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New records of Sepsidae (Diptera) from Armenia

[Neue Sepsidae-Nachweise (Diptera) aus Armenien]

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Of the 44 known European species of Sepsidae (PONT & MEIER 2002), only 1 species of *Themira* ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY, 1830 and 9 species of *Sepsis* FALLÉN, 1810 have been recorded from Armenia (OZEROV 2005). They are: *Themira minor* (HALIDAY, 1833), *Sepsis barbata* BECKER, 1907, *Sepsis cynipsea* (LINNAEUS, 1758), *Sepsis fulgens* MEIGEN, 1826, *Sepsis luteipes* MELANDER & SPULER, 1917, *Sepsis neocynipsea* MELANDER & SPULER, 1917, *Sepsis orthocnemis* FREY, 1908, *Sepsis punctum* (FABRICIUS, 1794), *Sepsis thoracica* (ROBINEAU-DESVOIDY, 1830) and *Sepsis violacea* MEIGEN, 1826.

During fieldwork in Armenia in 2005 (with Dr Doreen WERNER, Müncheberg, Germany), 2010, 2011 and 2012, I made a small collection of Sepsidae (all leg. A. C. PONT). This contained 13 species, of which 6 are new records for Armenia. These species are listed below, with the localities arranged alphabetically by province and within province. Identifications were made using PONT & MEIER (2002). All material is deposited in the Natural History Museum, London (United Kingdom).

New records

***Nemopoda nitidula* (FALLÉN, 1820) – Material:** ARMENIA: Kotayk: River Hrazdan south of Nor Ajn, 40°19'N 44°35'E, 1270 m, 8.vi.2005, 1 ♂. Tavush: Parz Lich, 40°45'N 44°58'E, 1870 m, 17.v.2012, 1 ♂. **New for Armenia.**

***Saltella sphondylii* (SCHRANK, 1803) – Material:** ARMENIA: Aragatsotn: heath south of Lake Kari, 40°26'N 44°13'E, 2700 m, 19.vii.2011, 1 ♂. Vayots Dzor: near Gndevaz, midden, 39°45'N 45°37'E, 1750 m, 27.vii.2011, 3 ♂♂. **New for Armenia.**

***Sepsis biflexuosa* STROBL, 1893 – Material:** ARMENIA: Shirak: Mantash stream at Panik, 40°40'N 43°58'E, 1690 m, 21.v.2012, 1 ♂. Syunik: River Kashtuni, Chaimazi, 39°20'N 46°28'E, 1120 m, 24.vii.2011, 1 ♂; River Meghri at Lichk, 39°03'N 46°10'E, 1760 m, 23.vii.2011, 1 ♂; Sarnakunk, 39°39'N 45°53'E, 2170 m, 26.vii.2011, 6 ♂♂. Vayots Dzor: Arpi village, 39°44'N 45°16'E, 1060 m, 28.vii.2011, 4 ♂♂; Yehegis, tributary of River Arpa, 39°51'N 45°17'E, 1360 m, 28.vii.2011, 1 ♂. **New for Armenia.**

***Sepsis cynipsea* (LINNAEUS, 1758) – Material:** ARMENIA: Aragatsotn: River Kasakh between Alagyaz and Aparan, 40°37'N 44°20'E, 1950 m, 19.v.2012, 1 ♂. Kotayk: Tsakhkadzor, heath, 40°32'N 44°41'E, 2360 m, 17.vii.2011, 1 ♂; the same but 2400 m, 2 ♀♀; the same but 2500 m, 1 ♀. Lori: River Gargar at Kurtan, 40°58'N 44°33'E, 1250 m, 23.v.2012, 4 ♂♂; stream 2 km east of Kurtan, 40°58'N 44°33'E, 1280 m, 23.v.2012, 3 ♂♂.

***Sepsis fulgens* MEIGEN, 1826 – Material:** ARMENIA: Aragatsotn: River Amberd at Byurakan, 40°21'N 44°16'E, 1560 m, 19.v.2012, 1 ♂; River Apnaget at Apnaguyugh village, 40°26'N 44°23'E, 1800 m, 19.v.2012, 1 ♂. Ararat: Argavand, 8 km south-west of Yerevan, 40°09'N 44°27'E, 800 m, 10.vi.2005, 1 ♂. Gegharkunik: between Sarukhan and Lanjaghbyur, 40°19'N 45°07'E, 1960 m, 6.vi.2005, 1 ♂. Kotayk: River Hrazdan north of Arzakan, 40°30'N 44°34'E, 1880 m, 3.vi.2005, 1 ♀. Lori: River Gargar at