

Scientific Note

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Primeras citas de *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schäffer)
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Abstract. The first records of *Dryadocoris apicalis* for Albania are reported. Information on the known distribution of the species is summarized.

Key words: Distribution, Europe, Hemiptera.

Resumen. Se presentan las primeras citas de *Dryadocoris apicalis* para Albania. Información acerca de la distribución conocida de la especie es resumida.

Palabras clave: Distribución, Europa, Hemiptera.

The pentatomid *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1842) (=*Dryadocoris analis* (A. Costa, 1847)) has been reported so far from the following European countries: France (including Corsica), Italy (including Capraia, Pantelleria, Sardinia and Sicily), Portugal and Spain (including the Canary Islands) (Carapezza 1995; Jiménez *et al.* 2003; Aukema *et al.* 2006; Dusoulier and Lupoli 2006; Rider 2006; Belousova 2007; Gessé 2011; Roca-Cusachs and Goula 2017; Fernández Ruiz 2018; Roca-Cusachs *et al.* 2018).

Outside Europe, the species has been reported from Algeria, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo and Yemen (Rider 2006; Belousova 2007; Robertson 2009).

On 1-VII-2018, Aleksander Golemaj photographed a nymph of *D. apicalis* in the city of Vlorë in southern Albania (Fig. 1). Almost one year later, on 6-IV-2019 and on 4-VI-2019, he was able to photograph adult specimens of *D. apicalis* in the same city (Figs. 2 and 3). The photographs were first published in the online database iNaturalist (Golemaj 2018, 2019a, 2019b).

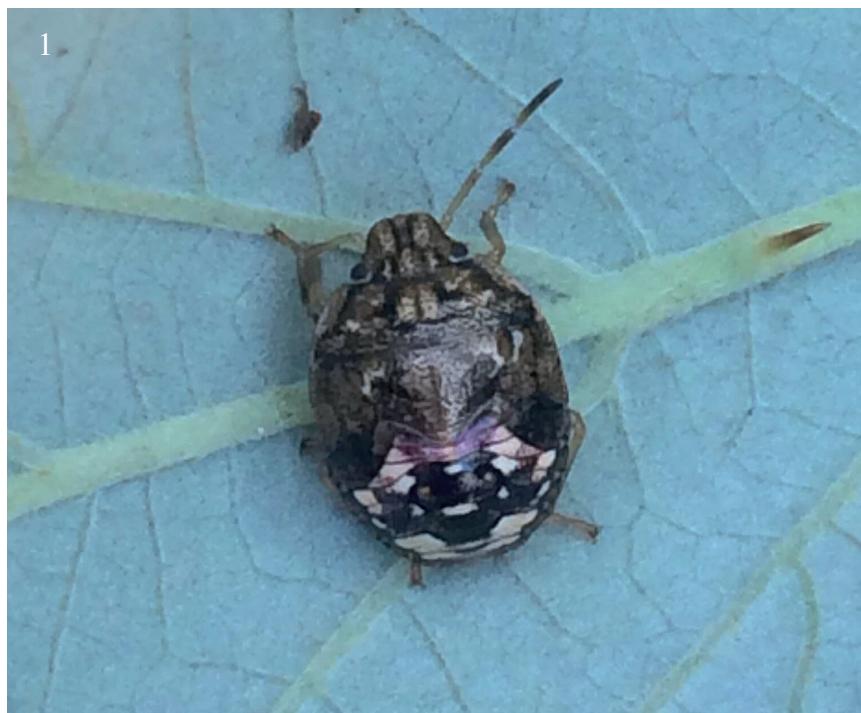
As *D. apicalis* has not been reported for Albania in scientific publications yet, the records reported in this note are the first ones for this country.

Possibly, *D. apicalis* was introduced to Albania via the port of Vlorë by boats or ferries coming from Italy. Specific research on this aspect might be useful.

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Figures 1-3. Specimens of *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schäffer, 1842), Vlorë, Albania. 1. Nymph, 1-VII-2018. 2. Imago, 6-IV-2019. 3. Imago, 4-VI-2019. (Photographs: Aleksander Golemaj).

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