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**The aphelinid and encyrtid parasitoids
(Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea) of Pseudococcidae
(Hemiptera: Coccoidea) in the Van Lake
basin of Turkey¹**

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Summary

Parasitoids of mealybugs were surveyed at the Van Lake basin (Ağrı, Bitlis, Hakkari, Iğdır and Van), Turkey, during the years of 2005 and 2008. Parasitized mealybug specimens were collected from ornamental, cultivated and wild plants and to obtain parasitoids, put into controlled environment room and adult emergence was monitored. Sixteen species of parasitoids were recorded, one of which belongs to the family Aphelinidae and 15 to the family Encyrtidae. One genus and nine species were newly recorded for the Turkish fauna. Two species, *Anagyrs kilincer* Japoshvili sp. nov. and *Charitopus eristo* Japoshvili sp. nov. (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae), are described as new species.

Keywords: Mealybugs, Pseudococcidae, parasitoids, Aphelinidae, Encyrtidae, Turkey.

Anahtar sözcükler: Unlu bitler, Pseudococcidae, parazitöitler, Aphelinidae, Encyrtidae, Türkiye

Introduction

Mealybugs (Hemiptera: Coccoidea: Pseudococcidae) are commonly known because of their typically white, powdery or mealy wax secretions that cover their body. It is the second largest family in the superfamily Coccoidea (Ben-Dov et al., 2008). This family includes important agricultural pests, especially on perennial plants, fruit and nut trees, ornamental shade trees and

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shrubs, forest trees, greenhouse and indoor plantings. Their feeding may cause deformation or death of plant shoots, and some species can transmit viral diseases (Sforza et al., 2003). Large populations may contaminate foliage with their sticky honeydew excretions, which provide a substrate for sooty mould growth. Mealybug infested fruits become unmarketable.

The superfamily Chalcidoidea (Hymenoptera) is a hyperdiverse group of insects currently including some 22,000 described species worldwide and almost all species are parasitoids of insects, with many attacking economically significant pests such as whiteflies, aphids and scale insects (Noyes, 2009). The families Aphelinidae and Encyrtidae are the most successful groups of Chalcidoidea used in the biological control of pest scale insects (Guerrieri & Noyes, 2000). Species of Encyrtidae are especially important natural enemies of mealybugs as primary parasitoids.

The first comprehensive account of encyrtid and aphelinid parasitoids of coccids in Turkey was given in Öncüler (1991)'s catalogue, where he recorded 27 species of encyrtids and 17 species of aphelinids. The list of encyrtids was increased to 50 by Trjapitzin & Doğanlar (1997), but a further 65 parasitoid species were recorded by various authors (Japoshvili & Karaca, 2002; 2004; Karaca & Japoshvili, 2002; Japoshvili et al., 2004; Uygun et al., 2004; Japoshvili, 2005; Japoshvili & Noyes, 2005 a, b, 2006; Kaydan et al., 2006). There have been no studies of aphelinids in Turkey, excluding a single publication with descriptions of new species (Japoshvili & Karaca, 2002; Uygun et al., 2004).

In this paper, aphelinid and encyrtid parasitoids of mealybugs on cultural plants and naturally-occurring plants in the Van Lake basin (Ağrı, Bitlis, Hakkari, Iğdır and Van), Turkey, were investigated.

Material and Methods

The Van Lake basin is positioned among Irano-Turanian, Euro-Asian and Mediterranean subregion of Palaearctic Zoogeographical Region. This study was conducted in the region in provinces of Ağrı, Bitlis, Hakkari, Iğdır and Van in which the altitudes range between 800-2300 meters. The study was conducted in areas with mixed urban residential, cultivated, and wild areas. The main crops grown in the area are pomes and stone fruits and cereals.

In survey, sampling was carried out twice per week during spring and summer in the years of 2005 and 2008. Mealybug specimens were collected from ornamental, cultivated and wild plants. To obtain parasitoids, infested plant parts were put into plastic bags and taken to laboratory. Parasitised mealybug were put into plastic caps covered by fine mesh material and put into $25\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $65\pm 5\%$ r.h. and 16 h of artificial light of $\approx 4,000$ Lux in a controlled environment

room and adult emergence was monitored. The emerging adult parasitoids were transferred into vials containing 70% ethyl alcohol.

The mealybugs were slide mounted and identified by first author. Preparation of mealybug specimens for identification entailed using the methodology of Kosztarab & Kozár (1998), and identifications were made using the keys and plates of Williams (1963), Ter-Grigorian (1973), Tereznikova (1975), Kosztarab & Kozár (1998) and Danzig (1990). The second author prepared the parasitoid specimens and identified them. Card mounting and slide mounting of parasitoids were done following Noyes (2009) and identifications were done using keys of Trjapitzin (1989), Graham (1991), Yasnosh (1978, 1995), Noyes & Hayat, (1994) and Hayat (1998, 2006). Descriptions of the new species of parasitoids were done according to Noyes & Hayat (1994). The following abbreviations are used in the text: AOL, distance between posterior and anterior ocelli; EL, maximum eye length; EOL, ovipositor exerted part length; FV, minimum frontovertex width; F₁L, F₂L, etc., first funicle segment length, second funicle segment length, etc.; F₁W, F₂W, etc., first funicle segment width, second funicle segment width, etc.; FWL, length of forewing; FWW, width of forewing; GL, maximum length of gonostylus (= third valvula); GOL, abdomen length including exerted part of ovipositor; HW, maximum head width; M, length of marginal vein; MF, the length of the longest marginal setae on the forewing; MS, malar space (shortest distance from eye to mouth margin); MT, length of midtibia; MTS, length of midtibial spur; MTT, length of midbasitarsus; OCL, occipital ocellar line (distance of posterior ocellus from occipital margin); OD, greatest diameter of an ocellus; OL, ovipositor length; OOL, ocular-ocellar line (shortest distance between posterior ocellus and adjacent eye margin); P, length of postmarginal vein; PL, pedicel length; POL, posterior ocellar line (= the shortest distance between the posterior ocelli); PW, pedicel width; S, length of stigmal vein; SL, scape length; SW, scape width; ThL, thoax and head length together.

Determination of species were made using keys and plates of Trjapitzin (1989), Noyes & Hayat (1994) and Hayat (2006). Illustrations of parasitoid species were made by using a Hirox KH-7700 digital microscope. Voucher specimens of parasitoids are deposited in the collection of Entomology and Biocontrol Research Centre, Iliia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia; specimes of the mealybug host are deposited in the Coccoidea collection, Yüzüncü Yıl Universty, Agriculture Faculty, Plant Protection Department, Van, Turkey (CCVT). Holotype and paratypes of the new species are deposited in the collection of the Entomology and Biocontrol Research Centre, Iliia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Results and Discussion

In the study, 16 parasitoid species belonging to Aphelinidae (1), Encyrtidae (15) were founded. One genus and nine species were newly recorded for the Turkish fauna. Two of them were described as new record.

Parasitoids of 12 mealybug species were reared during our survey. The number of encyrtids known from Turkey is increased to 123 species as a result of the study.

Aphelinidae

***Marietta picta* (André, 1878)**

Material examined: Iğdır: Tuzluca, Gaziler road, N: 40° 06'335", E: 043° 29'407", 1022 m, 31.VIII.2005, 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂ (in gelatin capsule), Ex *Trabutina crassispinosa* on *Tamarix* sp. (CCVT: 2235).

Host records from Turkey: *Agonoscena succincta* (Heeger, 1856) (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) on *Pistacia vera*; *Chionaspis salicis* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Hemiptera: Diaspididae) on *Salix* sp.; *Lepidosaphes ulmi* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Hemiptera: Diaspididae) on *Malus communis* (Öncüer, 1991).

Previous record in Turkey: Erzincan, Erzurum, Gaziantep. (Öncüer, 1991).

Encyrtidae

***Acerophagus malinus* Gahan, 1946**

Material examined: Iğdır: Melekli, N: 39° 56'775", E: 044° 06'219", 27.VI.2005, 5 ♀♀ (1 ♀ on slide, 2 ♀♀ card mounted, 2 ♀♀ in gelatin capsule), Ex *Pseudococcus comstocki* (Kuwana, 1902) on *Morus* sp. (CCVT: 1842).

This is new record for the Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Anagyrus tamaricicola* Trjapitzin, 1968**

Material examined: Iğdır, Tuzluca, Gaziler road, N: 40° 06'218", E: 043° 28'898"; 28.VI.2005, 5 ♀♀, 1 ♂ (1 ♀ on slide, 1 ♀ card mounted, 3 ♀♀ and 1 ♂ in gelatin capsule Ex *Trabutina crassispinosa* Borchsenius, 1941 on *Tamarix* sp.; (CCVT: 1873).

This is new record for Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Anagyrus pseudococci* (Girault, 1915)**

Material examined: Iğdır: Tuzluca, Gaziler road, N: 40° 06'335", E: 043° 29'407", 1022 m; 31.VIII.2005, 2 ♀♀ (1 ♀ on slide, 1 ♀ card mounted), Ex *Trabutina crassispinosa* Borchsenius on *Tamarix* sp (CCVT 2235); Hakkari: Çukurca, Narlı, N: 37 ° 15'282", E: 043° 35'228", 792 m, 15.IX.2005, 6 ♀♀, 1 ♂ (2 ♀♀ card mounted, 4 ♀♀, 1 ♂ in gelatin capsule), Ex *Planococcus ficus* on *Platanus orientalis*; (CCVT: 2324).

Host records from Turkey: *Planococcus citri* (Risso, 1813) (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae) on *Citrus* sp., *C. limon*, *C. paradisi*, *C. sinensis*, *Vitis vinifera* (Öncüer, 1991).

Previous record in Turkey: Adana, Antalya, Hatay, İçel, İzmir, Manisa (Öncüler, 1991), Ankara (Kaydan et. al., 2006).

***Anagyrus dactylopii* (Howard, 1898)**

Material examined: Iğdır: Tuzluca, Gaziler road, N: 40° 06'229", E: 043° 22'844", 1017 m, 13.VI.2007, 4 ♀♀, 1 ♂ (3 ♀♀ card mounted), Ex *Trabutina crassispinosa* Borchsenius on *Tamarix* sp (CCVT: 3590); Iğdır: Digor road, N: 40° 67'291", E: 043° 37'233", 970 m, 15.VI.2007, 1 ♀, 1 ♂ (in gelatin capsul), Ex *Trabutina crassispinosa* on *Tamarix* sp. (CCVT: 2324).

This species is new for Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Anagyrus kilincerii* Japoshvili sp. nov. (Figure. 1. A-D)**

Material examined: Type material. Holotype ♀, TURKEY, Van: Çatak, Pervari road, N: 37° 57'570", E: 043° 00'496", 1364 m, 19.VII.2005, Ex *Heterococcopsis opertus* on *Cynodon dactylon* (CCVT: 2054); Paratype 1 ♀, same data as holotype; TURKEY, 1 ♀, Van: Özalp road, N: 38° 36'285", E: 043° 34'146", 1820 m, 05.VII.2005, Ex *Heterococcopsis opertus* on *Cynodon dactylon* (CCVT: 2012);. Holotype and paratypes in the collection of the Entomology and Biocontrol Research Centre, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Diagnosis: Female (1.33–2.0 mm): body robust, slightly convex; gaster about as long as head and thorax together; frontovertex about half head width; each antennal torulus separated from mouth margin by 0.2 and from each other by 0.75 of its own length; first flagellar segment shorter than pedicel and as long as F₂; flagellar segments gradually shortening from F₁ to F₆; clava wither than flagellar last segment. ovipositor not exerted; costal cell very narrow, visible only at basal half and at apical half almost absent; body all brown, only mesopleuron, head around eyes and torulli, fore legs, mid and hind tibia yellowish; flagellum with F₁ and basal half of F₂ whitish; F₂ apical half, F₃₋₆ and clava brown.

Female: Length of holotype, 1.33 mm. Head mostly pale brown; only lower face bellow eyes is yellow and around eyes with yellow circle; genae brown; malar space with brownish area; pronotum, mesoscutum, scutellum axillae, abdomen brown; metanotum, propodeum, mid and hind femora with yellow-orange color; mesopleuron, legs yellowish; scape brown with apical ¼ whitish, basal part of scape on the ventral surface with orange-light brown spot; F₁ and basal half of F₂ white and F₂ apical half, F₃₋₆ and clava brown. Head with fine-shallow rugose sculpture; occipital margin sharp; eyes almost reaching occipital margin; dorsal margin of antennal torulli a little above the ventral eye margins; ocelli forming obtuse triangle; antenna as in figure 1C. Ovipositor (Figure 1D) not exerted. Relative measurements: HW 439.5; HH 406; AOL 49.7; POL 86.7; OOL 42.2; OCL 32.9; OD 23; FVW 224.8; SL 271.5; SW 88.5; MS 83.5; EL 288; FWL 1011; FWW 350.

Thorax with similar sculpture to frontovertex; costal cell very narrow, visible only at basal half and at apical half almost absent (Figure 1A, B); setation at base of forewings and venation as in Figure 1 B. Relative measurements (paratype): S 78.8; M 70.7; P 63.4; FWW 382.9; FWL 1142.3; MF 32.3; HW 497; FVW 209; HH 473.5; MS 115.5; EL 334; SL 293.76; SW 104; PL 153.68; PW 49; F₁L 112.88; F₁W 44.2; F₂L 113; F₂W 41.5; F₃L 100.6; F₃W 44.2; F₄L 96.56; F₄W 45.56; F₅L 95.2; F₅W 50.3; F₆L 77.52; F₆W 53; CL 220.32; CW 68; OL 490.28; GL 103.36; MT 551.5; MTS 180.88; MTT 197.2.

Comments: The closest species to *Anagyryus kilinceri Japoshvili* sp. nov. is *Anagyryus matritensis* (Mercet), females of which can be separated by the characters given in Table 1 A-D.

Table 1. Differences between *Anagyryus kilinceri* Japoshvili sp. nov. and *A. matritensis* (Mercet)

<i>Anagyryus kilinceri</i> Japoshvili sp.nov.	<i>Anagyryus matritensis</i>
Mesopleuron yellow	Mesopleuron infuscated
F ₁ white	F ₁ apical part brown
All legs yellow, only mid and hind femora with orange-yellow color	All legs with some black parts
Abdomen as long as head and thorax together	Abdomen shorter than head and thorax together
Ocelli forming obtuse angle	Ocelli forming angle less than 90°
Malar space 0.3x as long as eye length	Malar space 0.4x shorter than eye length
Pedicel 1.36x as long as F ₁	Pedicel as long as F ₁
F ₆ not more than 1.5x as long as wide	F ₆ 2x as long as wide

Etymology: The species is named after Prof. Dr. Neşet Kılınçer who made valuable studies on parasitoids in Turkey.

***Charitopus desertus* Myartseva, 1981**

Material examined: Van: Gürpınar, N: 38° 21'071", E: 043° 25'085", 1855 m, 29.VI.2007; 1 ♀, 3 ♂♂ (1 ♀ on slide, 1 ♂ card mounted and 2 ♂♂ in gelatin capsule), Ex mealybug on Graminae (CCVT: 3876).

This species is a new record for Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Charitopus eristoi* Japoshvili sp. nov.** (Figure 1. E-G)

Material examined: Holotype ♀, Van: Çatak, Pervari road, N: 37° 57'570", E: 043° 00'496", 1364 m, 19.VII.2005, Ex *Heterococcopsis opertus* on *Cynodon dactylon* (CPTV:2054); (CPD, card mounted). Paratype 1 ♀ (slide), 3 ♀♀ 15 ♂♂ (CPD, in gelatin capsule) same data as holotype. Holotype and paratypes in the collection of the Entomology and Biocontrol Research Centre, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Diagnosis: Female (1.0–1.29 mm): body robust, slightly convex; head brown; scape basal 2/3 brown, apical 1/3 whitish; pedicel basal half brown apical whitish; flagellum and clava brown; mesoscutum generally yellow, front ½

of scutellum yellow, hind ½ brown; abdomen yellow with brown lines at both sides; frontovertex 2.25x less than head wide; antennal torulli considerably lower than that of ventral eye margin; ovipositor slightly exerted.

Female: Length of holotype, 1.29 mm.

Head dark brown with metallic violet-golden-green reflection; pronotum, mesopleuron, hind side of mesoscutum, hind half of scutellum, axillae, sides of abdomen and propodeum brown with metallic violet-golden-green reflection; all legs yellow; occipital margin very sharp; head 2.27x as wide as FV; ocelli forming obtuse triangle; scape 6.7x as long as wide; antenna as in figure 1F. Relative measurements: HW 392.8; HH 336; FV 172.7; MS 95.8; EL 238.6; AOL 33.2; POL 68.7; OOL 24.8; OCL 39; OD 28.2; SL 292.2; SW 43.5; PL 82.3; F₁L 59.1; ThL, 660; GOL 561; EOL 25.

Head and thorax with similar coriaceous sculpture, scutellum with elongated reticulate sculpture; setation at base of forewings and venation as in figure 1E; ovipositor as in figure 1G. Relative measurements (paratype): HW 374.68; HH 340.68; FV 168.64; MS 131.24; EL 224.4; SL 265.88; SW 42.84; PL 73.44; PW 31.28; F₁L 55.76; F₁W 21.76; F₂L 75.48; F₂W 24.48; F₃L 72.08; F₃W 27.88; F₄L 71.4; F₄W 33.32; F₅L 67.32; F₅W 35.36; F₆L 65.28; F₆W 40.12; CL 158.44; CW 52.36; FWL 976.48; FWW 344.08; M 106.08; P 38.76; S 70.72; OL 619.48; GL 149.6; MT 374; MTS 36.72; MTT 81.6.

Comments: The closest species to *Charitopus eristo* Japoshvili sp. nov. is *Charitopus desertus* Myartseva, female of which can be separated by the characters given in Table 2.

Etymology: The species is named after Prof. Eristo Kvavadze who is a well known lumbricologist from Georgia (Country).

Table 2. Differences between *Charitopus eristo* Japoshvili sp. nov. and *Charitopus desertus* Myartseva

<i>Charitopus eristo</i> Japoshvili sp. nov.	<i>Charitopus desertus</i>
OOL < OD, OCL 1.5x as long as OOL	OOL 1.5-2x as long as OD, posterior ocelli almost touching occipital margin
F ₆ 1.6x as long as wide	All flagellar segments 2x as long as wide
F ₂ 1.16x as long as F ₆	F ₂₋₆ are almost equal length
Marginal vein longer than stigmal and less than 2.7x as long as postmarginal	Marginal vein shorter than stigmal and less than 1.5x as long as postmarginal
Exerted part of ovipositor 1/21-1/22x as long as gaster.	Exerted part of ovipositor 1/6-1/7x as long as gaster.

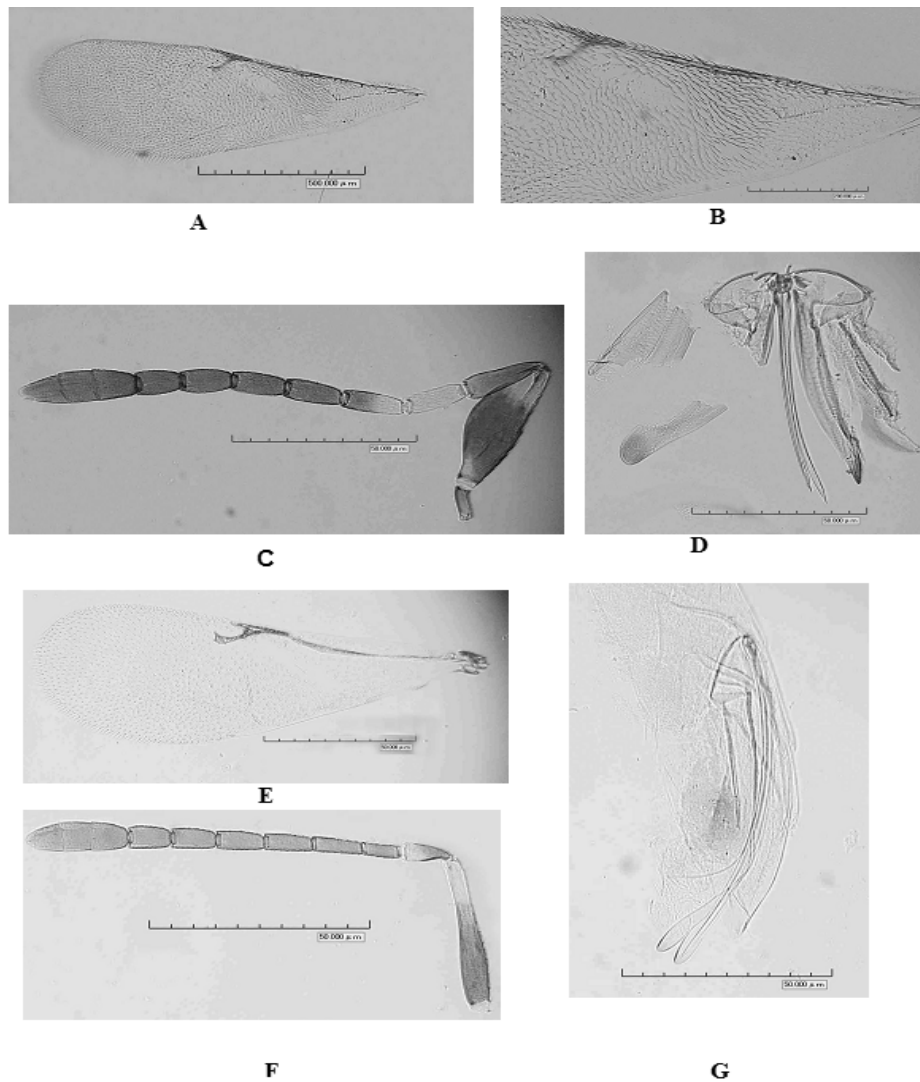


Figure 1. A-D: *Anagyrus kilinceri* Japoshvili sp. nov. female A: Forewing; B: Venation of Forewing; C: Antenna; D: Ovipositor; E-G: *Charitopus eristoi* Japoshvili sp. nov. female E: Forewing; F: Antenna; G: Ovipositor.

***Clausenia* sp.**

Material examined: Van-Gürpınar-Kırgeçit, N: 38° 13'869", E: 043° 31'081"; 09.VI.2005; 1 ♂ (card mounted), Ex *Trionymus multivorus* on a plant of the family Umbellifera; (CCVT: 1720).

This genus is a new record for the Turkish parasitoid fauna and the host mealybug is new host record for this genus.

Comment: This species could not be further identified because of the lack of material. The parasitoid should be studied in more detail in the future when more material becomes available.

***Ericydnus caudatus* Erdös, 1957**

Material examined: Bitlis: Hizan, Gülpik, N: 38° 16'137", E: 042° 25'058", 1520 m, 22.VI.2006, 1 ♀ (card mounted), Ex *Trionymus aberrans* on *Hordeum* sp. (CCVT: 3020).

This is new record for the Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Ericydnus sipylus* (Walker, 1837)**

Material examined: Bitlis: Kavakbaşı road, N: 38° 25'607", E: 041° 53'727", 1315 m, 30.V.2007, 2 ♀♀ (both are card mounted), Ex *Phenacoccus pumilus* on *Salvia* sp (CCVT: 3445).

This is new record for the Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Ericydnus* sp.**

Material examined: Iğdır-Tuzluca-Kula, N: 40° 05'301", E: 043° 24'741", 1440 m, 28.vi.2005; 1 ♀ (card mounted), Ex Pseudococcid on undetermined plant; (CPVT: 1940); Iğdır-Aralık road, N: 39° 58'216", E: 044° 17'894", 840 m; 27.vi.2005; 1 ♂ (card mounted), Ex *Mirococcus inermis* on undetermined plant; (CPTV 1920); Iğdır-Aralık road, N: 39° 58'864", E: 044° 11'909", 846 m; 27.vi.2005; 1 ♂ (card mounted), Ex *Phenacoccus tergrigorianae* on undetermined plant; (CCVT: 1923).

Two other species in this genus have been recorded previously in Turkey (Japoshvili & Noyes, 2005).

***Leptomastix tanasijtshuki* Sharkov, 1983**

Material examined: Van: Çatak, N: 37° 55'950", E: 042° 59'971", 1535 m, 03.VII.2007, 03.VII.2007 30 ♀♀, 4 ♂♂ (1 ♀ on slide, 1 ♀, 1 ♂ card mounted, 28 ♀♀, 3 ♂♂ in gelatin capsule), Ex *Puto pilosiella* on *Euphorbia* sp. (CCVT: 3900).

This is new record for the Turkish parasitoid fauna.

***Prochiloneurus bolivari* Mercet, 1919**

Material examined: Van: Çatak, Pervari road, N: 37° 57'570", E: 043° 00'496", 1364 m, 19.VII.2005, 5 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂ (2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂ card mounted, 3 ♀♀ in gelatin capsule), Ex *Heterococcopsis opertus* on *Cynodon dactylon*; (CCVT: 2054); 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂ (1 ♀ card mounted, 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂ in gelatin capsule); Van: Çatak, N: 37° 55'950", E: 042° 59'971", 1535 m, 03.VII.2007; 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂ (1 ♀ card mounted, 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂ in gelatin capsule) Ex *Puto pilosella* on *Euphorbia* sp. (CCVT: 3900).

Host records from Turkey: *Tryonimus multivorus*, *Atrococcus* sp. on *Verbascum* sp. (Kaydan et. Al., 2006).

Previous record in Turkey: Ankara (Kaydan et. al., 2006).

***Rhopus flavidus* (Mercet, 1921)**

Material examined: Hakkari: A. Merzan, N: 37° 34'064", E: 043° 43'696", 1758 m, N: 37° 34'064", E: 043° 43'696", 1758 m, 04.VIII.2005, 16 ♀♀ (1 ♀ on slide, 2 ♀♀ card mounted, 13 ♀♀ in gelatin capsule), Ex Pseudococcid on *Cynodon dactylon* (CCVT: 2189).

Host records from Turkey: Pseudococcid on *Cynodon dactylon* (Japoshvili, Noyes, 2005)

Previous record in Turkey: Ankara (Japoshvili & Noyes, 2005).

***Rhopus trjapitzini* Myartseva, 1982**

Material examined: Ağrı: Doğubeyazıt road, N: 39° 25'469", E: 043° 59'227", 2140 m, 27.IX.2005, 14 ♀♀ (1 ♀ on slide, 3 ♀♀ card mounted, 10 ♀♀ in gelatin capsule), Ex Pseudococcid on Gramineae; (CCVT: 2443); Van: Başkale road, N: 38° 08'077", E: 043° 58'751", 2369 m, 14.VI.2006; 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂ (all card mounted), Ex Pseudococcidae on undetermined plant; (CCVT: 2953); Iğdır: Aralık road, N: 39° 58'864", E: 044° 11'909", 846 m, 27.VI.2005; 4 ♀♀, 1 ♂ (1 ♀ card mounted, 3 ♀♀, 1 ♂ in gelatin capsule), Ex *Phenacoccus tergrigorianae* on undetermined plant; (CCVT: 1923).

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Özet

Van Gölü havzasında bulunan unlubitlerin (Hemiptera: Coccoidea: Pseudococcidae) aphelinid ve encyrtid parazitöitleri

Çalışma Van Gölü havzası (Ağrı, Bitlis, Hakkari, Iğdır and Van)'nda 2005-2008 yılları arasında yürütülmüş olup bölgede bulunan unlubit parazitöitleri tespit edilmiştir. Belirtilen yıllar arasında yabani ve kültür bitkilerinden toplanan parazitli unlubitler laboratuvara getirilerek kültüre alınmış ve parazitöit çıkışları izlenerek teşhis çalışmaları için alkole alınmıştır. Araştırma sonucunda Aphelinidae familyasına ait bir ve Encyrtidae familyasına ait 15 olmak üzere toplam 16 parazitöit türü saptanmıştır. Saptanan parazitöit türlerinden bir adet cins ve dokuz adet tür Türkiye faunası için yeni kayıt niteliğindedir. Ayrıca, *Anagyris kilinceri* Japoshvili sp. nov. ve *Charitopus eristoi* Japoshvili sp. nov. (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) türleri yeni türler olarak tanımlanmıştır.

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