

***Rhagonycha fugax fugax* Mannerheim, 1843 (Coleoptera: Cantharidae) – confirmed occurrence in the Czech Republic, first record from Moravia, and notes on published distributional data**

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Abstract. *Rhagonycha fugax fugax* Mannerheim, 1843, is reported as new for the fauna of Moravia and its occurrence in the Czech Republic is confirmed. All published distributional data of this subspecies are reviewed and discussed. The ecological preferences of *R. fugax fugax* and its relict, discontinuous distribution are mentioned.

INTRODUCTION

Rhagonycha fugax Mannerheim, 1843, is a polytypic species. The nominotypical subspecies occurs in north-eastern Europe and reaches Central Europe in the south-west, *R. fugax strejceki* Švihla, 1983, is hitherto known only from northern Caucasus.

In the collection of the National Museum, Praha, I discovered one specimen of this rare, probably relict species from the Czech Republic, Moravia, and two specimens from Slovakia. When trying to summarize the general distribution of this species from published data, I found out some inaccuracies and mistakes regarding its distribution, given by the preceding authors, which are discussed below. *Rhagonycha fugax fugax* is rather similar to and can be confused with *R. nigripes* Redtenbacher, 1842, a montane species. Some authors (e.g. Reitter 1911) considered both species identical. However, *R. fugax fugax* differs from *R. nigripes* by a distinctly different shape of the aedeagus (Dahlgren 1968) as well as a more slender shape of the body and paler tibiae. I therefore consider all data in the mountains of Central Europe except the Alps and maybe the Romanian Carpathians as probably referring to *R. nigripes*.

FAUNISTIC PART

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Rhagonycha fugax Mannerheim, 1843: 89, type locality: Finland.

Rhagonycha scopolii Gredler, 1866: 245, type locality: Bozen [= Italy, Bolzano], synonymized by Dahlgren (1968).

Material examined. Czech Republic, Moravia: Kobylí (7067), 9.vi.1949, Kouřil lgt., 1 ♂; Slovakia: Plavecký Čtvrtok (7568), no date, O. Kavan lgt., 1 ♀; Mikulášov (7469), 30.v.1995,