

## NOTA BREVE / SHORT NOTE

# First record of *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006 (Heteroptera: Thaumastocoridae) from the Canary Islands (Spain)

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The Australian bronze bug *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006 (Heteroptera: Thaumastocoridae) was described based on specimens collected in Argentina (CARPINTERO & DELLAPÉ, 2006). The species is a serious pest of *Eucalyptus* sp. (Myrtaceae) and an invasive species in Europe, where it has been reported from Albania, Italy (mainland, Sardinia, Sicily), Greece (mainland, several islands including Crete), Malta, Portugal and Spain (VAN DER HEYDEN, 2021).

Now, the presence of *T. peregrinus* on the Canary Islands can be reported: On 30-12-2022, an adult specimen was found and photographed by Merav Vonshak in the Barranco de Azuaje near Moya, located in the north of the island of Gran Canaria. Two photos of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

This finding of *T. peregrinus* on Gran Canaria is the first record of the species for the Canary Islands. It might also be found on other islands of the archipelago where *Eucalyptus* species are present. Due to the damages the species might cause to its host plants, further research on its presence on the Canary Islands should be done.

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