

Short communication

First record of *Scorlupella montana* (Hem.: Fulgoroidea: Issidae) from Iran

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چکیده

در بررسی زنجبرک‌های خانواده‌ی Issidae در ایران، نمونه‌هایی متعلق به گونه‌ی *Scorlupella montana* (Becker) جمع‌آوری و شناسایی گردید که جنس و گونه‌ی آن اولین گزارش از ایران می‌باشد.

The family Issidae is one of the largest families of the Fulgoroidea that has worldwide distribution, with many species in arid regions of Western Palaearctic. The members of this family are usually subbrachypterous, with rounded or ovoid body shape.

Approximately 43 issid species have already been recorded from Iran (Dlabola, 1971, 1974, 1980, 1981, 1982; Behdad, 1988; Mirzayans, 1995; Abaii, 2000). Dlabola was in fact the main researcher on the Iranian issid fauna. He described 37 species, which is 86 percent of the fauna. At least three of them have been recorded as pests on almond and oaks (Abaii, 2000). Eleven species had been identified by Dr. J. Dlabola in 1970s and deposited in the Hayk Mirzayans Insect Museum (HMIM), Iranian Research Institute of Plant Protection, Iran (Mirzayans, 1995).

During the collecting trips to North West of Iran in 2008, several females of *Scorlupella montana* (Becker) were collected in steppe, on *Austragallus* sp., at the altitudes of 1350-2645 m, close to the agricultural areas and grasslands. Additional material of the species could also be recognized from Golestan province in further studies among unidentified specimens in HMIM. This is the first report of the genus and species of *S. montana* from Iran.

Material examined – 1 ♀, Golestan, Golestan National Park, Khajenarenj, 1350 m, 4 May 1999, Leg.: Moghaddam / Barari / Manzari; 7 ♀, Golestan, Golestan National Park, Almeh, Karkoli, 1700 m, 13 June 2000, Leg.: Badii / Ebrahimi / Moghaddam / Mofidi-Neyestanak; 3 ♀, Azarbaijan-e Sharghi, Ajab Shir, Yaichi Vill., N: 37° 35' 27.2" E: 46° 11' 03.7", 1922 m, 15 June 2008, Leg.: Mozaffarian; 1 ♀, Azarbaijan-e Sharghi, Tabriz, Matnagh, 16 June 2008, Leg.: Mozaffarian; 1 ♀, Azarbaijan-e Sharghi, Heris, Tazeh Kand, N: 38° 16'

04.6" E: 47° 12' 14.9", 2078 m, 17 June 2008, Leg.: Mozaffarian; 1 ♀, Azarbaijan-e Sharghi, Kandovan, N: 37° 45' 45.8" E: 46° 17' 40.5", 2645 m, 18 June 2008, Leg.: Mozaffarian.

According to Emeljanov's nomenclature of areals (Emeljanov, 1974) *S. montana* is a Scythian-Euxine-Irano-Turanian species distributed in Ukraine, Moldavia, Southern Russia, Caucasus, Asia Minor, Kazakhstan, Middle Asia (Kusnezov, 1927; Dlabola, 1958; 1981; Lodos & Kalkandelen, 1981; Gnezdilov, 2000; Mitjaev, 2002; Demir, 2007; Novikov *et al.*, 2006; Demir & Demirsoy, 2009). The species probably has both bisexual and parthenogenetic populations (Gnezdilov, 2001) and has mostly been known after females (Lodos & Kalkandelen, 1981; Novikov *et al.*, 2006; Demir, 2007; Demir & Demirsoy, 2009). Gnezdilov (2001) described a male from Northwestern Causasus.

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