

TWO NEW SPECIES OF *HARMONIA* (COLEOPTERA: COCCINELLIDAE) FROM DUZCE, TURKEY

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ABSTRACT: This study was carried out to determine the Coccinellidae (Coleoptera) fauna in Düzce province of Turkey. Two species *Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas, 1773) and *Harmonia quadripunctata* (Pontoppidan, 1763) belonging to Coccinellidae family have been described for the first time from Düzce province, the west Black Sea region of Turkey. Sampling was made on coniferous plants and rose during July 2017. The harlequin ladybird, *H. axyridis* was recorded on *Macrosiphum rosae* (L.) on rose (*Rosa* spp.) belonging to *Rosaceae* family. The cream-streaked ladybird, *H. quadripunctata* was recorded on *Pinus pini* (Gmelin) on pine (*Pinus* spp.) belonging to *Pinaceae* family in July, 2017. *Harmonia axyridis* is one of the most important an invasive biocontrol agent for aphid control which has unexpected impacts on native coccinellid populations, ecosystems and people in the world. Knowing the distribution of this species plays an important role in dealing with biological invasions. New distribution location of *Harmonia* species was given in the present paper.

KEY WORDS: Coccinellidae, fauna, *Harmonia*, new record, Düzce

Coccinellidae are cosmopolitan in distribution and found almost everywhere. This family includes about 360 genera and 6000 species (Uygun, 1981; Vanderberg, 2002). The ladybird beetles are mostly predatory, although its larvae and adults feeding on aphids, mites, thrips, scale insects, psyllids, whiteflies and eggs of butterflies and moths, the species in the tribe Coccinellini feed primarily on aphids. In most countries, the harlequin ladybird, *Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas, 1773) was introduced for the control of aphids (Brown et al., 2008; Sæthre et al., 2010). *Over time, it was seen that H. axyridis prey on and competed with the other native species* (Brown & Miller, 1998) as well as negative impacts on non-target pests, household pest, humans and fruit production (Kuznetsov, 1997; Koch, 2003; Koch et al., 2004; Kovach, 2004; Nalepa et al., 2004; Pell et al., 2008; Roy & Wajnberg, 2008; Osawa, 2011). Due to the high dispersal capacity of *H. axyridis* (Hodek et al., 1993; Nalepa et al., 1996; Osawa, 2000; Berkvens et al., 2009; Brown et al., 2011), spread quickly in other continents and countries, and many habitats have been invaded. In Turkey, *H. axyridis* species that have recently entered our country and firstly recorded by Bukejs & Telnov (2014) in Cappadocia /Nevsehir (Goreme). Because of all the adverse effects of *H. axyridis* mentioned above, It is necessary to follow this invasive species and to prevent further spread of *H. axyridis* in Turkey. The aim of the present paper is to provide new information on the distribution of this species introduced in Turkey.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Sampling was made on coniferous plants and rose in Düzce during July 2017 (Fig. 1). Materials have been collected by shaking the plants and visual inspections

of the plants (Sæthre et al., 2010). The material collected was brought to the laboratory. The samples were separated individually and labelled for identification. The identification of the insects were made by Dr. Derya Şenal (Seyh Edebalı University, Faculty of Agriculture Sciences and Technology, Bilecik, Turkey). The specimens were deposited in the Düzce University, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Science, Turkey.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, two species belonging to the Coccinellini tribe of Coccinellinae (Coccinellidae) were reported in Düzce, Turkey (Fig. 2). Details of the collection data are as follows:

Subfamily Coccinellinae
Tribe Coccinellini
Genus *Harmonia* Mulsant, 1850

Harmonia axyridis (Pallas, 1773)

(Fig. 2a)

Synonyms: *Coccinella 19-sinata* Faldermann, 1835; *Coccinella axyridis* Pallas, 1773; *Coccinella conspicua* Faldermann, 1835; *Coccinella succinea* Hop, 1845; *Cocinella bisex-notata* Herbst, 1793; *Harmonia spectabilis* Faldermann, 1835; *Leis axyridis* (Pallas) Mulsant, 1850; *Ptychanatis axyridis* (Pallas) Crotch, 1874; *Ptychanatis yedoensis* Takizawa, 1917; *Anatis circe* Mulsant, 1850.

Material examined: Düzce: Konuralp, Turkey, 40°50'19.3848" N and 31°9'45.3924" E, 153 m, 4.VII.2017, leg. Sevcan Oztemiz (1 specimen, 7 samples: 4♀; 3♂), *Macrosiphum rosae* (Linnaeus, 1758) on rose (*Rosa* spp.) belonging to *Rosaceae* family.

Distribution in Turkey: This species was previously reported in Cappadocia / Nevşehir (Göreme) by Bukejs & Telnov (2014), in Tekirdağ (Malkara) (Aysal & Kivan, 2014); Çanakkale (Ayvacık, Bozcaada, Çan, Eceabat, Geyikli) (Bastug & Kasap, 2015) and Bartın (İnkum, Amasra, Bartın Center) (Sobutay, 2016).

Distribution in the World: Europe, North and South America, Middle East, South Africa and Australia (Stals & Prinsloo, 2007; Brown et al., 2008; Smith & Fisher, 2008).

Harmonia quadripunctata (Pontoppidan, 1763)

(Fig. 2b)

Synonyms: *Coccinella quadripunctata* Pontoppidan, 1763; *Harmonia marginepunctata* (Schaller, 1783).

Material examined: Düzce: Konuralp, Turkey, 40°50'19.3848" N and 31°9'45.3924" E, 153 m, 18.VII.2017, leg. Sevcan Oztemiz (1 specimen, 2 samples: 1♀; 1♂), *Pineus pini* (Gmelin) on pine (*Pinus* spp.) belonging to Pinaceae.

Distribution in Turkey: This species was previously reported in İzmir, Afyon, Isparta, Denizli, Bursa, Adana and Ankara provinces (Giray, 1970; Uygun, 1981); Ankara (Düzgüneş et al., 1980) Ülgentürk & Toros, 2000; Dostbil & Ülgentürk, 2016), Samsun, Amasya, Tokat (Kılıç & Aykaç, 1989); Erzurum (Özbek & Çetin, 1991); Manisa, İzmir (Tezcan & Uygun, 2003); Maraş (Aslan & Uygun, 2005); Konya (Sahbaz & Uysal, 2006); Artvin, Rize (Portakaldalı, 2008); Isparta (Gümüş & Avcı, 2015).

Distribution in the World: Europe, North America, Canada, Near East, Northern Asia (excluding China) (Korschefsky, 1932; Horion, 1961; Vandenberg, 1990).

As shown, two different *Harmonia* species were detected in two different host plants. *Harmonia axyridis* is primarily considered an arboreal species and is common in various forest trees, ornamental trees and shrubs (Brown, 2003). Similarly, in this study, we found the multicoloured ladybird on rose. *H. axyridis* in North America is reported from 40 plant species (Kovach, 2004). *H. axyridis* is also reported to be a pest to apple, pear, raspberry, wine grapes, citrus, bean, corn, wheat and potato agriculture (Koch & Galvan, 2008; Roy & Roy, 2008; Vandereycken et al., 2013). The species is also found from woodlands and forest habitats, parks and gardens, agricultural and horticultural habitats as well as from buildings in cities and villages (Aysal & Kivan, 2014; Bukejs & Telnov, 2015). Due to its strong ability to disperse, it has adapted to different environmental conditions (Brown et al., 2011; Cornacchia & Nardi, 2012). *Harmonia quadripunctata* is a conifer specialist and predator of various species of aphids, over-winter in coniferous trees such as pines. Cream-streaked ladybirds are occasionally found on herbaceous plants, shrubbery, grassland, shrubs such as nettle and gorse in close proximity to conifers (Vandenberg, 1990). Similarly, in this study, we found the ladybird on pine. Both ladybirds are likely to be spread in Turkey in which have rich biodiversity, different climate and geography. For this reason, it is necessary that the distribution of ladybirds entered our country four years ago should be revealed as soon as possible. In particular, the multicoloured ladybird has a negative impact on ecosystem by reducing biodiversity of other aphidophages and non-pest insects. A risk assessment by van Lenteren et al. (2008) reported that *H. axyridis* should never have been used in biological control because of intraguild predation and resource competition.

CONCLUSION

The Coccinellidae fauna of Duzce was revealed with the results obtained with this study. These results have the potential to provide information on the biological control practices that will take place in the Integrated Pest Management programs in future. Furthermore, it is thought that this study will contribute to the study of Duzce and our country in determining insect biodiversity. It would be necessary to carry out further research into the distribution of the species and monitoring of its population in Turkey to determine the spread of *H. axyridis* and *H. quadripunctata* in different hosts. The results obtained will be used in control programs against pests, and will contribute to the biodiversity of Duzce Province and our country.

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Figure 1. The locality of two *Harmonia* species in Turkey.



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Figure 2. Adults of *Harmonia*, **a:** *Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas), **b:** *Harmonia quadripunctata* (Pontoppidan) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae).