

Scientific Note

***Leptoglossus occidentalis* Heidemann (Heteroptera: Coreidae: Coreinae: Anisoscelini) in Israel**

Leptoglossus occidentalis Heidemann (Heteroptera: Coreidae: Coreinae: Anisoscelini) en Israel

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Abstract. *Leptoglossus occidentalis* is reported for Israel. Information on the distribution of the species in the Mediterranean Region, in particular in its eastern part, is summarized.

Key words: Distribution, Hemiptera, invasive species, Mediterranean Region.

Resumen. Se reporta a *Leptoglossus occidentalis* para Israel. Se resume información acerca de la distribución de la especie en la Región Mediterránea, particularmente en su parte oriental.

Palabras clave: Distribución, especie invasora, Hemiptera, Región Mediterránea.

Recently, first or new records of the invasive alien species *Leptoglossus occidentalis* Heidemann, 1910 have been reported from several countries and areas in the Mediterranean Region, in particular in its eastern part (Nemer 2015; Kulijer 2016; Kulijer and Ibrahimi 2017; Kulijer *et al.* 2017; van der Heyden 2017, 2018a, 2018b, 2018c, 2019; Cvetkovska-Gjorgjevska *et al.* 2019).

One of these records reported was a single specimen of *L. occidentalis* found in Odem, an Israeli settlement in the northern part of the Golan Heights (van der Heyden 2018a).

Now, the presence of the species in Israel can be reported: On 22-VII-2019, Omer Netanel photographed a specimen of *L. occidentalis* in Kfar Masaryk in northern Israel at the coast of the Mediterranean Sea (Fig. 1). The specimen was injured. Omer Netanel wrote: "It was still alive but barely, and it was 'eaten' by some very small flies. It was still moving." (personal communication). The photograph was first published in the online database iNaturalist (Netanel 2019).

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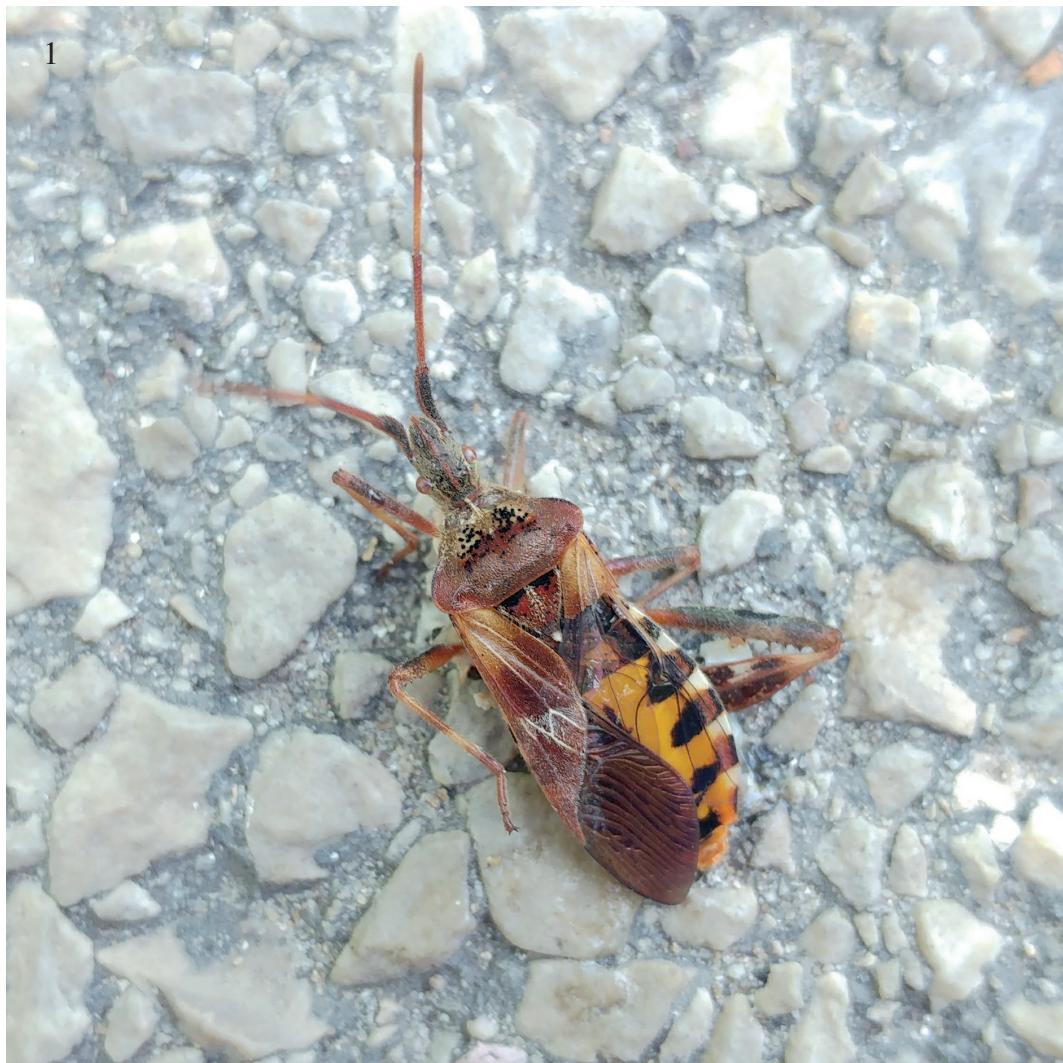


Figure 1. Specimen of *Leptoglossus occidentalis* Heidemann, Kfar Masaryk, Israel (Photograph: Omer Netanel).

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