

Distribution of Turkish *Helophorus* Fabricius, 1775 (Coleoptera, Helophoridae) I. Subgenus *Rhopalhelophorus*, with Two New Records

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ABSTRACT

Two newly recorded *Helophorus* Fabricius, 1775 species for the Turkish fauna, *Helophorus* (*Rhopalhelophorus*) *paramontanus* Angus, 1985 and *H. (R.) kerimi* Ganglbauer, 1901 are compared against Turkish specimens (private collection). A list of subgenus *Rhopalhelophorus* species known from Turkey and their distribution in Turkey and in the world is presented.

Key words: Coleoptera, Helophoridae, *Helophorus*, distribution, Turkey

INTRODUCTION

The Helophoridae is a large family comprising only a single subfamily of a single genus, *Helophorus*. This genus comprises about 190 species, represented in three major zoogeographical regions (Palearctic, Nearctic and Ethiopian) (Angus, 1984-1992; Balfour-Browne, 1958; Hansen, 1999; Hebauer, 1994; Chiesa, 1959; Smetana, 1985).

Aim of this study is to make a contribution to the Turkish Aquatic Coleoptera Fauna. Forty-five species have been previously recorded belonging to the five subgenera (*Atracthelophorus*, *Rhopalhelophorus*, *Transithelophorus*, *Empleurus*, *Eutrichelophorus*, *Trichelophorus*, *Helophorus* s.str.) in Turkey,