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Review of the millipede genus *Sibiriulus* Gulička, 1972, with descriptions of three new species from Altai, Siberia, Russia (Diplopoda, Julida, Julidae)

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Abstract

The genus *Sibiriulus* Gulička, 1963, which has hitherto been known to comprise only four species, is rediagnosed and shown to include seven species from Siberia, Russia. Three species are described here as new to science: ***S. latisupremus* sp. nov.**, ***S. baigazanensis* sp. nov.**, ***S. aktashensis* sp. nov.** The species *Sibiriulus profugus* (Stuxberg, 1876) is recorded in the fauna of the Altai Province and the Republic of Altai for the first time. All currently known species of *Sibiriulus* are keyed and mapped, including the new species.

Key words: millipede, julids, *Sibiriulus,* taxonomy, new species, key, distribution, Siberia

Introduction

The genus *Sibiriulus* Gulička, 1963, which has hitherto been known to comprise only four species, is recorded in West and Southwest Siberia (Russia) and East Kazakhstan. This genus was first erected as a subgenus of the genus *Cylindroiulus* Verhoeff, 1894, based on the single species *Cylindroiulus* (*Sibiriulus*) *dentiger* Gulička, 1963, taken from near Prokopievsk, Kemerovo Area, Siberia, Russia but already with the assumption of a generic status of this form (Gulička 1963). Nine years later, Gulička (1972) described another new species of this subgenus, *C*. (*S*.) *altaicus* Gulička, 1972 from near the Ayukol Lake, environs of the Teletskoye Lake, Republic of Altai, Siberia, Russia. Later *Sibiriulus* was raised to full genus status (Lokšina & Golovatch 1979). However, the original descriptions of these two species are too incomplete and schematic. Therefore they were redescribed based on topotypes and near topotypes (Mikhaljova 1993; Mikhaljova *et al*. 2007). In addition, the type species *C*. (*S*.) *dentiger* appears to be a junior subjective synonym of *Julus profugus* Stuxberg, 1876, a form described from between Tomsk and Kansk, Siberia, Russia (Mikhaljova 2002). Mikhaljova described two further new species (*S. multinicus* Mikhaljova, 2001 and *S. rectangulus* Mikhaljova, 2009) from the Republic of Altai and the Altai Province, Siberia, Russia (Mikhaljova & Golovatch 2001; Mikhaljova 2009). The summarized information on three species (*S. profugus*, *S. altaicus* and *S. multinicus*) can be obtained from a review covering the diplopods of the Asian part of Russia (Mikhaljova 2004).

The present study is a revision of the genus *Sibiriulus*, based not only on new material, but also on a few old specimens. As a result, one previously described species could be re-assessed and three new species added.

Material and methods

Material treated here has been shared between the collections of the Institute of Biology and Soil Science, Far

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