

The robber fly species *Choerades steinbergi* Richter new to the fauna of Tajikistan (Diptera: Asilidae)

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Choerades steinbergi Richter is for the first time recorded from Tajikistan.

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Choerades steinbergi Richter, 1964

Material. Tajikistan: 1 ♂ and 1 specimen with damaged abdomen, lower reaches of Vakhsh River, "Tigrovaya Balka" Nature Reserve, 20.V.1987 (A.V. Kompantsev).

Note. This robber fly species was described (Richter, 1964) from Kazakhstan [Kzyl-Orda and Chimkent (now South Kazakhstan) Provinces], where it was collected in forests of river valleys (tugai). Lehr (1977) recorded *Ch. steinbergi* from Alma-Ata Province, where it was collected only in relic *Fraxinus* forests in Sharyn River valley, and Dzhambul Province, in flood plain forests and *Haloxylon* desert woodlands in northern Muyunkum sands. Lehr (1991) noted that this species inhabits river valleys in South Kazakhstan. The finding of *Ch. steinbergi* in "Tigrovaya Balka" Nature Reserve is the first record of this species from Tajikistan.

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