

SCIENTIFIC NOTES

A SHORT NOTE ON FORMICIDAE FAUNA OF ASPAT (STROBILOS) BODRUM, MUĞLA, WESTERN TURKEY**Ahu Üzüm***, **Nihat Aktaç****,
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The aim of this paper is to present new data on Formicidae fauna of Aspat, Bodrum, Muğla, Turkey. Studies have been conducted in Aspat (Strobilos) ancient city and its territorium (27° 26'E and 37° 02'N), Bodrum, Muğla, western Turkey, in 500 hectares of land in 2008. Material have been collected by beating, handpicking, bait trapping, pitfall trapping and sweep netting at two weeks' intervals (Tezcan et al., 2013). Material have been determined by second author.

RESULTS

At the end of this study, 95 specimens of 15 species belong to two subfamilies of Formicidae (Hymenoptera) have been recorded.

Myrmicinae Lepeletier, 1835***Aphaenogaster simonellii* Emery, 1894**

Material examined: 06.VII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 01.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 15.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., totally 3 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla by Aktaç (1978).

***Messor structor* (Latreille, 1798)**

Material examined: 15.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., totally 1 specimen.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla as *Messor barbarus* subsp. *varrialei* Emery, 1921 by Emery (1921).

***Messor concolor* Santschi, 1927**

Material examined: 29.III.2008, sweep net, 1 ex., totally 1 specimen.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

***Messor oertzeni* Forel, 1910**

Material examined: 01.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 2 exs., totally 2 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla by Emery (1921).

***Crematogaster ionia* Forel, 1911**

Material examined: 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 10 exs., totally 10 specimens.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

Formicinae Lepeletier, 1836
***Camponotus aethiops* (Latreille, 1798)**

Material examined: 29.III.2008, sweep net, 1 ex., 10.V.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., totally 2 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla as *Camponotus aethiops* var. *marginata* by Emery (1921) and as *Camponotus aethiops* by Aktaç (1976).

***Camponotus aegaeus* Emery, 1915**

Material examined: 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., 15.VIII.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., 04.IX.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 3 specimens.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

***Camponotus piceus* (Leach, 1825)**

Material examined: 01.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., totally 1 specimen.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

***Camponotus kiesenwetteri* (Roger, 1859)**

Material examined: 01.08.2008, beating tray, 1 ex., totally 1 specimen.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla by Aktaç (1976).

***Camponotus gestroi* Emery, 1878**

Material examined: 29.III.2008, beating tray, *leguminoseous* plants, 1 ex., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 2 specimens.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

***Camponotus boghossiani* Forel, 1911**

Material examined: 07.VI.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 1 specimen.

Note: This species is newly recorded from Muğla province.

***Camponotus samius* Forel, 1889**

Material examined: 07.VI.2008, bait trap, 3 exs., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 4 exs., 06.VII.2008, bait trap, 4 exs., 25.IX.2008, bait trap, 7 exs., 29.XI.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 19 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla by Aktaç (1976).

***Camponotus sanctus* Forel, 1904**

Material examined: 10.V.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 3 exs., 07.VI.2008, bait trap, 3 exs., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 2 exs., 01.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 25.IX.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 11 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla as *Camponotus compressus* subsp. *sanctus* by Aktaç (1976).

***Camponotus baldaccii* Emery, 1908**

Material examined: 26.IV.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., 26.IV.2008, sweep net, 1 ex., 10.V.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., 24.V.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 07.VI.2008, bait trap, 4 exs., 07.VI.2008, bait trap, 4 exs., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 14 exs., 06.VII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 01.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 15.VIII.2008, pitfall trap, 2 exs., 04.IX.2008, bait trap, 1 ex., totally 31 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla as *Camponotus silvaticus* subsp. *baldaccii* by Aktaç (1976, 1978).

***Cataglyphis nodus* (Brullé, 1832)**

Material examined: 10.V.2008, pitfall trap, 1 ex., 24.V.2008, pitfall trap, 2 exs., 19.VI.2008, bait trap, 2 exs., 06.VII.2008, pitfall trap, 2 exs., totally 7 specimens.

Note: This species previously reported from Muğla by Aktaç (1976).

DISCUSSION

As a result of this study, 15 species were identified. Among them *C. baldaccii* (31 specimens), *C. samius* (19 specimens), *C. sanctus* (11 specimens) and *C. ionia* (10 specimens) were the most abundant species.

Species of *C. aegaeus*, *C. piceus*, *C. gestroi*, *C. boghossiani*, *M. concolor* and *C. ionia* were recorded for the first time from Muğla province of Turkey.

70 samples (8 species) were collected by bait traps, 20 samples (8 species) were by pitfall traps, 3 were (3 species) by sweep net and 2 were (2 species) by beating tray.

52 samples (8 species) were collected in june, 12 samples (8 species) were in august, 10 samples (4 species) were in september, 8 samples (4 species) were in july, 7 samples (4 species) were in may, 3 samples (3 species) were in march, 2 samples (1 species) were in april and 1 sample (1 species) were in november.

According to the proposal of Taglianti et al. (1999), - a chorotype classification of the Near East Fauna, in the framework of the western Palearctic Region -, the largest number of the species (*Crematogaster ionia*, *Camponotus aegaeus*, *C. kiesenwetteri*, *C. gestroi*, *C. boghossiani*, *C. samius*, *C. baldaccii*) are belongs to "Balcanian – Anatolian" chorotype. The other chorotypes each are represented by two species. Of these *Camponotus aethiops*, *C. piceus* are "Turanian – Mediterranean – European", *Messor structor*, *Camponotus sanctus* are "Mediterranean", *Messor concolor*, *Cataglyphis nodus* are "East Mediterranean" and *A. simonellii*, *Messor oertzeni* are "Balcanian".

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