskanen leg.). — Lauri Kaila, ESF 15.III.1991.

Oxyporus mannerheimi Gyllenhal (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae). Sa: Punkaharju, (6857:621) Tuunaansaari 23.VII.1991 and Laukansaari 26.VII.1991 V.-M. Mukkala leg. One specimen was collected from both localities on a rotten mushroom. — Veli-Matti Mukkala, ECT 25.IX.1991.

Ussurinus nobilis Saarinen (Hymenoptera, Tenthredinidae). Ab: Lohjan kunta, Talpela (6693: 334) 21.VI.1991 1 ♂ (M. Koponen leg., M. Viitasaari det.). Previously known from Ta and Kl. — Martti Koponen, ESF 18.X.1991.

Autographa buraetica (Staudinger) (Lepidoptera, Noctuidae). Ab: Kustavi (673:19) 16.VII.1979 A. Haarto leg., Ab: Karinainen (673:27) 24.VII.1987 J. Finneman leg. and Ab: Sauvo (670:26) 9.VI.1988 A. Haarto leg. — Arto Avanto, Jari Finneman and Antti Haarto, ECT 22.II.1989.

Elaphria venustula (Hübner) (Lepidoptera). *Ab*: Piikkiö (671:25) 3.–9.VII.1990 Antti Lehtinen leg. — *Reijo Teriaho*, ECT 28.XI.1990.

Faunistic rarities

Agrius convolvuli (L.) (Lepidoptera, Sphingidae). N: Sibbo, 27.IX.1991, 1 ex.; Om: Jakobstad, 1989, 1 ex. Occasional migrant. — Harry Krogerus, SEH 16.X.1991.

Nemocoris falleni R.F. Sahlberg (Heteroptera, Coreidae). V: Kaarina, manor of Kuusisto (6707: 250) 13.VI.–23.IX.1989 ♀+3juv. V. Rinne leg. Specimens were caught by pitfall traps. The

habitat is a warm and dry meadow, where the most probable food plant is *Lathyrus pratensis*. In addition to a few old records, *N. falleni* has recently been found only three times in Finland, Vihti, Otalampi, in 1971–1974 by A. Albrecht. — *Veikko Rinne*, ECT 25.IV.1990.

Notiophilus aestuans Motschulsky (Coleoptera, Carabidae). V: Houtskari (=Houtskär), Jungfruskär (668:17) 17–19.VIII.1990 V.-M. Mukkala leg. The last records of this species had been made before 1960. — Veli-Matti Mukkala, ECT 27.II.1991.

Chironomus — Newsletter of Chironomid Research

After the 11th International Chironomid Symposium in Amsterdam in August of 1991 the *Chironomus Newsletter* has been reactivated. The editors of the newsletter are Dr. Ulrike Nolte (Brazil) and Dr. Endre Willassen (Norway/University of Bergen). As "regional representatives" there are already 18 chironomid researchers throughout the world. Notes and short articles are very welcome and can be sent to:

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