

Contribution to the knowledge of the fauna of Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea) from Iran

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Summary

In this paper, 17 species of the family Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera) from 9 subfamilies, Anomaloninae, Cremastinae, Cryptinae, Ctenopelmatinae, Ichneumoninae, Orthocentrinae, Pimplinae, Tersilochinae and Tryphoninae, are listed from different regions of Iran. Three species, *Gelis anthracinus* (FÖRSTER, 1850), *Eusterinx* (Dallatorrea) *circaea* ROSSEM, 1982 and *Barycnemis agilis* (HOLMGREN, 1860), are new records for the fauna of Iran.

Key words

Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae, faunistic list, new records, Iran

Zusammenfassung

In dieser Arbeit werden 17 Arten der Unterfamilien Anomaloninae, Cremastinae, Cryptinae, Ctenopelmatinae, Ichneumoninae, Orthocentrinae, Pimplinae, Tersilochinae und Tryphoninae der Familie Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera) aus verschiedenen Regionen Irans nachgewiesen. Drei Arten, *Gelis anthracinus* (FÖRSTER, 1850), *Eusterinx* (Dallatorrea) *circaea* ROSSEM, 1982 und *Barycnemis agilis* (HOLMGREN, 1860), sind Erstnachweise für die Fauna Irans.

Introduction

The Ichneumonidae represents the largest family of Hymenoptera with 48 generally recognized subfamilies, 1579 genera and 24.281 described species (YU et al. 2012; ÇORUH et al. 2014). The probable number of the species is estimated to be more than 100000 species, and the number of known species increases rapidly in the world (ÇORUH et al. 2014). Members of this family are considered to be the one of the most important groups of parasitoids of various pests in different orders of insects. Hosts are among others Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, Diptera and to a less extent spiders and the egg sacs of spiders and pseudoscorpions (WAHL & SHARKEY 1993; FINCH

2005; ÇORUH & KOLAROV 2010). Some of the ichneumonids have been used successfully as biocontrol agents and given the largely undocumented fauna there is a huge potential for their use in managed biocontrol programs (GUPTA 1991).

Several studies on the fauna of Iranian Ichneumonidae have been conducted by the first author since 2005 by publishing the catalogue of Iranian Ichneumonidae (KOLAROV & GHAHARI 2005). This is followed by many other faunistic papers that are published by different authors, examples are those by BARAHOEI et al. (2012) with 502 species belonging to 189 genera and

24 subfamilies; GHAHARI 2014; GHAHARI & JUSSILA 2014a, b, 2015; GHAHARI et al. 2014a, b; BARAHOEI et al. 2014a, b, 2015, etc. In the present study, a survey covering some regions of Iran was done resulting in new faunistic data as well as three new records to the fauna of Iran.

Material and Methods

Specimens were collected by Malaise traps and sweeping nets from some regions of Iran. The collected materials were put in alcohol 75 % or mounted on triangular labels and were examined with a stereoscopic binocular microscope. The specimens are deposited in the collections of the authors. The subfamilies, genera and species are listed in alphabetic order according the recent Interactive Catalogue of World Ichneumonidae (Yu et al. 2012). The distributional records were also used based on Yu et al. (2012).

Results and Discussion

In total 17 ichneumonid species from 16 genera (*Anomalon* PANZER, *Barycnemis* FÖRSTER, *Barytarbes* FÖRSTER, *Coelichneumon* THOMSON, *Dirophanes* FÖRSTER, *Eusterinx* FÖRSTER, *Exeristes* FÖRSTER, *Gelis* THUNBERG, *Itoplectis* FÖRSTER, *Kristotomus* MASON, *Pimpla* FABRICIUS, *Scambus* HARTIG, *Temelucha* FÖRSTER, *Theronia* HOLMGREN, *Tryphon* FALLÉN, and *Virgichneumon* HEINRICH) were collected and identified from some regions of Iran. This work contributes to add some new records to the Iranian fauna; however, more investigations and complementary sampling are needed to get a good knowledge of the distribution and trophic associations of ichneumonid wasps in Iran. The list of species with distribution data is given below.

Subfamily Anomaloninae VIERECK, 1918

Genus *Anomalon* PANZER, 1804

Anomalon cruentatum (GEOFFROY, 1785)

Material examined: Fars province, Kazerun, 29°35'N 51°40'E, 1 ♀, April 2009. Kerman province, Jiroft, 28°50'N 57°35'E, 1 ♀, summer 2010.

Previous records from Iran: Ardabil (Masnadi & Jussila 2009), East Azarbaijan (Ghahari & Jussila 2011a), Isfahan (Barahoei et al. 2015), Khorasan (Barahoei et al. 2014a), Sistan & Baluchistan (Barahoei et al. 2012), Yazd (Zarepour et al. 2009 as *A. foliator*), Iran (no locality cited) (Kolarov & Ghahari 2005).

General distribution: Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canary Islands, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France,

Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, UK, Uzbekistan, former Yugoslavia.

Subfamily Cremastinae FÖRSTER, 1869

Genus *Temelucha* FÖRSTER, 1869

Temelucha arenosa (SZÉPLIGETI, 1899)

Material examined: Hamadan province, Malayer, 34°20'N 48°45'E, 1 ♀, October 2014.

Previous records from Iran: Mazandaran (Ghahari & Jussila 2011a), Tehran (Ghahari & Jussila 2010a).

General distribution: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Lithuania, Macedonia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Subfamily Cryptinae KIRBY, 1837

Genus *Gelis* THUNBERG, 1827

Gelis anthracinus (FÖRSTER, 1850)

Material examined: Ardabil province, Germe, 39°00'N 47°57'E, 1 ♀, September 2011. New record for Iran.

General distribution: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, UK.

Subfamily Ctenopelmatinae FÖRSTER, 1869

Genus *Barytarbes* FÖRSTER, 1869

Barytarbes superbus SCHMIEDEKNECHT, 1914

Material examined: Zanzan province, Abhar, 36°16'N 49°03'E, 1 ♀, 1 ♂, June 2011.

Previous records from Iran: Golestan (Ghahari & Jussila 2011a).

General distribution: Algeria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Lithuania, Romania, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, former Yugoslavia.

Subfamily Ichneumoninae LATREILLE, 1802

Genus *Coelichneumon* THOMSON, 1893*Coelichneumon biannulatus* (GRAVENHORST, 1820)

Material examined: Zanjan province, Abhar, 36°16'N 49°03'E, 1 ♀, June 2011.

Previous records from Iran: Ardabil (Kolarov & Ghahari 2008), Mazandaran (Ghahari & Jussila 2010b).

General distribution: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK.

Genus *Dirophanes* FÖRSTER, 1869*Dirophanes invisor* (THUNBERG, 1824)

Material examined: Ardabil province, Germe, 39°00'N 47°57'E, 2 ♀, September 2011.

Previous records from Iran: Guilan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2008), West Azarbaijan (Ghahari & Jussila 2011c).

General distribution: Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Virgichneumon* HEINRICH, 1977*Virgichneumon callicerus* (GRAVENHORST, 1820)

Material examined: Khuzestan province, Izeh, 31°54'N 49°59'E, 1 ♀, April 2010.

Previous records from Iran: Ardabil (Masnadi & Jussila 2008), East Azarbaijan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2008).

General distribution: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK.

Subfamily Orthocentrinae FÖRSTER, 1869

Genus *Eusterinx* FÖRSTER, 1869*Eusterinx* (Dallatorrea) *circaeae* ROSSEM, 1982

Material examined: Golestan province, Gorgan, 36°50'N 54°30'E, 2 ♀, July 2013. New record for Iran.

General distribution: Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan.

Subfamily Pimplinae WESMAEL, 1845

Genus *Exeristes* FÖRSTER, 1869*Exeristes arundinis* (KRIECHBAUMER, 1887)

Material examined: Golestan province, Gorgan, 36°50'N 54°30'E, 1 ♀, July 2013.

Previous records from Iran: Golestan (Ghahari & Jussila 2011b), Guilan (Ghahari & Jussila 2012), Mazandaran (Ghahari & Jussila 2011a; Ghahari & Schwarz 2011), Zanjan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006).

General distribution: Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Itopectis* FÖRSTER, 1869*Itopectis maculator* (FABRICIUS, 1775)

Material examined: Khuzestan province, Izeh, 31°54'N 49°59'E, 1 ♀, April 2010.

Previous records from Iran: Lorestan (Ghahari & Gadallah 2015), Tehran (Mohammadi et al. 2013), West Azarbaijan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006).

General distribution: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canary Islands, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Pimpla* FABRICIUS, 1804

Pimpla contemplator (MÜLLER, 1776)

Material examined: Northern Khorasan province, Bojnord, 37°35'N 57°20'E, 1 ♀, 1 ♂, August 2012.

Previous records from Iran: Golestan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006), Sistan & Baluchestan (Barahoei et al. 2013a).

General distribution: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canary Islands, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Scambus* HARTIG, 1838

Scambus brevicornis (GRAVENHORST, 1829)

Material examined: Ardabil province, Germe, 39°00'N 47°57'E, 2 ♀, September 2011.

Previous records from Iran: Kordestan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006).

General distribution: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, USA, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Theronia* HOLMGREN, 1859

Theronia atalantae (PODA, 1761)

Material examined: Northern Khorasan province, Bojnord, 37°35'N 57°20'E, 2 ♂, August 2012.

Previous records from Iran: Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006).

General distribution: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, USA, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Subfamily Tersilochinae SCHMIEDEKNECHT, 1910

Genus *Barycnemis* FÖRSTER, 1869

Barycnemis agilis (HOLMGREN, 1860)

Material examined: East Azarbaijan province, Maragheh, 37°23'N 46°24'E, 1 ♀, September 2011. New record for Iran.

General distribution: Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, USA, Ukraine.

Subfamily Tryphoninae SHUCKARD, 1840

Genus *Kristotomus* MASON, 1962

Kristotomus laetus (GRAVENHORST, 1829)

Material examined: Ardabil province, Germe, 39°00'N 47°57'E, 1 ♀, September 2011.

Previous records from Iran: Sistan & Baluchestan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006).

General distribution: Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK.

Genus *Tryphon* FALLÉN, 1813

Tryphon rutilator (LINNAEUS, 1761)

Material examined: Mazandaran province, Neka, 36°30'N 53°32'E, 2 ♂, summer 2009. Northern Khorasan province, Bojnord, 37°35'N 57°20'E, 1 ♀, 1 ♂, August 2012.

Previous records from Iran: Golestan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2005).

General distribution: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, former Yugoslavia.

Tryphon thomsoni ROMAN, 1939

Material examined: Khuzestan province, Izeh, 31°54'N 49°59'E, 1 ♀, April 2010.

Previous records from Iran: Golestan (Ghahari & Jussila 2012), Guilan (Kolarov & Ghahari 2006), Markazi (Ghahari et al. 2014b).

General distribution: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, UK.

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