

## FIRST RECORD OF *POLYDRUSUS VIRIDICINCTUS* (GYLLENHAL, 1834) (COLEOPTERA: CURCULIONIDAE: ENTIMINAE) IN CHERKASY REGION (UKRAINE)

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Наведено відомості про першу знахідку *Polydrusus viridicinctus* у Черкаській області України. Раніше цей вид був достеменно відомий лише з заходу України та Одеської області й помилково вказаний з Дніпропетровської області. 4 рис., 45 назв.

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Information about the first record of *Polydrusus viridicinctus* in Cherkasy Region of Ukraine is provided. Previously, the species was known to exist in the western part of Ukraine and in Odesa Region, and erroneously recorded from Dnipropetrovsk Region. 4 figs, 45 refs.

**Keywords:** Polydrusini, beetles, weevils, the Ros River, fauna, distribution.

Назаренко, В. Ю. Первая находка *Polydrusus viridicinctus* (Gyllenhal, 1834) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae) в Черкасской области Украины. *Известия Харьковского энтомологического общества*. 2023. Т. XXXI, вып. 2. С. 5–9. DOI: 10.36016/KhESG-2023-31-2-1.

Приводятся информация о первой находке *Polydrusus viridicinctus* в Черкасской области Украины. Ранее этот вид достоверно был известен только с запада Украины и Одесской области и ошибочно указан из Днепропетровской области. 4 рис., 45 назв.

**Ключевые слова:** Polydrusini, жуки, долгоносики, река Рось, фауна, распространение.

**Introduction.** The genus *Polydrusus* Germar, 1817 comprises 217 species, with 194 that are distributed in the Palaearctic Region. The Nearctic Region harbors 12 native species, while the Neotropical Region includes 9 species. Two species are distributed in Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe (Yunakov *et al.* 2023). Three Palaearctic species, *Polydrusus formosus* (Mayer, 1779), *P. impressifrons* Gyllenhal, 1834, and *P. cervinus* (Linnaeus, 1758), have been introduced to Canada and the United States (Bright, Bouchard, 2008). In Ukraine, 21 species are known (Yunakov *et al.*, 2018).

*Polydrusus* weevils are well-known and abundant in various habitats, including forests, shrublands, grasslands, parks, gardens, lawns, and ruderal vegetation. While some species are considered pests (Petrukha, Globova, Stovbchatyy, 1988; Velázquez-de-Castro, Gharali, Korotyayev, 2014; Rodstrom, Skoczylas, Waters, 2015; Mehrnejad, Meleshko, Korotyayev, 2017; BCMA, 2019; Fiala, Holusa, 2022; Kamusiime, Nantongo, Wacal, 2023), others have no economic impact, and there are even poorly known and rare taxa among them (Gurney, 2018; Yunakov *et al.*, 2018). One such species is *P. (Poecilodrusus) viridicinctus*, previously recorded in the western part of Ukraine, as well as in Dnipropetrovsk and Odesa regions (Sumarokov, Nazarenko, 2015; Yunakov *et al.*, 2018).

**Materials and methods.** Two female specimens of *P. viridicinctus* were collected in the Korsun-Shevchenkivskiy District near Stebliv in Cherkasy Region. They were captured by net-sweeping on deciduous trees such as *Quercus robur* and *Alnus glutinosa* near water reservoir of Stebliv.

Taxonomy follows Alonso-Zarazaga *et al.* (2023). Habitat image and GPS coordinates were obtained using ZTE Blade A7 smartphone with Geo-Tracker software v. 5.2.4.3219. Photographs of the specimen were taken using Leica Z16 APO stereo-microscope equipped with a Leica DFC 450 camera and processed with LAS v. 3.8 software. Image editing was done with GIMP v. 2.8.4 (<https://download.gimp.org/gimp/v2.8>) and Inkscape v. 0.48.4 r9939 (<https://inkscape.org/release/inkscape-0.48.4>).

Mapping was performed using a modified relief map of Ukraine (<https://www.mapsland.com/europe/ukraine/large-relief-map-of-ukraine>) and Google Maps (<https://www.google.com.ua/maps>). The general distribution mapping data were obtained from Medvedev, Shapiro (1957); Tóth (1968); Dieckmann (1980); Osella, Magnano (1986); Podlussány, Kocs (1997); Lachowska, Holecová, Rozek (1998); Pešić (1998, 2003),

Mazur (2002) Lompe (2018); Arzanov (2015); Merkl, Németh, Podlussány 2016; Gurney (2018); Pástor, Kollár, Bakay (2019); Yunakov (2019); Germann, Braunert, Schütte (2022); BMLU (2023); Germann *et al.* (2023); Alonso-Zarazaga *et al.* (2023); Yunakov *et al.* (2023). National distribution mapping data used are from Tveritina (1956), Kubisz, Mazur, Pawłowski (1998), Mazur (2002), Yunakov *et al.* (2018). Information on the national distribution at region level follows the adopted standard of 3-letter codes established in Yunakov *et al.* (2018), where asterisk (\*) marks a new record, and square brackets ([]) represent doubtful data.

Abbreviation: SIZK — I. I. Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

## Results and discussions.

### Family CURCULIONIDAE

#### Subfamily ENTIMINAE Schoenherr, 1823

#### Tribe POLYDRUSINI Schoenherr, 1823

#### Genus *Polydrusus* Germar, 1817

#### Subgenus *Poecilodrusus* Korotyaev et Meleshko, 1997

#### *Polydrusus viridicinctus* Gyllenhal, 1834

**References.** Germar, 1817; Schoenherr, 1823; Kuntze, 1926(1925); Roubal, 1941; Tveritina, 1956; Medvedev, Shapiro, 1957; Lazorko, 1963; Smreczyński, 1966; Tóth, 1968; Angelov, 1978; Dieckmann, 1980; Osella, Magnano, 1986; Korotyaev, Meleshko, 1997; Podlussány, Kocs, 1997; Kubisz, Mazur, Pawłowski, 1998; Lachowska, Holecová, Rozek, 1998; Pešić, 1998, 2003; Poiras, 1998; Mazur, 2002; Meleshko, 2003; Lompe, 2018; Arzanov, 2015; Sumarokov, Nazarenko, 2015; Gurney, 2018; Yunakov *et al.*, 2018; Pástor, Kollár, Bakay, 2019; Yunakov, 2019; Germann, Braunert, Schütte, 2022; Alonso-Zarazaga *et al.*, 2023; BMLU, 2023; Germann *et al.*, 2023; Yunakov *et al.*, 2023.

**Material.** Ukraine: Cherkasy Region, Korsun-Shevchenkivskiy District, right bank of the Ros River, forest belts boarding Stebliv Reservoir, in front of Vygraiivski Dachi natural boundary, ~ 5 km NNW Stebliv, N49.449312, E31.059976 — N49.449062, E31.059942, net-sweeping on *Alnus*, *Sambucus* etc., 29.07.2023 (V. Nazarenko) — 1 ♀ (SIZK); idem, ~ 3 km NNW Stebliv, N49.431940, E31.077813 — N49.431581, E31.0781586, net-sweeping on *Quercus*, *Populus*, *Betula*, *Ulmus* etc., 30.07.2023 (V. Nazarenko) — 1 ♀ (SIZK), (Figs. 1–3).

**Distribution.** Central, South and South-Eastern Europe, Balkans, Turkey and Cyprus (Yunakov, 2019; Alonso-Zarazaga *et al.*, 2023; Yunakov *et al.*, 2023) (Fig. 4). Ukraine: ČER ČRK\* [DNI] IFR KHM LWI ODE TER VIN ZAK (Kuntze, 1926(1925); Roubal, 1941; Lazorko, 1963; Kubisz, Mazur, Pawłowski, 1998; Mazur, 2002; Sumarokov, Nazarenko, 2015; Yunakov *et al.*, 2018, Yunakov, 2019) (Fig. 3).

Records from Chernivtsi, Lviv, Vinnytsia (Mazur, 2002), Kherson, Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv, and Poltava (Meleshko, 2003) regions need confirmation. The presence of *P. viridicinctus* in Crimea, as stated by Meleshko (2003), was refuted by recent survey (Yunakov, 2018). Finding the species in Dnipropetrovsk Region (Sumarokov, Nazarenko, 2015) is doubtful, possibly resulting from misidentification of an unusually small specimen of *P. picus* (Fabricius, 1792).

The general distribution of this species (Fig. 4) largely coincides with the South-Eastern European montane forests in the Carpathians and the Balkans, where it occurs in lower forest belt (Tveritina, 1956), and neighboring territories of temperate broad-leaved forest biomes (Koistinen, 2007), where the maximal number of finds were recorded (Yunakov, 2019; Yunakov *et al.*, 2023). Single sites were mapped out of mentioned area in the similar plant associations, usually intrazonal floodplain forests (Yunakov, 2019 and original study). Obviously, the line from south-eastern Czech Republic to central Ukraine represents the north-eastern limit of the species range (Fig. 4), approximately corresponding to north latitude of 50 degrees. The easternmost records along the Siverskyi Donets River and upper the Don River (Arzanov, 2015) are indeed based on the misidentification of *Polydrusus picus* (Yuri Arzanov, pers. comm. to Nikolai Yunakov in 2015).

**Differential diagnosis.** *P. viridicinctus* differs from the similar *P. picus* by its elongated body shape, the presence of erect piliform setae on elytral interstriae, reddish legs, femora edentate, and antennal scrobes not reaching ventral side of the rostrum.

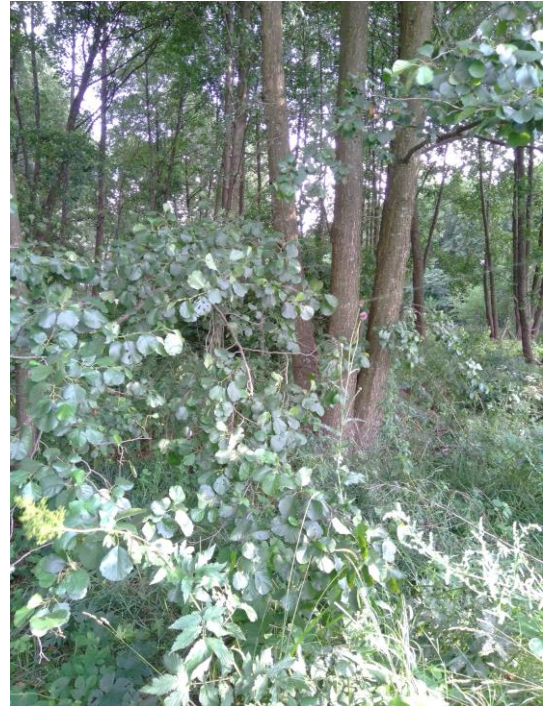
**Biology.** The species occurs in broad-leaved and mixed forests from May to July. The adults feed on the foliage of various deciduous trees, usually on *Quercus* and rarely on *Betula* (Tveritina, 1956). It is important to note a discrepancy the information on host plants in the text (oak, p. 97) compared to the pivot table (birch, p. 102), with the latter appearing to be erroneous. *P. viridicinctus* is known to feed on *Quercus* in dry habitats (Medvedev, Shapiro, 1957; Smreczyński, 1966; Angelov, 1978; Dieckmann, 1980). Subsequent studies have expanded its host range to include *Quercus petraea*, *Q. cerris* (Lachowska, Holecová, Rozek, 1998), *Q. petraea*,

*Q. pubescens*, *Q. robur* (Poiras, 1998), indicating oligophagy on oaks (Mazur, 2002). Additionally, it has been observed on *Carpinus* (Smreczyński, 1981; Lompe, 2018) and *Castanea sativa* (Pástor, Kollár, Bakay, 2019).

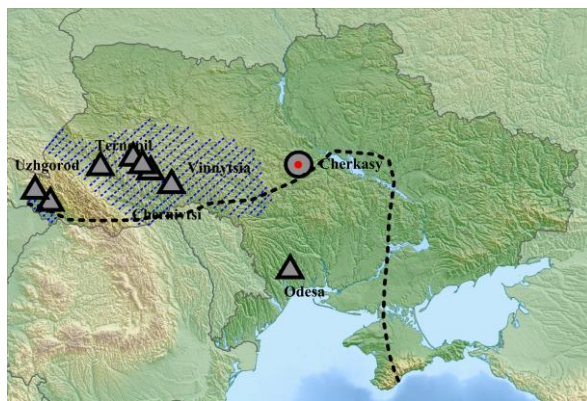
During the current study in Cherkasy Region, one specimen was swept on *Quercus* planting and one on mainly *Alnus* forest, but feeding on both oak and alder was not observed. Females captured on July 29–30 died within a week without feeding. Subsequent collections in August to September yielded no specimens in the same study area, aligning with known data on its phenology (Dieckmann, 1980; Yunakov *et al.*, 2018).



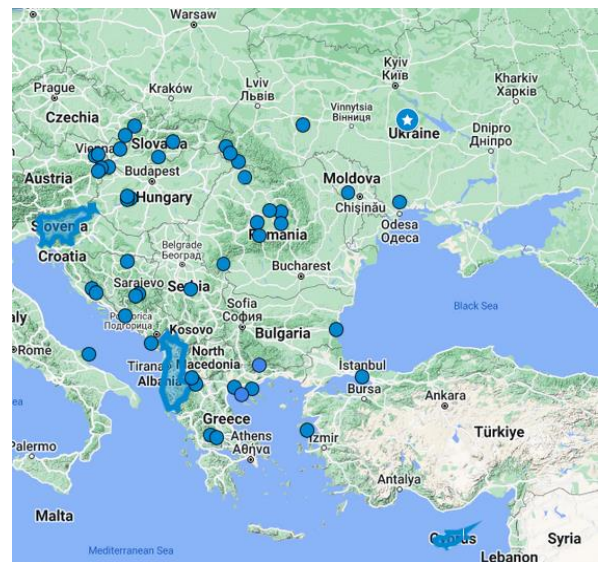
**Fig. 1.** *P. viridicinctus*, ♀, dorsal view.



**Fig. 2.** *P. viridicinctus*, natural habitat.



**Fig. 3.** The occurrences of *P. viridicinctus* in Ukraine: dot — new record, triangle — previously known record, hatched area — provisional distribution in Ukraine (by Mazur, 2002), dashed line — north-eastern distribution limit of *Poecilodrusus* (by Meleshko, 2003). Doubtful record from Dnipropetrovsk Region is not shown.



**Fig. 4.** Distribution of *P. viridicinctus*: dot — previously known record, starred dot — new record, polygon — uncertain data.

**Conclusions.** The discovery of *P. viridicinctus* in Cherkasy Region significantly expands the known range of the species to the east, confirming its presence in the broad-leaved forests of the Dnipro River zone in the central part of Ukraine. Likely, the species may also be found in other, especially neighboring, southern and southeastern regions of Ukraine.

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