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Species of the Genus *Phronia* Winnertz in Bulgaria (Diptera: Mycetophilidae)

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A b s t r a c t: Faunistic data about 13 species of the genus *Phronia* Winnertz are presented. 12 species are new to the fauna of Bulgaria, 7 - to the Balkan Peninsula. The author considers *Ph. vitiosa* Winnertz a valid species, separate of *Ph. nitidiventris* V a n d e r W u l p.

K e y w o r d s: Diptera, Mycetophilidae, *Phronia*.

Introduction

In the Palaearctic region genus *Phronia* Winnertz, 1863, is known with 96 species (B e c h e v, unpublished). Ten species were reported to the Balkan Peninsula and only one to the fauna of Bulgaria up to 1997 (B e c h e v, 1997). As a result of a study of the materials collected in Bulgaria, 12 species of the genus new to Bulgaria were established, 7 of them new to the Balkan Peninsula.

Material and Methods

The material is collected by the author and preserved in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Plovdiv. The species marked with an asterisk (*) are new to the fauna of Bulgaria, and those marked with two asterisks (**) are new to the Balkan Peninsula.

Results and Discussion

List of the species

* *Phronia austriaca* Winnertz, 1863

Material examined: West Balkan Range: village Dalgi del, 600 m a. s. l., 24. 07. 1983, 3 males; chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz), 775 m a. s. l., 26. 06. 1982, 3 males; village Gintzi, 800 m a. s. l., 1. 08. 1982, 2 males; village Ochin dol (south of Mezdra), 550 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 2 males; village Osenovlag (south of Mezdra), 700 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 3 males.

* *Phronia basalis* Winnertz, 1863

Material examined: Strandzha Mt.: Silkosia reserve, 150 m a. s. l., 29. 05. 1998, 2 males; village Kosti, 100 m a. s. l., 29. 05. 1998, 2 males.

Phronia cinerascens Winnertz, 1863

Material examined: West Balkan Range: Vratza, 350 m a. s. l., 5. 04. 1984,

** *Phronia conformis* (Walker, 1856)

Material examined: West Balkan Range: Matnitza (west of Vratza), 350 m a. s. l., 4. 09. 1984, 1 male; village Ochin dol (south of Mezdra), 550 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 2 males; village Osenovlag (south of Mezdra), 700 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 3 males; Strandzha Mts.: Silkosia reserve, 150 m a. s. l., 29. 05. 1998, 1 male; village Kosti, 100 m a. s. l., 29. 05. 1998, 1 male.

** *Phronia egregia* Dziedzicki, 1889

Material examined: West Balkan Range: Berkovitsa, 400 m a. s. l., 7. 04. 1983, 2 males; near Berkovitsa, 600 m a. s. l., 20. 08. 1982, 3 males; village Ochin dol (south of Mezdra), 550 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 2 males; village Osenovlag (south of Mezdra), 700 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 3 males; Central Balkan Range: Boatin reserve, 900 m a. s. l., 6. 06. 1982, 3 males.

* *Phronia flavicollis* Winnertz, 1863

Material examined: West Balkan Range: village Ochin dol (south of Mezdra), 550 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 1 male.

** *Phronia forcipata* Winnertz, 1863

Material examined: West Balkan Range: near Berkovitsa, 700 m a. s. l., 8. 07. 1982, 3 males; chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz), 775 m a. s. l., 26. 06. 1982, 7 males and 10. 07. 1982, 3 males; Central Balkan Range: Boatin reserve, 900 m a. s. l., 20. 04. 1983, 3 males.

** *Phronia mutabilis* Dziedzicki, 1889

Material examined: West Balkan Range: chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz), 775 m a. s. l., 10. 07. 1982, 2 males; village Gintzi, 800 m a. s. l., 1. 08. 1982, 3 males.

* *Phronia nitidiventris* (van der Wulp, 1858) (Fig. 2)

Material examined: West Balkan Range: Vratza, 350 m a. s. l., 5. 04. 1984, 5 males, 26. 04. 1984, 1 male and 13. 07. 1982, 1 male; Central Balkan Range: Boatin reserve, 900 m a. s. l., 20. 04. 1983, 1 male and 6. 06. 1982, 1 male.

** *Phronia notata* Dziedzicki, 1889

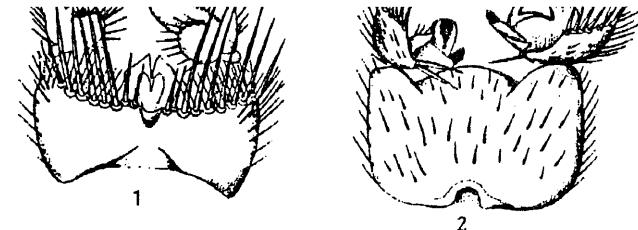
Material examined: West Balkan Range: chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz), 775 m a. s. l., 26. 06. 1982, 1 male; village Osenovlag (south of Mezdra), 700 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 2 males; Strandzha Mt.: Silkosia reserve, 150 m a. s. l., 29. 05. 1998, 1 male.

** *Phronia obtusa* Winnertz, 1836

Material examined: West Balkan Range: chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz), 775 m a. s. l., 26. 06. 1982, 3 males; Vratza, 350 m a. s. l., 26. 10. 1984, 1 male; Ledenika cave (south of Vratza), 800 m a. s. l., 3 males.

* *Phronia tenuis* Winnertz, 1836

Material examined: West Balkan Range: chalet Bjalata voda (near Varshtetz),



Figs. 1 and 2. Hypopygium, ventral view (according to Dziedzicki, 1915): 1 — *Phronia vitiosa* Winnertz; 2 — *Phronia nitidiventris* van der Wulp.

775 m a. s. l., 26. 06. 1982, 3 males and 10. 07. 1982, 1 male; Suhia skat (south of Vratza), 400 m a. s. l., 10. 10. 1986, 1 male; Central Balkan Range: Boatin reserve, 900 m a. s. l., 7. 09. 1984, 3 males.

** *Phronia vitiosa* Winnertz, 1863
(Fig. 1)

Material examined: West Balkan Range: village Ochin dol (south of Mezdra), 550 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 7 males; village Osenovlag (south of Mezdra), 700 m a. s. l., 6. 08. 1983, 2 males.

Discussion

According to Edwards (1925: p. 630) "the two existing male specimens of van der Wulp's species closely resemble *P. vitiosa*, which is very distinct in genital structure ...". Hackingman (1970) considers *vitiosa* a synonym of *nitidiventris*. In the course of the study of Bulgarian materials specimens were found with genital apparatus as *nitidiventris* (according to Dziedzicki, 1915: fig. 204) and *vitiosa* (according to Dziedzicki, 1915: fig. 169-172). Because of this I consider *Ph. vitiosa* Winnertz a valid species, separate of *Ph. nitidiventris* van der Wulp.

Conclusion

These new data increase the number of recorded to Bulgaria species of *Phronia* up to 13, and of Sciaroidea (excluding Sciaridae) up to 287 (17 and 345 to the Balkan Peninsula respectively).

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