

# New records of Heteroptera from the Canary Islands (Spain), XVI

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**Abstract:** The first records of *Geocoris amabilis* Stål, 1855 (Heteroptera: Geocoridae) on the island of Gran Canaria (Canary Islands, Spain) are reported. These are the first records of the species in the Canary archipelago. Furthermore, the presence of the genus *Geocoris* Fallén, 1814 in the archipelago is summarised.

**Key words:** Heteroptera, Geocoridae, *Geocoris amabilis*, first records, distribution, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain.

**Resumen:** Nuevas citas de Heteroptera de las Islas Canarias (España), XVI. Se presentan las primeras citas de *Geocoris amabilis* Stål, 1855 (Heteroptera: Geocoridae) en la isla de Gran Canaria (Islas Canarias, España). Éstas son las primeras citas de la especie en el archipiélago canario. Además, se resume la presencia del género *Geocoris* Fallén, 1814 en el archipiélago.

**Palabras clave:** Heteroptera, Geocoridae, *Geocoris amabilis*, primeras citas, distribución, Gran Canaria, Islas Canarias, España.

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So far, seven species of the genus *Geocoris* Fallén, 1814 (Heteroptera: Geocoridae) have been reported for the Canary Islands (Spain): *Geocoris chloroticus* Puton, 1888, *Geocoris collaris* Puton, 1878, *Geocoris lineola* (Rambur, 1839), *Geocoris megacephalus* (Rossi, 1790), *Geocoris pallidipennis* (A. Costa, 1843), *Geocoris phaeopterus* (Germar, 1837) and *Geocoris pubescens* (Jakovlev, 1871) (ROCA-CUSACHS *et al.*, 2020).

Herein, the first records of *Geocoris amabilis* Stål, 1855 in the archipelago are reported: On 14-12-2024, an adult specimen of this Afrotropical species (Fig. 1) was found in San Fernando, the northern quarter of Maspalomas in the municipality of San Bartolomé de Tirajana, located in the south of the island of Gran Canaria (coordinates: 27.765402, -15.579508). Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

Furthermore, on 23-01-2025, an adult specimen of *G. amabilis* was observed in Playa del Inglés, Maspalomas (coordinates: 27.7538779, -15.578265). Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

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**Fig. 1.-** Specimen of *Geocoris amabilis* Stål, 1855 (Heteroptera: Geocoridae), San Fernando, Maspalomas, San Bartolomé de Tirajana, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain. (Photo: Tomasz Klejdysz).