

***Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Thaumastocoridae) has reached the Greek island of Crete**

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ABSTRACT: The first record of *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006 on the Greek island of Crete is reported. Information on the known distribution of the species in Europe is summarized.

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Thaumastocoris peregrinus Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Thaumastocoridae), commonly known as the bronze bug, is a pest of eucalypts (Myrtaceae) (Novoselsky & Freidberg, 2016). In Europe, the invasive Australian species has been reported from mainland Italy (Laudonia & Sasso, 2012) and the Italian islands of Sicily (Carapezza, 2014) and Sardinia (di Lascio & Nannini, 2016), Portugal (Garcia et al., 2013), Spain (Vivas et al., 2015), Albania (van der Heyden, 2017), mainland Greece and several Greek islands (Petrakis, 2018) and Malta (Mifsud & Carapezza, 2020) so far.

The paper by Petrakis (2018) contains a

map showing sampling sites with eucalypts in mainland Greece and on various Greek islands. While *T. peregrinus* was found at various examined sites in mainland Greece and on the Greek islands of Sifnos, Syros and Tinos (Cyclades), the species was not found on Crete.

Now, the presence of *T. peregrinus* on Crete can be reported: On 16.12.2020, Fotis Samaritakis photographed an adult specimen of *T. peregrinus* in a park in the village of Kounoupidiana, located in the municipality of Chania at the northwestern coast of the island (Fig. 1).

The photograph was uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (Samaritakis, 2020).

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Figure 1. Specimen of *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero & Dellapé, 2006, Kounoupidiana, Crete, Greece, 16.12.2020. (Photo: Fotis Samaritakis).