

## First records of two species of the genus *Tuponia* Reuter, 1875 (Heteroptera, Miridae) in Slovakia

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***Tuponia (Chlorotuponia) hippophaes*** (Fieber, 1861)

Material examined: Slovakia mer., Bratislava – Vinohrady (DFS 7868) (DFS – grid reference number of Databank of Slovak Fauna), Hlavná, Čremchová, and Bellova streets, on *Tamarix parviflora*, 27.VI.2003, 1 ♂, 7 ♀♀, let., det. et coll. P. Kment; Gbelce (DFS 8177), camping at boarding house Savana, *T. parviflora*, 2.VII.2003, 5 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, leg. P. Bogusch, det. et coll. P. Kment. First records for Slovakia.

Distribution: A widespread species occurring particularly in the Mediterranean area, including S Europe (Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece, European part of Turkey), N Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt), and the Near East (Cyprus, Asian part of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Sinai) (KERZHNER & JOSIFOV, 1999; PROTIĆ, 1998; CARAPEZZA, 2002). In C Europe, the species is known from France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary (KERZHNER & JOSIFOV, 1999; RABITSCH, 2002), and the Czech Republic (S Moravia) (BRYJA & KMENT, 2002). The species lives on *Tamarix*, *Myricaria* and *Reaumuria* (Tamaricaceae) (CARAPEZZA, 1997).

Remarks: The specimens collected in Slovakia, similarly as the majority of the specimens from Moravia, were found on the most common tamarisk species, *Tamarix parviflora*. *Tuponia hippophaes* is less terophilous than *Tuponia elegans* (BRYJA & KMENT, 2002; RABITSCH, 2002).

***Tuponia (Tuponia) elegans*** (Jakovlev, 1867).

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Distribution: KERZHNER & JOSIFOV (1999) reported the distribution of *T. elegans* as follows: Croatia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Moldavia, Ukraine, Russia (S European Territory), both European and Asian part of Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China (N and NW Territory), Kirgizia, Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Azerbaidzhan, and Asian part of Turkey. The closest to Slovakia known distribution of the species was published from Hungary, where it was described as *T. bilobata*, a junior synonym, by BENEDEK

& JÁSZAI (1968), the Czech Republic (S Moravia) (BRYJA & KMENT, 2002), and Austria (RABITSCH, 2002). It is interesting, that at least in S Moravia *T. elegans* remained neglected for three decades, being found for the first time in 1971 (BRYJA & KMENT, 2002).

Remarks: It lives on *Tamarix* spp., in C Europe particularly on *T. parviflora*. *T. elegans* was every time collected together with *T. hippophaes* in Austria, Moravia and Slovakia (BRYJA & KMENT, 2002; RABITSCH, 2002).

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