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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

Silfverberg [2010] (Chrysomelidae: Donaciinae). Beetles of studied families of three administrative regions of Russia in the North Caucasus have been more thoroughly reviewed in the last 10 years: Adygea [Medvedev et al., 2010; Nikitsky, Shapovalov, 2010; Prokin, Shapovalov, 2010; Shapovalov, 2010a, b], Dagestan [Brekhev et al., 2013; Brekhev, Ilyna, 2016] and North Ossetia [Shapovalov et al., 2018]. In our recent paper data on some water beetles assemblages of eight montane peatlands of the North Caucasus is published [Prokin et al., 2019]. That article includes some species, recorded here, but without labels data and distributional notes.

The aim of this paper is to report new records of the water beetle fauna of the North Caucasus.

Material and methods

This paper is based mainly on material collected by the authors in North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria in 2016 and 2018, with the special attention to mountain Sphagnum peat bogs and water-falls.

The material is deposited in the collection of the Papanin Institute for Biology of Inland Waters of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Borok, Yaroslavl Region, Russia).

The following abbreviations are used in the text: NOR – Republic of North Ossetia-Alania; KBR – Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

Family Haliplidae Aubé, 1836

Haliplus sibiricus Motschulsky, 1860

Material. KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 5 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, European part of Russia, Transcaucasia, Asian Turkey, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, China (Xinjiang, Qinghai), Mongolia, West and East Siberia, Far East of Russia [Vondel, 2017]. The first record for the North Caucasus.

Family Dytiscidae Leach, 1815

Agabus congener (Thunberg, 1794)

Material. KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 2 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2, 43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 3 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Asian Turkey, Kazakhstan, West and East Siberia, Mongolia, China (Jilin, Qinghai), Far East of Russia, Japan [Hájek, 2017]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Karachay-Cherkessia [Brehov, 2007], Dagestan [Brekhev, Ilyina, 2016] and North Ossetia [Shapovalov et al., 2018]. The first record for Kabardino-Balkaria.

Hydroporus incognitus Sharp, 1869

Material. KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 7 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2,

43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Transcaucasia, Asian Turkey, Iran, Mongolia [Fikáček et al., 2015a]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Karachay-Cherkessia [Belyashevsky, 1991]. The first record for Kabardino-Balkaria.

Hydroporus nigellus Mannerheim, 1853

Material. NOR: 5 ex., Irafskiy Distr., "Chifandzar" Sphagnum peat bog, space between Sphagnum hummocks, 42°55'08"N / 43°30'50"E, 3.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 6 ex., same locality, brook, 17.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev). 1 ex., same locality, ground traps, 18–19.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev); KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 18 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 2 ex., same locality, 27.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev).

Distribution. Europe, center of the European part of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Asian Turkey, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, West Siberia and Far East of Russia, Mongolia, China (Quinghai, Sichuan), North America [Hájek, 2017]. According our data this species is distributed only in the north of the European part of Russia and is not known from the central part. The first record for the North Caucasus.

Hygrotus inaequalis (Fabricius, 1777)

Material. KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 2 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 4, primary internal lake, 43°06'16"N / 43°28'24"E, 7.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Algeria, Morocco, Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, European part of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Asian Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, West and East Siberia, Mongolia, China (Inner Mongolia, Shaanxi, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang), Far East of Russia, Japan [Hájek, 2017]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from "Tersk." [Zaitzev, 1927: 38], Adygea [Shapovalov, 2010a], Dagestan [Brekhev et al., 2013] and North Ossetia [Shapovalov et al., 2018]. The first record for Kabardino-Balkaria.

Family Hydraenidae Mulsant, 1844

Hydraena pontica Janssens, 1963

Material. KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 6 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Asian Turkey [Jäch, 2015]. The first record for Russia.

Family Helophoridae Leach, 1815

Helophorus discrepans Rey, 1885

Material. NOR: 2 ex., Alagir Distr., Verkhniy Zgid env., grassy fen, fen pool, 42°52'02"N / 43°57'41"E, 6.05.2016 (A.A. Prokin); 1 ex., Irafskiy Distr., "Chifandzar" Sphagnum peat bog, brook, 42°55'08"N / 43°30'50"E, 17.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev). KBR, Cherekskiy Distr.: 30 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 12 ex., same locality, primary internal lake, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Transcaucasia, Asian Turkey, Iran, Mongolia [Fikáček et al., 2015a]. In the North Caucasus the species is

recorded from Adygea [Prokin, Shapovalov, 2010]. The first records for North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria.

Helophorus faustianus Sharp, 1916

Material. NOR: 5 exs., Alagir Distr., Verkhnyi Zgid env., grassy fen, fen pool, 42°52'02"N / 43°57'41"E, 6.05.2016 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. South of the European part of Russia (Karachay-Cherkessia as "Cherkessia"), Georgia, South Ossetia, Asian Turkey [Angus, 1985; Fikáček et al., 2015a]. The first record for North Ossetia.

Helophorus hilaris Sharp, 1916

Material. KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 2 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 4 exs., same locality, primary internal lake, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Asian Turkey, Lebanon, Iran (Fikáček et al., 2015a). The first record for Russia.

Family Hydrophilidae Latreille, 1802

Laccobius obscuratus Rottenberg, 1874

Material. KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 3 ex., Cherek canyon, water-fall, 43°11'33"N / 43°31'07"E, 5.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. South and Central Europe, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Asian Turkey, Israel, Iran, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Tanzania [Fikáček et al., 2015b; Gentili, Shaverdo, 2016]. The first record for Russia.

Chaetarthria seminulum (Herbst, 1797)

Material. NOR: 1 ex., Prigorodny Distr., Tarskoye vill. env., "Tarskoye" Sphagnum peat bog, 42°57'47"N / 44°43'34"E, ground traps, 31.05.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev). KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 2 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2, 43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Caucasus, Iran, Asian Turkey, Siberia, Tunisia [Fikáček et al., 2015b]. The first records for North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria with confirmation of record for the North Caucasus.

Anacaena lutescens (Stephens, 1829)

Material. KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 10 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, temporary pool in the depression after peat excavation on the margin of the peat bog, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 4 ex., same locality, primary internal lake, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 4 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2, 43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 2 ex., same locality, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 7 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin).

Distribution. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Asian Turkey, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, West Siberia and Far East of Russia, China (Xinjiang), North America [Fikáček et al., 2015b]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Adygea [Shapovalov, 2010b], Dagestan [Brekhev et al., 2013] and North Ossetia [Shapovalov et al., 2018]. The first record for Kabardino-Balkaria.

Enochrus affinis (Thunberg, 1794)

Material. NOR: 1 ex., Prigorodny Distr., Tarskoye vill. env., "Tarskoye" Sphagnum peat bog, 42°57'47"N / 44°43'34"E, 14.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Armenia, Asian Kazakhstan, West and East Siberia, Far East of Russia, China (Inner Mongolia, Heilongjiang), Japan [Fikáček et al., 2015b]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Dagestan [Brekhev et al., 2013]. The first record for North Ossetia.

Sphaeridium lunatum Fabricius, 1792

Material. NOR: 1 ex., Irafskiy Distr., "Chifandzar" Sphagnum peat bog, 42°55'08"N / 43°30'50"E, ground trap, 18–19.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev).

Distribution. Algeria, Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, north and center of the European part of Russia, Armenia, Syria, Israel, Jordan, Asian Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Northwest China, Mongolia, West Siberia and Far East of Russia; North America (introduced) [Fikáček et al., 2015b]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Adygea [Shapovalov, 2010b]. The first record for North Ossetia.

Family Scirtidae Fleming, 1821

Contacyphon padi (Linnaeus, 1758)

Material. NOR: 3 ex., Prigorodny Distr., Tarskoye vill. env., "Tarskoye" Sphagnum peat bog, 42°57'47"N / 44°43'34"E, 30.05.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev). KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2, 43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev); 1 ex., same locality, ground traps, 22–24.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev); 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin) (IBIW); 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 27.09.2018 (D.A. Philippov); 4 ex., "Ushtulu" narzan mire, 42°58'29"N / 43°20'05"E, 9.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin, A.S. Sazhnev); 13 ex., same locality, 21.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev).

Distribution. Algeria, Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel, Jordan, Asian Kazakhstan, West and East Siberia, Far East of Russia, Japan [Klausnitzer, 2016]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Adygea [Nikitsky, Shapovalov, 2010], North and West Caucasus [Maksimenkov, 1995]. The first records for North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria.

Contacyphon variabilis (Thunberg, 1787)

Material. KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev); 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 2, 43°05'52"N / 43°28'41"E, 7.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 2 ex., same locality, 27.09.2018 (A.A. Sazhnev); 20 ex., "Ushtulu" narzan mire, 42°58'29"N / 43°20'05"E, 21.09.2018 (A.S. Sazhnev, D.A. Philippov).

Distribution. Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, European part of Russia, Asian Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, West and East Siberia, Far East of Russia, Japan; Nearctic, Neotropical and Australian regions (introduced) [Bousquet et al., 2013; Klausnitzer, 2016]. In the North Caucasus the species is recorded from Adygea [Nikitsky, Shapovalov, 2010] and Krasnodar Region [Maksimenkov, 1995]. The first records for Kabardino-Balkaria.

Family Chrysomelidae Latreille, 1802

Plateumaris sericea caucasica (Zaitzev, 1930)

Material. NOR: 12 ex., Prigorodny Distr., Tarskoye vill. env., "Tarskoye" Sphagnum peat bog, 42°57'47"N / 44°43'34"E, on *Scirpus sylvaticus*, 30.05.2018 (A.A. Prokin). KBR, Chereksky Distr.: 1 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 1, 43°06'03"N / 43°29'24"E, 6.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 3 ex., Verkhnyaya Balkaria env., Sphagnum peat bog No 3, 43°05'49"N / 43°28'44"E, 8.06.2018 (A.A. Prokin); 2 ex., Verkhnyaya

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, Orolva-Bienkowskaja, 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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