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A faunistic study on some subfamilies of Braconidae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea) from Iran.

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Abstract: This paper deals with the species of Braconidae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea) recently collected in 13 provinces of Iran. In total, 33 species belonging to 16 subfamilies: Charmontinae, Cheloninae, Doryctinae, Euphorinae, Exothecinae, Histeromerinae, Homolobinae, Ichneutinae, Macrocentrinae, Microtypinae, Miracinae, Orgilinae, Rhysipolinae, Rhyssalinae, Rogadinae, and Sigalphinae were collected and identified.

Key words: Hymenoptera, Ichneumonoidea, Braconidae, faunistics, Iran.

Resumen: Estudio faunístico sobre algunas familias de Braconidae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea) de Irán. Este trabajo trata sobre las especies de Braconidae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea) recientemente capturadas en 13 provincias de Irán. En total se capturaron e identificaron 33 especies pertenecientes a 16 subfamilias: Charmontinae, Cheloninae, Doryctinae, Euphorinae, Exothecinae, Histeromerinae, Homolobinae, Ichneutinae, Macrocentrinae, Microtypinae, Miracinae, Orgilinae, Rhysipolinae, Rhyssalinae, Rogadinae y Sigalphinae.

Palabras clave: Hymenoptera, Ichneumonoidea, Braconidae, faunistic, Irán.

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Introduction

Braconidae (Hymenoptera, Ichneumonoidea) is a family of parasitoid wasps and one of the largest families of insects with more than 19,400 described species worldwide; the species are grouped into about 46 subfamilies, 98 tribes and 1057 genera (Yu et al. 2012; Beyarslan & Aydoğdu 2014). In this paper, the species of Braconidae recently collected in 13 provinces (Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari, East Azarbaijan, Fars, Golestan, Guilan, Hamadan, Kerman, Khuzestan, Kordestan, Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad, Mazandaran, Razavi Khorasan, and West Azarbaijan) are listed to get a better understanding of their distribution in Iran.

In total, 33 species of Braconidae belonging to the subfamilies Charmontinae, Cheloninae, Doryctinae, Euphorinae, Exothecinae, Histeromerinae, Homolobinae, Ichneutinae, Macrocentrinae, Microtypinae, Miracinae, Orgilinae, Rhysipolinae, Rhyssalinae, Rogadinae, and Sigalphinae were collected from 13 regions of Iran. The results of this investigation (as well as the published catalogues by Gadallah & Ghahari (2013a, b, 2015), Khajeh et al. (2014) and Gadallah et al. (2015a, b, 2016a, b) indicate that the fauna of Iranian Braconidae is diverse and still poorly studied.

Material and methods

Adult braconid wasps from Iran were collected during 2009-2013 especially in grass-dominated habitats and forest ecosystems. Sweeping and light trapping were used to obtain the samples. Additionally many specimens were obtained from some insect collections. The specimens were prepared, pinned and labeled according to taxonomic methods. Morphological terminology followed Tobias (1986), van Achterberg (1993), Belokobylskij (1988, 1998) and Chen et al. (2004). Classification, nomenclature, distribution and host data of Braconidae are derived from Yu et al. (2012), but the subfamily Adeliinae is included in the subfamily Cheloninae. An extended data set of 16S and 28S rDNA combined with 28S rDNA sequences and life history traits (Belshaw & Quicke 2002; Dowton et al. 2002) indicate that Adeliinae are likely a derived group within the Cheloninae. In the most recent overview of the higher classification of Braconidae (Sharanowski et al. 2011), the Adeliinae were included in the subfamily Cheloninae as a tribe what is in agreement with their morphology, biology and examined DNA-markers. An extensive study of the phylogeny of Cheloninae (Kittel 2014) shows that the Adeliinae are nested within the tribe Phanerotomini of Cheloninae and are at most a subtribe according to a RASP analysis based on the concatenated genes COI, EF1 α and 28S.

Results and discussion

Subfamily Charmontinae van Achterberg, 1979

Tribe Charmontini van Achterberg, 1979

Genus Charmon Haliday, 1833

Charmon extensor (Linnaeus, 1758)

Material examined: Province of Fars: Sepidan, 2178 m, 1♀, unknown data.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

Charmon cruentatus Haliday, 1833

Material examined: Province of Kordestan: Saqez, 1342 m, 1♂, 1♀, July 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

Subfamily Cheloninae Foerster, 1863

Tribe Adeliini Vierek, 1918

Genus Adelius Haliday, 1833

Adelius erythronotus (Foerster, 1851)

Material examined: Province of Razavi Khorasan: Qouchan, 1273 m, 1♂, April 2006.

Distribution outside Iran: Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Korea, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, UK, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

Adelius subfasciatus Haliday, 1833

Material examined: Province of Hamadan: Toyserkan, 1850 m, 1♀, unknown date.

Distribution outside Iran: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Doryctinae Foerster, 1863

Tribe Doryctini Förster, 1863

Genus *Dendrosoter* Wesmael, 1838

Dendrosoter protuberans (Nees, 1834)

Material examined: Province of Kordestan: Deh Golan, 1837 m, 1♀, July 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UK, Ukraine, USA.

Genus *Doryctes* Haliday, 1836

Doryctes undulatus (Ratzeburg, 1852)

Material examined: Province of Khuzestan: Izeh, 897 m, 1♂, 1♀, April 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

Genus *Doryctodes* Hellén, 1927

Doryctodes imperator (Haliday, 1836)

Material examined: Province of Kordestan: Deh Golan, 1837 m, 1♂, July 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, Ukraine, USA.

Tribe Heterospilini Fischer, 1981

Genus *Heterospilus* Haliday, 1836

Heterospilus cephi Rohwer, 1925

Material examined: Province of Guilan: Fooman, 34 m, 1♀, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, USA.

Heterospilus (Heterospilus) leptosoma Fischer, 1960

Material examined: Province of Mazandaran: Behshahr, 57 m, 2♀♀, April 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, USA.

Tribe Hecabolini Foerster, 1863

Genus *Polystenus* Foerster, 1863

***Polystenus rugosus* Foerster, 1863**

Material examined: Province of Kerman: Bam, 1094 m, 1♂, 2♀♀, April 2013.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine.

Tribe Spathiini Marshall, 1872

Genus *Spathius* Nees, 1819

***Spathius radzayanus* Ratzeburg, 1848**

Material examined: Province of Golestan: Minudasht, 31 m, 1♀, July 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine.

Subfamily Euphorinae Foerster, 1863

Tribe Neoneurini Bengtsson, 1918

Genus *Neoneurus* Haliday, 1838

***Neoneurus clypeatus* (Foerster, 1863)**

Material examined: Province of Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad: Sisakht, 2100 m, 2♂♂, 2♀♀, August 2011.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine.

Subfamily Exothecinae Foerster, 1863

Genus *Colastes* Haliday, 1833

***Colastes braconius* Haliday, 1833**

Material examined: Province of Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad: Dehdasht, 807 m, 2♀♀, August 2011.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK, Ukraine, former Yugoslavia.

Genus *Shawiana* van Achterberg, 1983

***Shawiana laevis* (Thomson, 1892)**

Material examined: Province of Razavi Khorasan: Sabzevar, 1024 m, 2♂♂, June 2011.

Distribution outside Iran: Belarus, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Korea, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Histeromerinae Fahringer, 1930

Genus *Histeromerus* Wesmael, 1838

Histeromerus mystacinus Wesmael, 1838

Material examined: Province of West Azarbaijan: Seroo, 1612 m, 1♀, July 2012.

Distribution outside Iran: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Homolobinae van Achterberg, 1979

Genus *Homolobus* Foerster, 1863

Homolobus (Phylacter) annulicornis (Nees, 1834)

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Koohrang, 2288 m, 2♀, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

Subfamily Ichneutinae Foerster, 1863

Genus *Ichneutes* Nees, 1816

Ichneutes reunitor Nees, 1816

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Shahrekod, 2050 m, 2♂♂, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine, USA.

Genus *Proterops* Wesmael, 1835

Proterops nigripennis Wesmael, 1835

Material examined: Province of Khuzestan: Gotvand, 214 m, 1♀, April 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

Subfamily Macrocentrinae Foerster, 1863

Genus *Macrocentrus* Curtis, 1833

Macrocentrus infirmus (Nees, 1834)

Material examined: Province of Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad: Dogonbadan, 750 m, 2♂♂, 1♀, unknown date.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

***Macrocentrus resinellae* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Shahrekod, 2050 m, 1♀, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, former Yugoslavia.

***Macrocentrus thoracicus* (Nees, 1811)**

Material examined: Province of East Azarbaijan: Hashtrood, 1621 m, 2♀♀, unknown data. Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Sarkhoon, 1576 m, 1♀, September 2012.

Distribution outside Iran: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA.

Subfamily Microtypinae Szépligeti, 1908**Tribe Microtypini Szépligeti, 1908****Genus *Microtypus* Ratzeburg, 1848*****Microtypus algiricus* Szépligeti, 1908**

Material examined: Province of Khuzestan: Gotvand, 214 m, 3♀♀, April 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Algeria, Armenia, China, Iraq, Jordan.

Subfamily Miricinae Vierek, 1918**Genus *Mirax* Haliday, 1833*****Mirax rufilabris* Haliday, 1833**

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Koohrang, 2288 m, 1♀, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Orgilinae Ashmead, 1900**Tribe Orgilini Ashmead, 1900****Genus *Kerorgilus* van Achterberg, 1985*****Kerorgilus zonator* (Szépligeti, 1896)**

Material examined: Province of West Azarbaijan: Hassanloo, 1288 m, 1♀, July 2012.

Distribution outside Iran: Azerbaijan, China, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Korea, Mongolia, Romania, Turkey.

Genus *Orgilus* Haliday, 1833***Orgilus punctulator* (Nees, 1812)**

Material examined: Province of Kordestan: Dezaj, 1524 m, 1♂, July 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK.

Subfamily Rhysipolinae Belokobylskij, 1984

Genus *Rhysipolis* Foerster, 1863

***Rhysipolis decorator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of Khuzestan: Izeh, 897 m, 2♀♀, April 2009.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA, Uzbekistan.

***Rhysipolis hariolator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Shalamzar, 1956 m, 2♀♀, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

***Rhysipolis meditator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad: Dehdasht, 807 m, 1♀, August 2011.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Rhyssalinae Foerster, 1863

Tribe Rhyssalini Foerster, 1863

Genus *Dolopsidea* Hincks, 1944

***Dolopsidea indagator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of Kordestan: Deh Golan, 1837 m, 2♂♂, July 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Lithuania, Montenegro, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Rogadinae Foerster, 1863

Tribe Aleiodini Muesebeck, 1928

Genus *Aleiodes* Wesmael, 1838

***Aleiodes varius* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1838)**

Material examined: Province of Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari: Shalamzar, 1956 m, 1♂, September 2010.

Distribution outside Iran: Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Russia, Switzerland.

Tribe Clinocentrini van Achterberg, 1991

Genus *Clinocentrus* Haliday, 1833

***Clinocentrus cunctator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of West Azarbaijan: Seyedtajedin, 1423 m, 1♀, unknown date.

Distribution outside Iran: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, former Yugoslavia.

***Clinocentrus vestigator* (Haliday, 1836)**

Material examined: Province of Kuhgiloyeh & Boyerahmad: Sisakht, 2100 m, 2♂♂, 1♀, August 2011.

Distribution outside Iran: Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

Subfamily Sigalphinae Haliday, 1833

Genus *Acampsis* Wesmael, 1835

***Acampsis alternipes* (Nees, 1816)**

Material examined: Province of West Azarbaijan: Hassanloo, 1288 m, 1♂, July 2012.

Distribution outside Iran: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, UK, former Yugoslavia.

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