

The first Russian record of *Corythucha ciliata* (Say) from Krasnodar (Heteroptera: Tingidae)

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Corythucha ciliata is recorded from Krasnodar. This is the first record from Russia and the easternmost record from the Palaearctic.

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The tingid *Corythucha ciliata* (Say) lives on several species of sycamore trees (*Platanus occidentalis*, etc.). It was introduced from North America to Italy, where it has been detected in Padua in 1964. Subsequently, it spread to southern and central Europe (Stehlík, 1997), but it is still not reported from Moldavia and Ukraine. The bug is a good flyer, but we think it is mostly transported passively. In Germany, it lives mainly on sycamore trees planted in the cities of the towns, where the microclimate conditions are apparently favorable. In central Europe, there are no tingids on the sycamore trees of avenues outside of towns, but in southern Europe they are.

I was not astonished, when on 1.X.1996 I saw and collected males, females and nymphs of this bug on sycamore trees in the city of Krasnodar in front of the Kuban State University, where they were common. One could see numerous black nymphs sitting on the lower leaves of the tree, accompanied by the white imagines with their dark bodies, and the yellow stained markings of the leaves, where the bugs have sucked. In wintertime, sometimes thousands of these tingids are hidden behind the loose parts of the bark.

In Karlsruhe/Germany, there are known a few reports about sucking of these tingids at

people who are resting or ill in their beds. We can think that flying imagines are attracted by the temperature of the rooms. Inside of the houses they suck humidity or sweat and so they bit. Active bites were reported only once by Hoffmann-Richard (1953). At present, many owners of motor-cars complain the excrement of the bugs, which are very aggressive. They damage the paint of cars, if falling upon them parking under sycamore trees. It is told, water increases the damage.

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