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O.11. UPDATES ON THE BLACKFLY FAUNA OF MONTENEGRO



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Montenegro, the smallest Western Balkan country is rich in running water courses suitable for breeding of blackflies. The existing data on the blackfly fauna of Montenegro is old and still incomplete. Two field trips were carried out in May, 16th to 21st, 2015 and June 23rd to July 2nd, 2016 with the objective to update the knowledge of the blackfly fauna of Montenegro. The collection of immature stages of blackflies was conducted in 18 different water courses (rivers, streams and brooks), at altitudes from 12 to 1148 m above the sea level.

Rich diversity of the blackfly fauna was verified by findings of 17 species: *Prosimulium rufipes* (Meigen, 1830) (complex), *Simulium (Eusimulium) rubzovianum* (Sherban, 1961), *S. (Nevermannia) angustitarse* (Lundström, 1911), *S. (N.) costatum* Friederichs, 1920, *S. (N.) cryophilum* (Rubtsov, 1959) (complex), *S. (Simulium) argenteostriatum* Strobl, 1898, *S. (S.) bezzii* (Corti, 1914) (complex), *S. (S.) degrangei* Dorier & Grenier, 1960, *S. (S.) intermedium* Roubaud, 1906, *S. (S.) ornatum* Meigen, 1818 (complex), *S. (S.) reptans* (Linnaeus, 1758), *S. (S.) argyreatum* Meigen, 1838, *S. (S.) variegatum* Meigen, 1818, *S. (Wilhelmia) balcanicum* (Enderlein, 1924), *S. (W.) equinum* (Linnaeus, 1758), *S. (W.) lineatum* (Meigen, 1804) and *S. (W.) pseudequinum* Séguy, 1921. Records of all the listed species except *P. rufipes* and *S. ornatum* (complex) represent the first findings for Montenegro.

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