

New Records of Robber Flies (Diptera, Asilidae) for the Turkish Fauna¹

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ABSTRACT

This study was performed in Balıkesir, Bursa, Çanakkale provinces of Turkey. Six species of robber flies, *Choerades fimbriata* (Meigen), *Scytomedes haemorrhoidalis* (Fabricius), *Habropogon decipiens* Theodor, *Asilus crabroniformis* Linnaeus, *Tolmerus tivonensis* Theodor, *Aneomochtherus perplexus* (Becker), are proved for the first time for Turkey. Short descriptions of the species are added.

Key words: Asilidae, robber flies, Turkey, fauna, new records

INTRODUCTION

The studies on Asilidae in Turkey are very restricted. A preliminary list of the Turkish fauna of Asilidae was published by Giray (1981). After Giray's paper, other authors, such as Hayat and Alaođlu (1994, 1996a, 1996b), Hayat and Özbek (1994, 1999), Kovár and Hradský(1995), Weinberg and Hayat (1997a, 1997b), Hasbenli and Geller-Grimm (1999), Tomasovic (1999a, 1999b, 2001, 2002), Bosak and Hradský(2001), Çaliskan (2002), Çaliskan and Pahin (2003), broadened the knowledge of the Turkish fauna. Bosak and Hradsky (2001) listed 210 species of robber flies for Turkey. Additionally, two species were recorded by Tomasovic (2001, 2002) and four different species by Çaliskan (2002), as new records for Turkey.

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