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**EIGHT NEWLY RECORDED SPECIES OF ICHNEUMONIDAE
(HYMENOPTERA: ICHNEUMONOIDEA) FROM IRAN**

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Summary. Eight species of the family Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera) in the subfamilies Anomaloniinae (one species), Banchinae (two species in two genera), Campopleginae (one species), Cryptinae (one species), Phygadeuontinae (two species in two genera), and Tryphoninae (one species) are recorded from Iran for the first time.

Key words: species diversity, fauna, new records, parasitoid, host record, Iran.

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Резюме. Впервые для Ирана проводятся 8 видов семейства Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera) из подсемейств Anomaloniinae (один вид), Banchinae (два вида из двух родов), Campopleginae (один вид), Cryptinae (один вид), Phygadeuontinae (два вида из двух родов) и Tryphoninae (один вид).

INTRODUCTION

Parasitoid wasps are efficient natural enemies which have important ecological role in control of various agricultural and forest insect pests and consequently decreasing of their population density (DeBach & Rosen, 1991; Bellows & Fisher, 1999; Heimpel & Mills, 2017). They are an economically important group as they render an ecosystem service to society (Hawkins & Cornell, 1999; Costa, 2006). The family Ichneumonidae with 25300 species in 1601 genera (Yu *et al.*, 2016), is one of the most diverse families of the animal kingdom (Wahl, 1993; Watanabe, 2016). The majority of ichneumonids occupy the temperate areas and the humid tropics, relatively few of them are present in hot and dry regions (Gauld, 1983, 1991). Most of the ichneumonid species are parasitoids attacking other insect groups and some arachnids in their various developmental stages (Gauld, 1991; Quicke, 2015; Broad *et al.*, 2018). They increasingly have been used successfully as biocontrol agents and there is a huge potential for their utilization in managed biological control programs (Gupta, 1991; Ghahari, 2023).

In Iran, over 622 species of Ichneumonidae have been recorded (Yu *et al.*, 2016), while many unrecorded and undescribed species are still remained. The purpose of this paper is to introduce of eight new species records for the fauna of Iran as part of ongoing faunistic studies of Ichneumonidae in this country.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The materials were collected by Malaise traps from different regions of Iran, and mounted on triangular labels. A stereomicroscope (Olympus SZ61) was used for examining. The specimens were determined by the authors and are preserved in their collections. Classification, nomenclature, distributional data and host records of Ichneumonidae suggested by Yu *et al.* (2016) have been followed, and in other cases, the related references are given.

LIST OF SPECIES

In total, eight species of Ichneumonidae in six subfamilies Anomaloninae, Banchinae, Campopleginae, Cryptinae, Phygadeuontinae, and Tryphoninae were collected and identified from different regions of Iran. The list of species is given below alphabetically, together with distributional and host data.

Subfamily Anomaloninae Viereck, 1918

Genus *Erigorgus* Foerster, 1869

Erigorgus melanops (Foerster, 1855)

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Guilan province, Lahijan, Nakhjirkelayeh, September 2013, 2♂.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Finland (R. Jussila – unpublished data).

HOST RECORDS. *Diacrisia purpurata* (Linnaeus) (Lepidoptera: Erebidae), *Cosmotriche lobulina* (Denis et Schiffermüller) (Lepidoptera: Lasiocampidae), and *Maniola jurtina* (Linnaeus) and *Melanargia galathea* (Linnaeus) (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae) (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

Subfamily Banchinae Wesmael, 1845

Genus *Exetastes* Gravenhorst, 1829

Exetastes illusor Gravenhorst, 1829

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Northern Khorasan province, Raz, Kalate-Abrisham, 4.IV 2013, 2♀.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, former Yugoslavia (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

HOST RECORDS. *Exetastes illusor* is reported as a parasitoid of several species of Arctiinae (Arctiini and Lithosiini) (Lepidoptera: Erebidae) (Quicke *et al.*, 2023).

Genus *Glypta* Gravenhorst, 1829

Glypta haesitator Gravenhorst, 1829

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Hamadan province, Gol-Tappeh, September 2015, 2♀.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Mongolia, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Slovakia (Holý & Zeman, 2018).

HOST RECORDS. Lepidoptera: Tortricidae: *Blastesthia turionella* (Linnaeus), *Cydia nigricana* (Fabricius), *Eucosma cana* (Haworth), *Grapholita nebritana* Treitschke, *Pristerognatha penthinana* (Guenée), *Rhyacionia buoliana* (Denis et Schiffermüller), and *Pilonota ocellana* (Denis et Schiffermüller) (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

Subfamily Campopleginae Foerster, 1869

Genus *Dusona* Cameron, 1901

Dusona pugillator (Linnaeus, 1758)

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Ilam province, Ilam, Haft-Cheshmeh, June 2012; 1♂, 2♀.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, former Yugoslavia (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Bulgaria (Kolarov, 2019), Czech Republic (Holý & Zeman, 2018).

HOST RECORDS. Lepidoptera: *Polyploca ridens* (Fabricius) (Drepanidae), *Catocala epione* (Drury) (Erebidae), *Agriopsis marginaria* (Fabricius), *Biston betularia* Linnaeus, *Catarhoe rubidata* (Denis et Schiffermüller), *Charissa obscurata* (Denis et Schiffermüller), *Erannis defoliaria* (Clerck), *Eupithecia abbreviata* Stephens, *E. absinthiata* (Clerck), *E. pimpinellata* (Hübner), *E. succenturiata* (Linnaeus), *Lomographa temerata* (Denis et Schiffermüller), *Operophtera brumata* (Linnaeus), and *Selenia dentaria* (Fabricius) (Geometridae), *Atethmia ambusta* Denis et Schiffermüller, *Cucullia artemisiae* (Hufnagel), and *Orthosia populeti* (Fabricius) (Noctuidae), *Drymonia ruficornis* (Hufnagel), *Drymonia velitaris* (Hufnagel), *Notodonta dromedarius* (Linnaeus), *Phalera bucephaloides* (Oshcenheimer), and *Ptilodon capucina* (Linnaeus) (Notodontidae) (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

Subfamily Cryptinae Kirby, 1837

Genus *Listrognathus* Tschek, 1870

Listrognathus firmator (Fabricius, 1798)

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Mazandaran province, Chalus, Kellarstagh Forest, 10.VI 2019, 3♀.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Armenia, Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, former Yugoslavia (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Georgia (Riedel *et al.*, 2018), Slovakia (Rindoš *et al.*, 2017).

HOST RECORDS: Lepidoptera: *Cyclophora porata* (Linnaeus) (Geometridae), *Malacosoma Neustria* (Linnaeus) (Lasiocampidae), *Acrionicta rumicis* (Linnaeus), and *Diloba caeruleocephala* (Linnaeus) (Noctuidae), and *Zygaena brizae* (Esper), *Z. lonicerae* (Scheven), and *Z. trifolii* (Esper) (Zygaenidae) (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

Subfamily Phygadeuontinae Foerster, 1869

Genus *Endasys* Foerster, 1869

Endasys parviventris (Gravenhorst, 1829)

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Kuhgiluyeh & Boyerahmad province, Gachsaran, Baba-Kalan, 8.V 2013; 1♂.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom (Yu *et al.*, 2016).

HOST RECORDS. Hymenoptera: *Arge pullata* (Zaddach), and *Arge* sp. (Argidae), *Diprion pini* (Linnaeus) (Diprionidae), and *Croesus septentrionalis* (Linnaeus) (Tenthredinidae) (Yu *et al.*, 2016). *Diprion similis* (Hartig) (Diprionidae) was also reported as a host for this species (Sawoniewicz & Luhman, 1992).

Genus *Phygadeuon* Gravenhorst, 1829

Phygadeuon cephalotes Gravenhorst, 1829

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Mazandaran province, Babol, Rostamkola, June 2014, 2♂.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Caucasus, Georgia (Riedel *et al.*, 2018).

HOST RECORDS. *Archips xylosteana* (Linnaeus) (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) has been recorded by Hedwig (1950) and Starke (1965) as a host for *P. cephalotes*.

Subfamily Tryphoninae Shuckard, 1840

Genus *Ctenochira* Foerster, 1869

Ctenochira meridionator Aubert, 1969

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Kermanshah province, Baneh, Vali-Abad, July 2012, 1♂, 1♀.

DISTRIBUTION. Iran (new record), Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (Yu *et al.*, 2016), Germany (Riedel, 2018), Japan (Watanabe, 2020).

HOST RECORDS. Unknown.

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