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First records of *Thrips albopilosus* Uzel, 1895 (Thysanoptera, Thripidae) in Slovakia

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Since UZEL (1895) published generally the first monograph on Thysanoptera, thrips in Slovakia have not been under attention of science in detail (FEDOR, 2003). However, there are some faunistic papers published rather sporadically (PELIKÁN, 1990; FEDOR et al., 2001; SIERKA, 2003). Hence quite obviously the first significant checklist of thrips appearing in Slovakia (PELIKÁN, 1977) (123 species of 3 families) was supposed to be incomplete already in that time and new species have been expected to be discovered in this area. Research in various sites in Slovakia has proved this statement and this paper presents the first records of *Thrips albopilosus* Uzel, 1895 in Slovakia. The thrip has been recorded in Bohemia (PELIKÁN, 1977) but is not present in the above mentioned checklist. In 2002, we published the first note on its occurrence in Slovakia as a part of invertebrate fauna occurring in nests of birds and mammals (PELIKÁN et al., 2002). The data were of ecological character rather than faunistic, therefore this paper is aimed to specify faunistic aspects of the firstly recorded species and to add new information on its occurrence in Slovakia.

All captured specimens were identified using the keys by SHLIEPHAKE & KLIMT (1979). The thrips were preserved according to standard methods (LEWIS, 1973). The material is deposited in the author's collection.

Thripidae Stephens, 1829

Thrips albopilosus Uzel, 1895

Material examined: SW Slovakia, Podunajská nížina lowland, town of Galanta, 7872a (DSF = Grid reference number of Databank of Fauna of Slovakia), 47°58' N, 17°23' E, 19.I.1985, 1 ♀ in a nest of *Pringilla* sp., leg. M. Krumpál et D. Cyprich, det. J. Pelikán; village of Vojka nad Dunajom, 8070a (DSF), 48°11' N, 17°47' E, 16.I.1985, 2 ♀♀ in a nest of *Turdus* sp., leg. M. Krumpál et D. Cyprich, det. J. Pelikán; village of Pusté Úľany, 7771c (DSF), 48°14' N, 17°34' E, 19.III.1986, 11 ♀♀ in a nest of *Sylvia* sp., leg. M. Krumpál et D. Cyprich, det. J. Pelikán.

Distribution: Europe, USA (SHLIEPHAKE & KLIMT, 1979), Bohemia (PELIKÁN, 1977).

Remarks: Holotype in the Czech Republic. Specimens usually occur on cones of *Humulus lupulus*, although these were recorded in nests of birds.

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