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## New records of beetles from families Haliplidae, Dytiscidae, Hydraenidae, Helophoridae, Hydrophilidae, Scirtidae and Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) from the North Caucasus

### Новые указания жесткокрылых из семейств Haliplidae, Dytiscidae, Hydraenidae, Helophoridae, Hydrophilidae, Scirtidae и Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) с Северного Кавказа

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**Abstract.** Three species of beetles are recorded for Russia for the first time: *Hydraena pontica* Janssens, 1963 (Hydraenidae), *Helophorus hilaris* Sharp, 1916 (Helophoridae), *Laccobius obscuratus* Rottenberg, 1874 (Hydrophilidae). Two species are recorded for the first time for the North Caucasus: *Haliplus sibiricus* Motschulsky, 1860 (Haliplidae), *Hydroporus nigellus* Mannerheim, 1853 (Dytiscidae). Four species are recorded for the first time for North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria: *Helophorus discrepans* Rey, 1885 (Helophoridae), *Chaetarthria seminulum* (Herbst, 1797) (Hydrophilidae), *Contacyphon padi* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Scirtidae), *Plateumaris sericea caucasica* (Zaitzev, 1930) (Chrysomelidae).

Distributional data about three new species for North Ossetia are given: *Helophorus faustianus* Sharp, 1916 (Helophoridae), *Enochrus affinis* (Thunberg, 1794), *Sphaeridium lunatum* Fabricius, 1792 (Hydrophilidae); and five species for Kabardino-Balkaria: *Agabus congener* (Thunberg, 1794), *Hydroporus incognitus* Sharp, 1869, *Hygrotus inaequalis* (Fabricius, 1777) (Dytiscidae), *Anacaena lutescens* (Stephens, 1829) (Hydrophilidae), *Contacyphon variabilis* (Thunberg, 1787) (Scirtidae). General distribution of *Hydroporus incognitus* and *H. nigellus* and their association with mountain peat bog habitats in the North Caucasus, which considered herein as postglacial relict ecosystems, allows to assume that the postglacial colonization is the most likely way for these species into the Caucasus region.

**Резюме.** Три вида жесткокрылых впервые приводятся для фауны России: *Hydraena pontica* Janssens, 1963 (Hydraenidae), *Helophorus hilaris* Sharp, 1916 (Helophoridae), *Laccobius obscuratus* Rottenberg, 1874 (Hydrophilidae). Два вида впервые указаны для Северного Кавказа: *Haliplus sibiricus* Motschulsky, 1860 (Haliplidae), *Hydroporus nigellus* Mannerheim, 1853 (Dytiscidae). Четыре вида впервые указаны из Северной

Осетии и Кабардино-Балкарии: *Helophorus discrepans* Rey, 1885 (Helophoridae), *Chaetarthria seminulum* (Herbst, 1797) (Hydrophilidae), *Contacyphon padi* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Scirtidae), *Plateumaris sericea caucasica* (Zaitzev, 1930) (Chrysomelidae). Приводятся данные о первых находках трех видов в Северной Осетии: *Helophorus faustianus* Sharp, 1916 (Helophoridae), *Enochrus affinis* (Thunberg, 1794), *Sphaeridium lunatum* Fabricius, 1792 (Hydrophilidae) – и пяти видов в Кабардино-Балкарии: *Agabus congener* (Thunberg, 1794), *Hydroporus incognitus* Sharp, 1869, *Hygrotus inaequalis* (Fabricius, 1777) (Dytiscidae), *Anacaena lutescens* (Stephens, 1829) (Hydrophilidae), *Contacyphon variabilis* (Thunberg, 1787) (Scirtidae). Обнаружение бореомонтанных видов *Hydroporus incognitus* и *H. nigellus* в горных сфагновых болотах позволяет предположить, что послеледниковая колонизация является наиболее вероятным способом проникновения этих видов в Кавказский регион.

### Introduction

The level of knowledge on water and amphibiotic (with water-living larvae) beetles from families Haliplidae, Dytiscidae, Hydraenidae, Helophoridae, Hydrophilidae, Scirtidae and Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) of the North Caucasus is still poorly known, though several studies have already been published [Zaitzev, 1927; Belyashevsky, 1991; Maksimenkov, 1995; Brehov, 2007; Shapovalov et al., 2012; Prokin et al., 2008, 2016, 2017 etc.]. Catalogues providing information about the occurrence of the species in the Caucasian countries were published by Vondel [2017] (Haliplidae), Hájek [2017] (Dytiscidae), Jäch [2015] (Hydraenidae), Fikáček et al., [2015a, b] (Helophoridae, Hydrophilidae), Klausnitzer [2016] (Scirtidae) and





Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 4, 43°06'16"N / 43°28'24"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 18 ex., "Ushtulu" narzan mire, 42°58'29"N / 43°20'05"E, 9.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin, A.S. Sazhnev).

**Note.** Larvae feeding on Iris pseudacorus, Carex disparata, Scirpus fluviatilis, Oryza sativa; imago feeding on representatives of genera Iris, Carex, Scirpus, Caltha [Bieńkowski, 2015].

**Distribution.** Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Asian Kazakhstan, West and East Siberia [Silfverberg, 2010]. This subspecies was described from Stavropol and Khasavyurt (Dagestan), Russia. In the North Caucasus the subspecies is recorded from Adygea [Medvedev et al., 2010], Dagestan, Karachay-Cherkessia and Krasnodar Region [Bieńkowski, Orlova-Bienkowska, 2017]. Subspecies affiliation of Transcaucasian material is still not clear. The first records for North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria.

## Discussion

Our data show insufficient knowledge of the water and amphibiotic beetle fauna of the region as a whole and, in particular, of such ecosystems as mountain peat bogs and water-falls. Only one species, collected in waterfall in Cherek canyon is a new for the fauna of Russia representative of the family Hydrophilidae. In the past this species was considered as a subspecies *Laccobius obscuratus obscuratus* Rottenberg, 1874 [Fikáček et al., 2015b], but recently was restored as a separate species, as well as *L. aegeus* Gentili, 1974 and *L. meridionalis* Gentili, 1974 [Gentili, Shaverdo, 2016]. Majority of species, collected in Sphagnum peat bogs in North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria represents new faunal records of various levels, which underline the insufficient knowledge about these rare ecosystems in the North Caucasus. The findings of two boreal-mountain species *Hydroporus incognitus* and *H. nigellus* (Dytiscidae) in a mountain Sphagnum peat bogs are particularly interesting. The first one was recorded once from a forest pool in 1500 m in Karachay-Cherkessia [Belyashevsky, 1991], and the second one never been recorded from the North Caucasus. General distribution of species and their association with mountain peat bog habitats in the North Caucasus, which considered herein as postglacial relict ecosystems, allows to assume that the postglacial colonization is the most likely way for these species into the Caucasus region.

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