

## Scale insects of the Volga Area (Homoptera: Coccinea). II. Scale insects from Nizhniy Novgorod Province, Chuvashia and Mari-El

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Recently (Gavrilov, 2004), 45 species of scale insects have been reported from the Volga Area, mainly from the arid region adjacent to lower and middle course of the river. In this article, 8 species collected in the previously unstudied upper Volga Area are listed. Six species, *Orthezia urticae* (Linnaeus), *Trionymus perrisii* (Signoret), *Acanthococcus baldonensis* Rasina, *Greenisca brachypodii* Borchsenius & Danzig, *Eriopeltis lichtensteini* Signoret, and *Chionaspis salicis* (Linnaeus) are recorded from the Volga Area for the first time.

All the material was collected by N.V. Smirnova.

### Family ORTHEZIIDAE

#### *Orthezia urticae* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Nizhniy Novgorod Prov., Kerzhenskiy Nature Reserve, 15.VII.2004.

### Family PSEUDOCOCCIDAE

#### *Trionymus perrisii* (Signoret, 1875) (Figs 1-2)

Mari-El, Bol'shaya Kokshaga Nature Reserve, on *Calamagrostis* sp., 21.VII.2003.

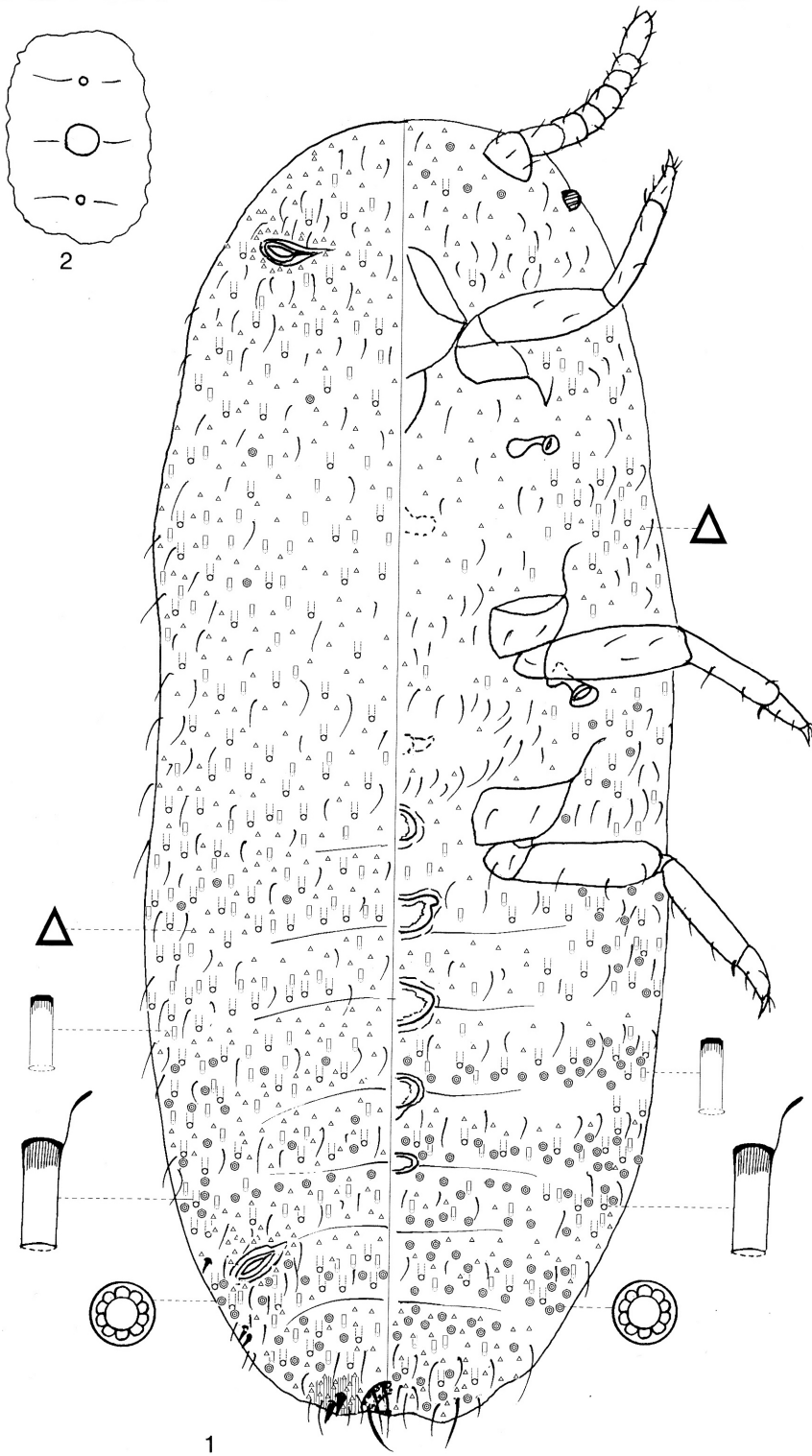
*T. perrisii* is a very polymorphous species. Specimens of this species from different regions of

Russia and neighbouring countries kept in the extensive collection of Zoological Institute RAS, have distinct or not clearly visible sclerotized plate of C<sub>18</sub>, 2 or 3 pairs of cerarii, different numbers (and different sizes) of micropores on hind coxae, and 1-5 circuli. Often, these characters vary within the same population. By and large a range of this variability is much wider than in Western Europe (Williams, 1962). The variation of the number of circuli is of most interest, because this character is rather stable in mealybugs. Most of the available specimens of *T. perrisii* have only one small oval circulus; many specimens from over the species range have 1-2 additional minute circuli; some specimens from Leningrad Province and alpine North Caucasus have 3-5 large circuli, and all 6 females collected in Mari-El have 5 large circuli (Fig. 1). Two larvae from the same series have one large and two minute circuli (Fig. 2). Besides, specimens from Mari-El have very small and badly visible micropores on hind coxae in contrast to large and numerous pores in most other specimens.

### Family ERIOCOCCIDAE

#### *Acanthococcus agropyri* (Borchsenius, 1949)

Nizhniy Novgorod Prov., Kerzhenskiy Nature Reserve, on leaves of grass, 14.VII.2004.



Figs 1-2. *Trionymus perrisii* (Signoret), Mari-El, Russia. 1, adult female; 2, circuli of larva.

**Acanthococcus baldonensis** Rasina, 1966

*Nizhniy Novgorod Prov.*, Kerzhenskiy Nature Reserve, 28.VIII.2004.

**Greenisca brachypodii** Borchsenius & Danzig, 1966

*Chuvashia*, Cheboksary Distr., vill. Sosnovka, on leaves of grass, VIII.2002, 7.IX.2002.

Family **COCCIDAE**

**Eriopeltis festucae** (Fonscolombe, 1834)

*Nizhniy Novgorod Prov.*, Kerzhenskiy Nature Reserve, on leaves of grass, 14.VII.2004. *Mari-El*, Bol'shaya Kokshaga Reserve, on leaves of grass, 28.VIII. 2003.

**Eriopeltis lichtensteini** Signoret, 1877

*Mari-El*, Bol'shaya Kokshaga Nature Reserve, on leaves of *Calamagrostis* sp., 26-29.VIII. 2003.

**Parthenolecanium corni** (Bouché, 1844)

*Chuvashia*, Cheboksary Distr., vill. Sosnovka, on *Ramishia* sp., 7.IX.2002.

Family **DIASPIDIDAE**

**Chionaspis salicis** (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Nizhniy Novgorod Prov.*, Kerzhenskiy Nature Reserve, on *Vaccinium* spp., 26.VIII.2004. *Mari-El*, Bol'shaya Kokshaga Nature Reserve, on *Vaccinium* spp., 12.VI.2003.

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