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A new brachypterous species of *Rhyacophila* (Trichoptera: Rhyacophilidae) from the Eastern Alps (Carinthia, Austria).

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*Rhyacophila ferox* n. sp.

Body length 16 mm, fore wing length 8 mm, hind wing length 6 mm, brachypterous. Wings brown with pale spots, especially the fore wings. Head yellowish-brown, antennae yellow, distal parts of segments dark brown; legs yellow, femora of fore and middle legs with brown bands on anterior and posterior sides; tibiae of fore and middle legs proximally with dark markings; hind legs uniformly yellow. Abdomen yellowish-brown.

Male genitalia: Segment 9 in dorsal view short and rounded, its posterior and anterior margins in lateral view slightly curved, nearly parallel; dorso-apical lobe of segment 10 with lateral wing-like extensions in dorsal view, posterior end pointed with a median incision. Anal sclerites as in the figure. Aedeagus straight, broadened in the middle, with a small dorsal hook; apex bluntly pointed. Parameres dark brown and spherical with a dense spiral of apical spines. Proximal part of inferior appendages longer as distal part. Ventral part with a blunt, finger-like projection. Upper margin with two bulges, which are densely covered by fine setae.

The new species is isolated; according to the form of preanal appendages and anal sclerites as well as the aedeagus it may be distantly related to *Rhyacophila fasciata*. It was found near a springbrook where also some unknown larvae were collected which might belong to the same species.

Etymology: *ferox* = wild, untamed; the specimen was attacking me with its gonopods when I took it from the underside of a boulder.

Holotype: male, Austria, Saualpe, 15.5.2006, 46°50' N, 14°40' E, 1700 m, leg. Graf. The holotype is deposited in my collection.

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Abbreviations in the figure: LA lateral, DA dorsal, VA ventral
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