



## The Current Knowledge of Turkey Sphecidae and Mutillidae (Hymenoptera: Aculeata) Fauna

Türkiye Sphecidae ve Mutillidae (Hymenoptera: Aculeata) Faunası Hakkında Güncel Bilgiler

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**Abstract:** In the study which was conducted in Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş provinces of Turkey between 2016-2022, 12 species in eight genera from families Sphecidae and Mutillidae were identified. These species are: *Ammophila hungarica* Mocsary, 1883, *Hoplammophila clypeata* (Mocsáry, 1883), *Podalonia fera* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845), *Podalonia hirsuta* (Scopoli, 1763), *Podalonia luffii* (E. Saunders, 1903), *Sceliphron arabs* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845), *Sceliphron destillatorium* (Illiger, 1807) and *Sceliphron madraspatanum tubifex* (Latreille, 1809) from family Sphecidae and *Dasylabris manderstiernii* (Radoszkowski, 1865), *Trogaspidia catanensis* (Rossi, 1794), *Tropidotilla litoralis* (Petagna, 1787) and *Krombeinella aramaea* (Suárez, 1963) from family Mutillidae. Except for *Podalonia hirsuta* (Scopoli, 1763) and *Tropidotilla litoralis* (Petagna, 1787) species, all species are new records for the provincial fauna of Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş. In addition, new localities have been found for some species, which have already been reported from Turkey. The photographs of identified species are provided.

**Keywords:** Hymenoptera, Sphecidae, Mutillidae, Fauna, Turkey.

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**Öz:** Türkiye'nin Bingöl, Diyarbakır ve Muş illerinde 2016-2022 yılları arasında yapılan çalışmada Sphecidae ve Mutillidae familyalarından sekiz cinsteki 12 tür tespit edilmiştir. Bu türler: Sphecidae familyasından; *Ammophila hungarica* Mocsary, 1883, *Hoplammophila clypeata* (Mocsáry, 1883), *Podalonia fera* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845), *Podalonia hirsuta* (Scopoli, 1763), *Podalonia luffii* (E. Saunders, 1903), *Sceliphron arabs* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845), *Sceliphron destillatorium* (Illiger, 1807) ve *Sceliphron madraspatanum tubifex* (Latreille, 1809) ve Mutillidae familyasından ise *Dasylabris manderstiernii* (Radoszkowski, 1865), *Trogaspidia catanensis* (Rossi, 1794), *Tropidotilla litoralis* (Petagna, 1787) ve *Krombeinella aramaea* (Suárez, 1963)'dır. Bunlardan *Podalonia hirsuta* (Scopoli, 1763) ve *Tropidotilla litoralis* (Petagna, 1787) türleri hariç diğer türler Bingöl, Diyarbakır ve Muş il faunası için yeni kayıttır. Ayrıca, Türkiye'den daha önce bildirilmiş olan bazı türler için yeni lokaliteler de bulunmuştur.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Hymenoptera, Sphecidae, Mutillidae, Fauna, Türkiye.

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## INTRODUCTION

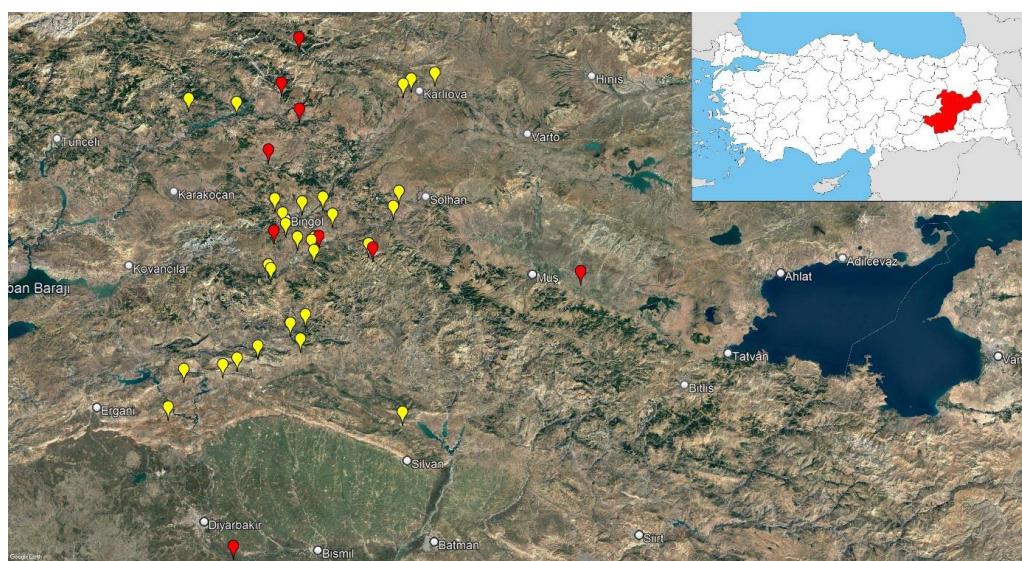
With over 150,000 described living species and 2,000 extinct species which Hymenoptera is a large insect order consisting of sawflies, wasps, bees, and ants (Aguiar et al., 2013). The family Sphecidae belonging to the superfamily Apoidea (Hymenoptera) includes with 791 identified species worldwide (Pulawski, 2021). Turkey Sphecidae fauna is represented 79 species and subspecies in 12 genera (Yıldırım, 2014; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Can and Gülmek, 2021).

Mutulids called velvet ants are solitary ectoparasitoids of Hymenoptera, Diptera, Lepidoptera, Coleoptera and Blattodea (Amini et al., 2014). Mutillids has greatest diversity in the tropical and subtropical regions of the world being abundant in arid and semiarid areas (Ljubomirov and Ghahari, 2012). The family Mutillidae currently includes about 4300 described species in 212 genera worldwide (Lelej and Brothers, 2008; Aguiar et al., 2013; Yıldırım and Lelej, 2016). In previous studies, totally 73 species and subspecies belonging to 22 genera in six subfamilies of family Mutillidae of Turkey are listed (Lelej and Yıldırım, 2009; Yıldırım and Lelej, 2012).

In this study, we aims to investigate of current knowledge of Mutillidae and Sphecidae (Hymenoptera: Aculeata) in Turkey. The distribution of some species in Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş provinces of Turkey is enlarged.

## MATERIAL AND METHOD

The samples of Pompilidae and Mutillidae was collected from Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş provinces of Turkey between March and October in 2016-2022 (Figure 1). The materials for this study were collected using atrap from 38 different localities. Samples which were pinned and labeled in laboratory were examined and identified under a stereo microscope and transferred to collection boxes. The material is deposited in the individual collection of Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, Bingöl University (Bingöl, Turkey).



**Figure 1.** Map of coordinates where specimens belonging to the families Sphecidae (●) Mutillidae (●) were collected in Diyarbakır, Bingöl and Muş provinces of Turkey.

*Şekil 1. Türkiye'nin Diyarbakır, Bingöl ve Muş illerinde Sphecidae (●), Mutillidae (●) familyalarına ait örneklerin toplandığı koordinatların haritası.*

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Family Sphecidae (Latreille, 1802)

#### Subfamily Ammophilinae André, 1886

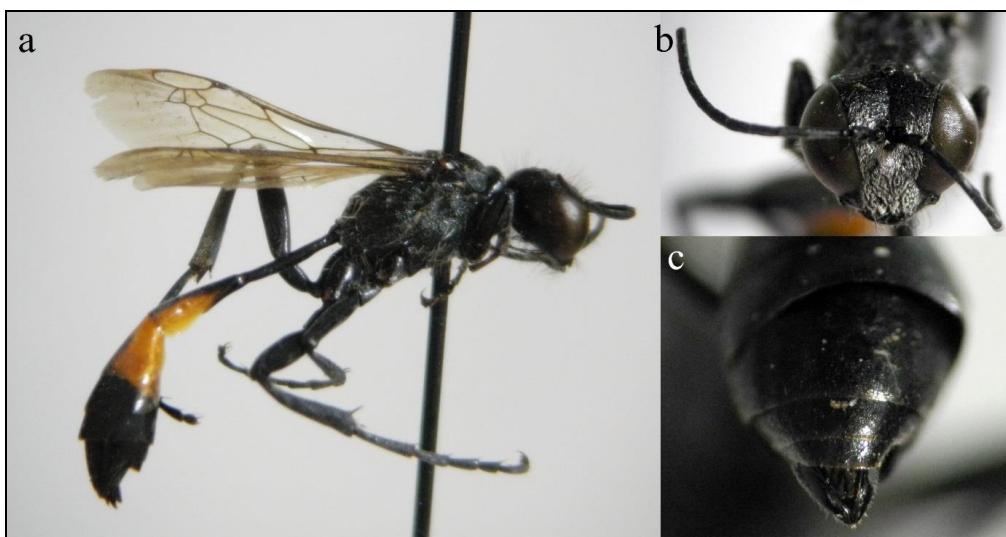
#### Genus *Ammophila* W. Kirby, 1798

***Ammophila hungarica* Mocsary, 1883 (Figure 2)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Küçükterkören, N 38° 50' 41.90", E 40° 30' 17.75", 1156 m, 06.V.2018, 1♀; Ormanardı, N 38° 49' 33.98", E 40° 30' 43.33", 1203 m, 06.V.2018, 1♀; Yeniköy, N 38° 50' 11.55", E 40° 29' 52.18", 1254 m, 06.V.2018, 1♀; Genç, Doğanevler, N 38° 46' 30.65", E 40° 51' 20.32", 1419 m, 10.V.2018, 1♀; Soğukpinar, N 38° 43' 05.99", E 40° 27' 14.31", 1002 m, 05.X.2017, 1♀; Karlıova, Kargapazarı, N 39° 18' 47.67", E 41° 06' 52.87", 1860 m, 04.VI.2018, 1♀; **Diyarbakır:** Dicle, Ariköy, N 38° 23' 63.71", E 40° 15' 56.19", 852 m, 12.V.2017, 1♂; Kocaalan, N 38° 20' 50.61", E 40° 06' 59.42", 806 m, 12.V.2017, 1♀; Eğil, Dere, N 38° 14' 38.21", E 40° 05' 01.66", 912 m, 23.V.2016, 1♀; Hani, Anıl, N 38° 24' 13.01", E 40° 20' 08.23", 908 m, 25.IV.2021, 1♀; Lice, Abalı, N 38° 31' 40.75", E 40° 32' 48.20", 962 m, 28.V.2016, 1♂; Dernek, N 38° 26' 45.49", E 40° 36' 25.47", 938 m, 03.V.2017, 1♀; Silvan, Babakaya, N 38° 15' 09.18", E 41° 01' 25.08", 777 m, 12.V.2017, 1♀.

**Previous records:** Adana, Amasya, Ankara, Aydın, Bursa, Erzincan, Erzurum, Gaziantep, İstanbul, İzmir, Konya, Mersin, Muğla, Osmaniye, Sivas (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Dollfuss, 2013; Gülmez, 2019).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl and Diyarbakır provinces fauna.



**Figure 2.** *Ammophila hungarica*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Pydigiial plate.

**Şekil 2.** *Ammophila hungarica*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Pydigiial plaka.

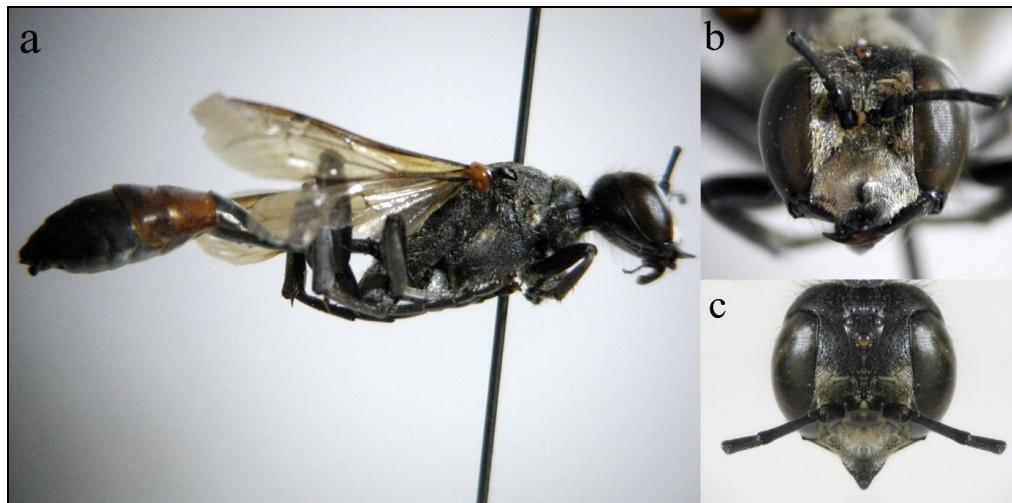
**Genus *Hoplammophila* de Beaumont, 1960**

***Hoplammophila clypeata* (Mocsáry, 1883) (Figure 3)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Çeltiksuyu, N 38° 52' 16.89", E 40° 33' 45.63", 1017 m, 04.V.2018, 1♂.

**Previous records:** Giresun, Mersin, Tekirdağ, Tokat, Tunceli (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Dollfuss, 2010; Gülmez and Dizer, 2016; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Can and Gülmez, 2021).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 3.** *Hoplammophila clypeata*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Dorsal view of head.

Şekil 3. *Hoplammophila clypeata*, ♂; a) Yanlı görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Başın üstten görünümü.

#### Genus *Podalonia* Fernald, 1927

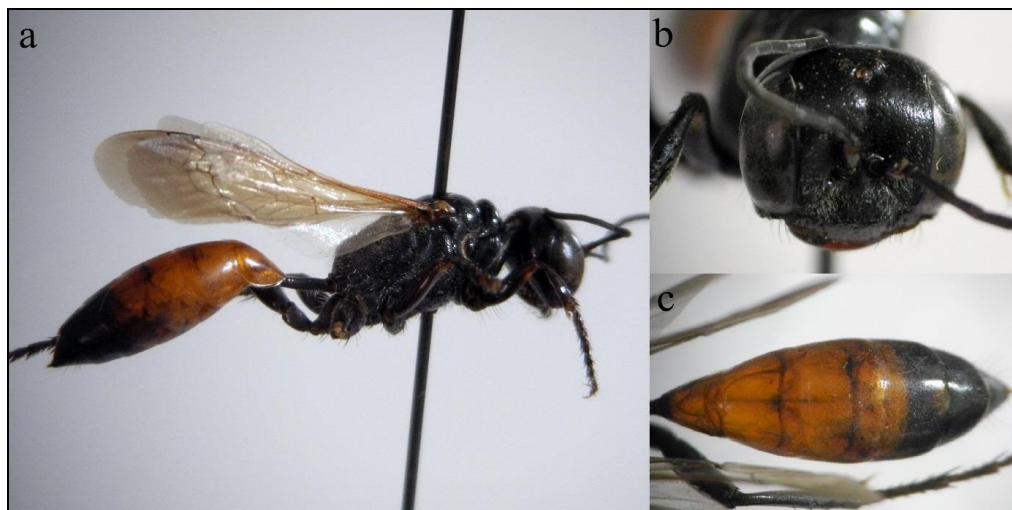
##### *Podalonia fera* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845) (Figure 4)

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Kurudere, N  $38^{\circ} 54' 41.84''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 27' 24.10''$ , 1127 m, 13.VII.2016, 1♀;

**Diyarbakır:** Hani, Kalaba, N  $38^{\circ} 25' 52.76''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 25' 02.34''$ , 1106 m, 27.III.2016, 1♀.

**Previous records:** Amasya, Ankara, Artvin, Bursa, Bingöl, Denizli, Erzincan, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Giresun, Hakkâri, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, Kayseri, Konya, Kütahya, Manisa, Mersin, Muş, Niğde, Rize, Sivas, Tokat, Tunceli (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Dollfuss, 2010, 2013; Tüzün and Yüksel, 2010; Japoshvili and Ljubomirov, 2012; Yıldırım, 2012; Bayındır et al., 2013; Gülmez and Dizer, 2016; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Yıldırım and Tezcan, 2018; Gülmez, 2019; Can and Gülmez, 2021).

**Remarks:** New record for Diyarbakır province fauna.



**Figure 4.** *Podalonia fera*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Terga.

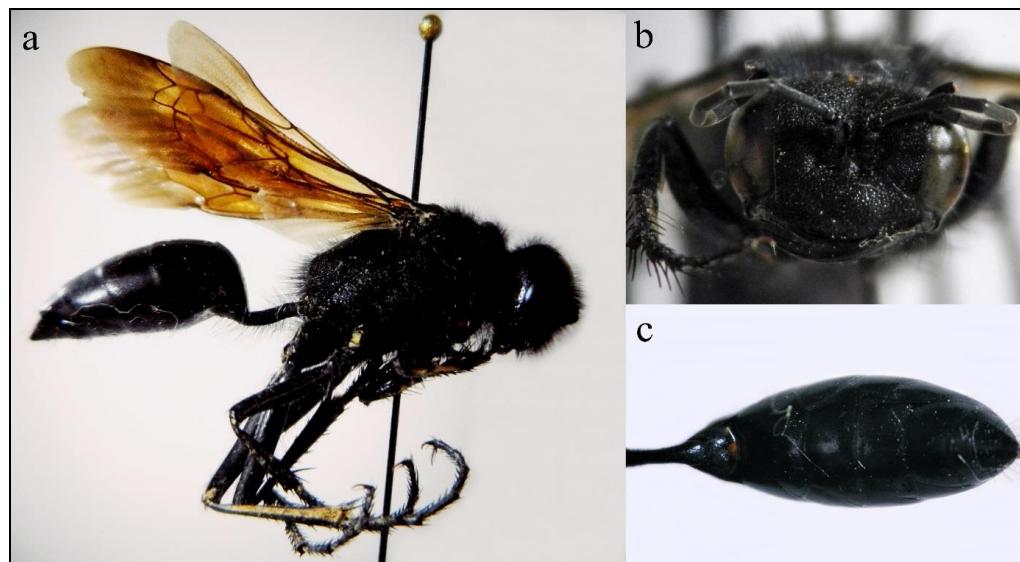
Şekil 4. *Podalonia fera*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Terga.

##### *Podalonia Hirsuta* (Scopoli, 1763) (Figure 5)

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Garip, N  $38^{\circ} 47' 20.82''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 33' 24.93''$ , 995 m, 05.VI.2021, 1♀; Kardeşler, N  $38^{\circ} 54' 39.23''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 38' 29.93''$ , 1099 m, 21.V.2021, 1♀; Genç, Meşedalı, N  $38^{\circ} 47' 51.80''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 38' 13.05''$ , 1004 m,

08.V.2021, 1♀; Karlıova, Taşlıçay, N 39° 16' 50.71", E 40° 58' 48.88", 1840 m, 12.VII.2016, 1♀; **Diyarbakır:** Lice, Abalı, N 38° 31' 40.75", E 40° 32' 48.20", 962 m, 28.V.2016, 1♀.

**Previous records:** Adana, Amasya, Ankara, Ardahan, Artvin, Aydin, Bayburt, Bingöl, Bilecik, Bitlis, Bolu, Bursa, Çorum, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Erzincan, Erzurum, Giresun, Gümüşhane, Hakkari, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Konya, Kütahya, Manisa, Mersin, Muğla, Niğde, Rize, Samsun, Sivas, Tokat, Trabzon, Uşak (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Dollfuss, 2010, 2013, 2015; Tüzün and Yüksel, 2010; Japoshvili and Ljubomirov, 2012; Yıldırım, 2012; Bayındır et al., 2013; Gülmmez and Dizer, 2016; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Yıldırım and Tezcan, 2018; Örgel et al., 2020; Can and Gülmmez, 2021).



**Figure 5.** *Podalonia hirsuta*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Sterna.

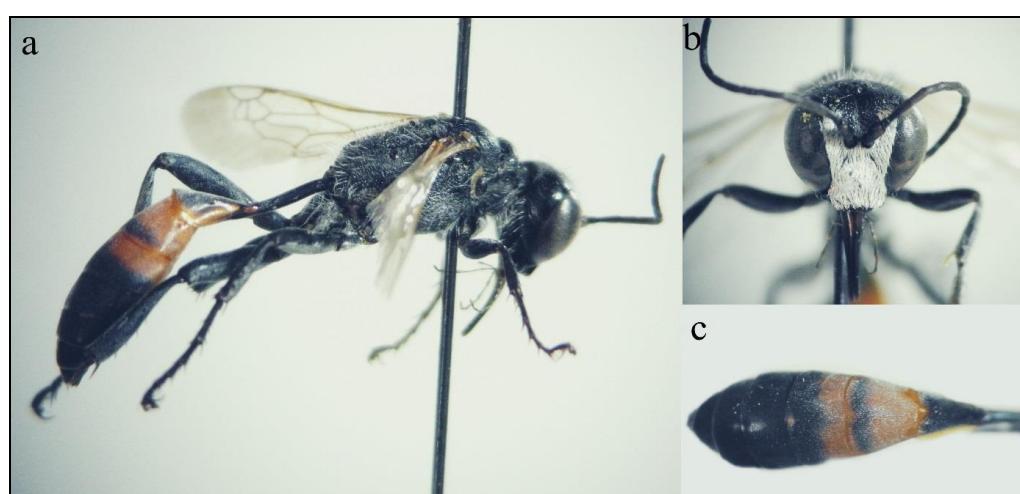
Şekil 5. *Podalonia hirsuta*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Sterna.

***Podalonia luffii* (E. Saunders, 1903) (Figure 6)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Solhan, Düzağaç, N 38° 53' 12.22", E 40° 56' 01.31", 1332 m, 18.V.2019, 1♂.

**Previous records:** Erzurum, Nevşehir (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Dollfuss, 2010).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 6.** *Podalonia luffii*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Terga.

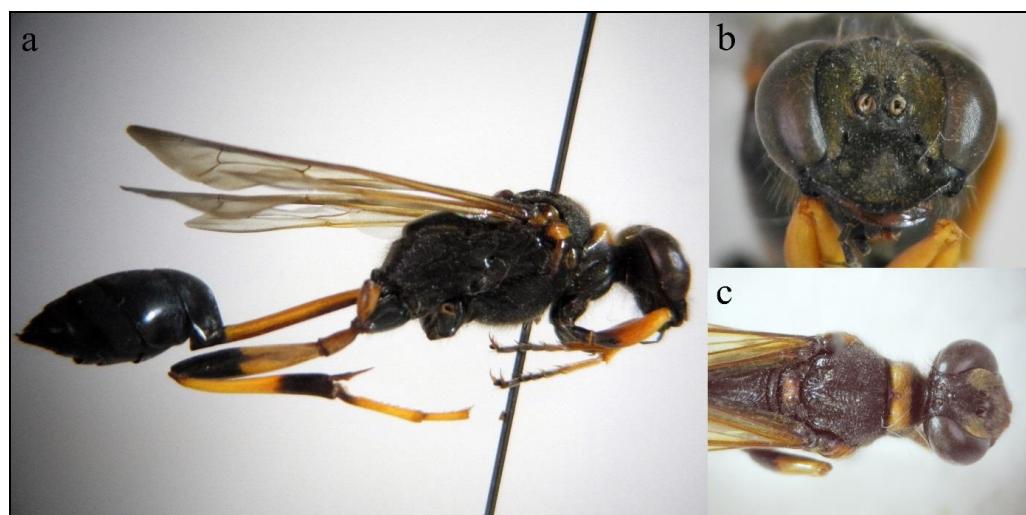
Şekil 6. *Podalonia luffii*, ♂; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Terga.

**Subfamily Sceliphrinae Ashmead, 1899****Genus *Sceliphron* Klug, 1801*****Sceliphron arabs* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845) (Figure 7)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Karlıova, Merkez, N  $39^{\circ} 17' 28.27''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 59' 22.94''$ , 1883 m, 12.VI.2016, 1♀; Solhan, Dilektepe, N  $38^{\circ} 56' 12.96''$ , E  $41^{\circ} 00' 08.44''$ , 1299 m, 24.V.2019, 1♀; Yayladere, Sarıtosun, N  $39^{\circ} 12' 24.89''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 05' 10.02''$ , 1421 m, 13.IV.2018, 1♀.

**Previous records:** Adana, Antalya, Batman, İğdır, Malatya, Mersin, Muş, Sivas, Şanlıurfa, Tokat, Tunceli (Yıldırım, 2014; Dollfuss, 2016; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Yıldırım and Tezcan, 2018; Gülmez, 2019; Can and Gülmez, 2021).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 7.** *Sceliphron arabs*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Notum.

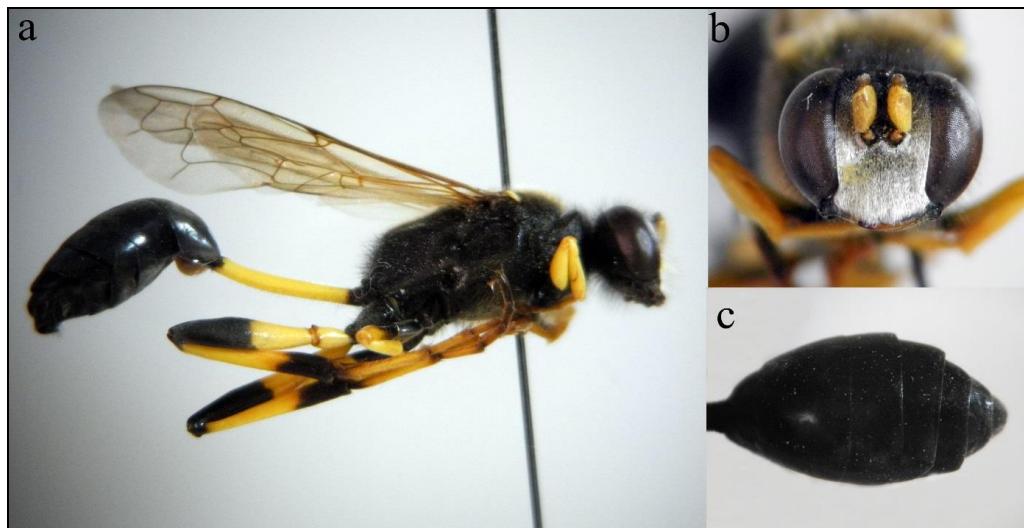
**Şekil 7.** *Sceliphron arabs*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Notum.

***Sceliphron destillatorium* (Illiger, 1807) (Figure 8)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Genç, Meşedalı, N  $38^{\circ} 46' 47.59''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 36' 50.63''$ , 1002 m, 06.X.2017, 1♂.

**Previous records:** Adana, Adiyaman, Afyonkarahisar, Amasya, Ankara, Antalya, Artvin, Aydın, Burdur, Bursa, Çanakkale, Elazığ, Erzincan, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Giresun, Gümüşhane, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Karaman, Kars, Kastamonu, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Mersin, Muğla, Niğde, Ordu, Osmaniye, Sakarya, Sivas, Şanlıurfa, Şırnak, Tokat, Trabzon (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Tüzün and Yüksel, 2010; Yıldırım, 2012, 2014; Gülmez and Can, 2015; Dollfuss, 2016; Gülmez and Dizer, 2016; Yıldırım et al., 2016; Yıldırım and Tezcan, 2018; Can and Gülmez, 2021).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



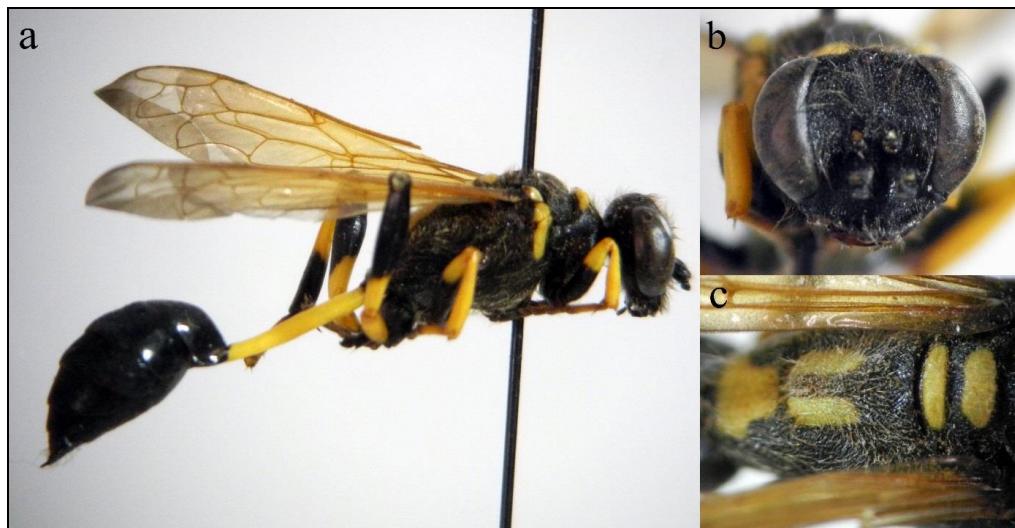
**Figure 8.** *Sceliphron destillatorium*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Terga.  
Şekil 8. *Sceliphron destillatorium*, ♂; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Terga.

***Sceliphron madraspatanum tubifex* (Latreille, 1809) (Figure 9)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Genç, Çağla, N 38° 43' 54.33", E 40° 30' 18.75", 994 m, 05.X.2017, 1♀; Soğukpınar, N 38° 43' 05.99", E 40° 27' 14.31", 1002 m, 05.X.2017, 2♂♂; Kiğı, Darköprü, N 39° 11' 58.56", E 40° 18' 02.73", 1222 m, 05.VII.2018, 1♂.

**Previous records:** Amasya, Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Çorum, Denizli, Kahramanmaraş, Konya, Mersin, Muğla, Tokat, Sivas (Ljubomirov and Yıldırım, 2008; Yıldırım, 2014; Gülmez and Dizer, 2016; Yıldırım and Tezcan, 2018; Can and Gülmez, 2021).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 9.** *Sceliphron madraspatanum tubifex*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Metanotum and propodeum.  
Şekil 9. *Sceliphron madraspatanum tubifex*, ♂; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Metanotum ve propodeum.

**Family Mutillidae Latreille, 1802**

**Subfamily Dasylabrinae Invrea, 1964**

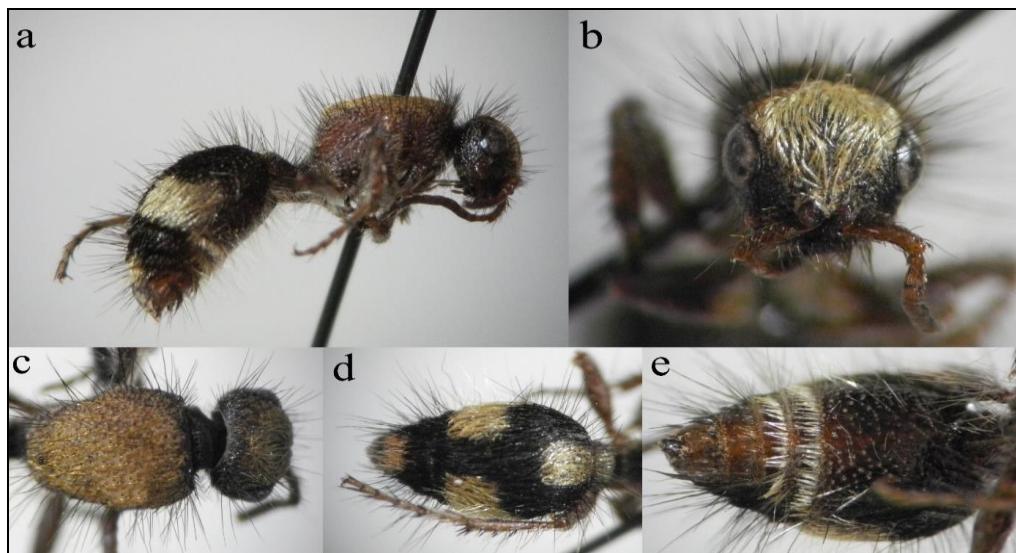
**Genus *Dasylabris* Radoszkowski, 1885**

***Dasylabris manderstiernii* (Radoszkowski, 1865) (Figure 10)**

Material examined: **Bingöl:** Adaklı, Erbaşlar, N  $39^{\circ} 10' 44.79''$ , E  $40^{\circ} 31' 58.78''$ , 1525 m, 29.V.2016, 1♀.

**Previous records:** Artvin, Bilecik, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzurum, Erzincan, Hatay, İzmir, Konya, Muğla, Van (Lelej and Yıldırım, 2009).

**Remarks:** New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 10.** *Dasylabris (Craspedopyga) manderstiernii*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Notum, d) Terga, e) Sterna.  
**Şekil 10.** *Dasylabris (Craspedopyga) manderstiernii*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Notum, d) Terga, e) Sterna.

#### Subfamily Mutillinae Latreille, 1802

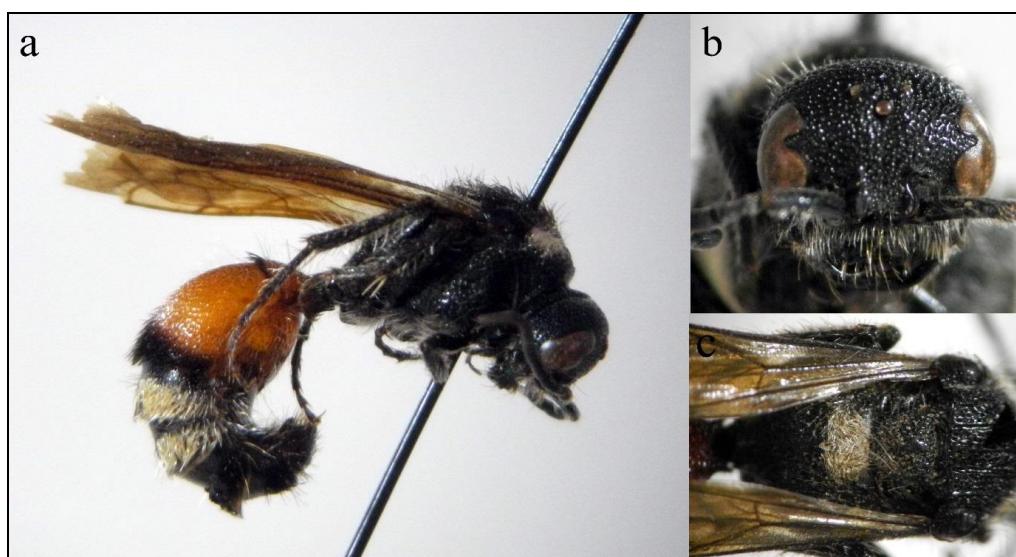
Genus *Trogaspidia* Ashmead, 1899

*Trogaspidia catanensis* (Rossi, 1794) (Figure 11)

Material examined: **Muş:** Hasköy, Düzkişla, N  $38^{\circ} 42' 01.66''$ , E  $41^{\circ} 42' 34.05''$ , 1268 m, 03.VI.2017, 1♂.

**Previous records:** Bursa, Erzurum (Lelej and Yıldırım, 2009).

**Remarks:** New record for Muş province fauna.



**Figure 11.** *Trogaspidia (Trogaspidia) catanensis*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Notum and metanotum.  
**Şekil 11.** *Trogaspidia (Trogaspidia) catanensis*, ♂; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Notum ve metanotum.

Genus *Tropidotilla* Bischoff, 1920

*Tropidotilla litoralis* (Petagna, 1787) (Figure 12)

Material examined: **Bingöl**: Sudüğünü, N 39° 03' 29.55", E 40° 24' 39.20", 1654 m, 20.VII.2017, 1♀.

Previous records: Artvin, Bilecik, Bingöl, Çanakkale, Çorum, Erzincan, Erzurum, Gümüşhane, Hakkâri, Kars, Kayseri (Lelej and Yıldırım, 2009).

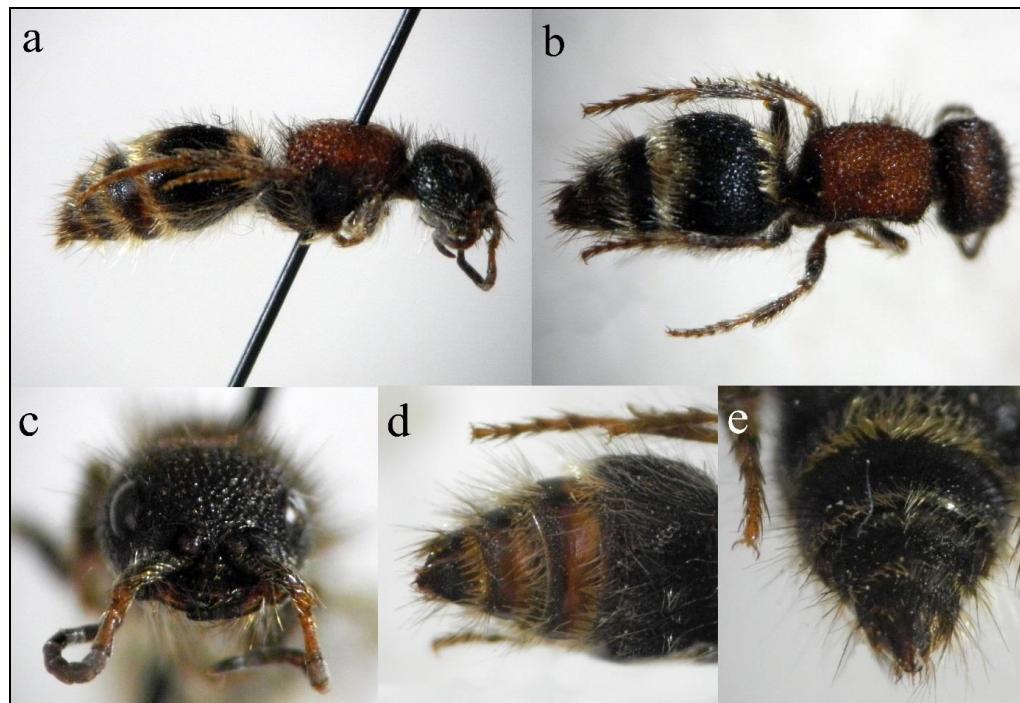


Figure 12. *Tropidotilla litoralis*, ♀; a) Lateral view, b) Dorsal view, c) Face, d) Sterna, e) Pydgidial plate.  
Şekil 12. *Tropidotilla litoralis*, ♀; a) Yan görünüm, b) Dorsal görünüm, c) Yüz, d) Sterna, e) Pydigidial plaka.

Subfamily Myrmosinae Fox, 1894

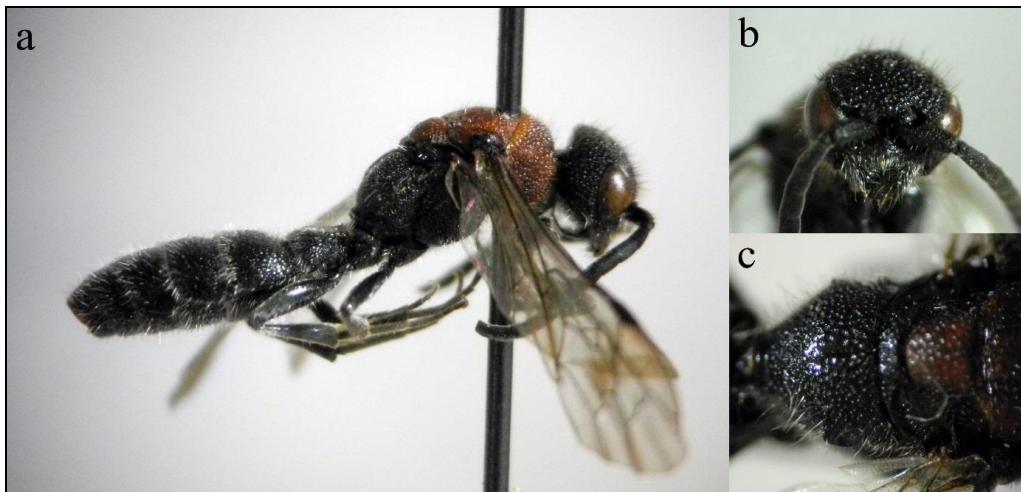
Genus *Krombeinella* Pate, 1947

*Krombeinella aramaea* (Suárez, 1963) (Figure 13)

Material examined: **Bingöl**: Erentepe, N 38° 48' 32.68", E 40° 28' 10.84", 1477 m, 23.V.2019, 1♂; Adaklı, Güngörsün, N 39° 15' 20.29", E 40° 28' 18.93", 1539 m, 12.VI.2019, 1♂; Genç, Binekli, N 38° 45' 47.45", E 40° 52' 23.88", 1496 m, 10.V.2018, 1♂; Meşedalı, N 38° 47' 30.40", E 40° 38' 05.29", 1007 m, 26.V.2017, 1♂; Yedisu, Şenköy, N 39° 25' 20.03", E 40° 31' 59.60", 1483 m, 02.VI.2019, 1♂; **Diyarbakır**: Çınar, Şükürlü, N 38° 42' 01.66", E 41° 42' 34.05", 1268 m, 03.VI.2017, 1♂.

Previous records: Diyarbakır (Lelej and Yıldırım, 2009).

Remarks: New record for Bingöl province fauna.



**Figure 13.** *Krombeinella aramaea*, ♂; a) Lateral view, b) Face, c) Metanotum and propodeum.

Şekil 13. *Krombeinella aramaea*, ♂; a) Yan görünüm, b) Yüz, c) Metanotum ve propodeum.

## CONCLUSION

This study was carried out to determine the Sphecidae and Mutillidae fauna in Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş provinces from eastern Turkey. In the study, eight species in four genera belong to two subfamily of Sphecidae and four species in four genera belong to three subfamily of Mutillidae from Bingöl, Diyarbakır and Muş provinces of Turkey. *Ammophila hungarica* Mocsary, 1883; *Hoplammophila clypeata* (Mocsáry, 1883); *Podalonia luffii* (E. Saunders, 1903); *Sceliphron arabs* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845); *S. destillatorium* (Illiger, 1807); *S. madraspatanum tubifex* (Latreille, 1809); *Dasylabris manderstiernii* (Radoszkowski, 1865); *Krombeinella aramaea* (Suárez, 1963) species are new records for the fauna of Bingöl province. Also, *A. hungarica* Mocsary, 1883; *P. fera* (Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1845) species are first records for the fauna of Diyarbakır province. In addition, *Trogaspidia catanensis* (Rossi, 1794) species is new records for the fauna of Muş province. The scope of the study, eleven species from Bingöl, four species from Diyarbakır and one species from Muş were identified.

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