

First records of two ichneumonid wasps from Northeastern Turkey (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae)

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Exeristes roborator (F.) and *Xylophrurus ?nigricornis* (Thomson) are for the first time recorded from Northeastern Turkey. *E. roborator* was reared from five species of the weevil genera *Larinus* Dej. and *Rhinocyllus* Germ. developing in flowerheads of Asteraceae, and one species of the genus *Lixus* F., developing in the stem of Polygonaceae. The single specimen of *X. ?nigricornis* emerged from the larva of *Lixus ochraceus* Boh. developing in the stem of a crucifer. All weevils belong to the weevil subfamily Lixinae (= Cleoninae) (Coleoptera, Curculionidae).

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In the course of a study of the weevil subfamily Lixinae of Northeastern Turkey in 2000-2002, L. Gültekin has reared a few specimens of ichneumonid wasps from several species of the weevil subfamily Lixinae. The first author has identified two species in his material, both are for the first time recorded from Northeastern Turkey.

Genus *Exeristes* Förster, 1869

Exeristes roborator (Fabricius, 1795)

Material. Turkey. Erzurum Prov.: 1 ♀, 1 ♂, 24 km SE of Horasan, along road to Eleskirt, 1850 m, from pupal cells of *Larinus* sp. pr. *remissus* Fst. in large flowerheads of *Centaurea* sp., 16.VIII.2002 (L. Gültekin); 1 ♀, 21 km SE of Horasan, along road to Eleskirt, 1850 m, from pupal cells of *Rhinocyllus conicus* Froel. in flowerheads of *Cirsium* sp., 25.IX.2002 (L. Gültekin); 1 ♀, Erzurum, University Campus, 1850 m, from pupal cells of *Larinus latus* Hbst. in flowerheads of *Onopordum bracteatum* Boiss. et Heldr., 4.VIII.2000 (L. Gültekin); 1 ♀, Erzurum and Kars Provinces border, 21 km E of Horasan, 1650 m, from pupal cells of *Larinus onopordi* F. in flowerheads of *Echinops ?pungens* Trautv., 25.IX.2002 (L. Gültekin). Bayburt Prov.: 1 ♂, 2 ♀, 43 km S of Bayburt, Kopdağı Pass, from pupa of *Lixus bardanae* F. in the stem of *Rumex crispus* L., 27.VIII.1997 (L. Gültekin).

Distribution and hosts. Transpalearctic idio-biont ectoparasitoid on larvae of small-sized spe-

cies of *Larinus* and *Lixus* and cryptobiont Lepidoptera. Recently recorded from western Turkey (Kolarov & Beyarslan, 1994).

Genus *Xylophrurus* Förster, 1869

Xylophrurus ?nigricornis (Thomson, 1885)

Material. Turkey. Erzurum Prov., 1 ♂, 14 km NW of Aşkale, Pirnakapan Vill., 1750 m, from a larva of *Lixus ochraceus* Boh. in the stem of *Tchihatchewia isatidea* Boiss. (Brassicaceae), 16.VIII.2002 (L. Gültekin).

Taxonomic note. The species is poorly known; it is not unlikely, that the specimen actually belongs to some of the more common species, males of which are undescribed.

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