

## A new species and new records of the genus *Eustigmaeus* (Acari: Prostigmata: Stigmeidae) from Western Siberia

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### Abstract

A new species of the genus *Eustigmaeus* Berlese, 1910 (Acari: Stigmeidae), *E. tjumeniensis* sp. nov. is described from mosses of fens in Western Siberia, Russia. *Eutigmaeus collarti* (Cooreman, 1955), *E. ioanninensis* Kapaxidi and Papadoulis, 1999, *E. jiangxiensis* Hu, Chen and Huang, 1996 are recorded from Russia for the first time. *Eustigmaeus parvisetus* (Chaudhri, 1965) is recorded from Eurasia for the first time. *Eustigmaeus collarti* and *E. parvisetus* are redescribed based on material from Western Siberia. A key to *Eustigmaeus* species of Russia is provided.

**Key words:** acari, Raphignathoidea, systematics, predatory mites, mosses

### Introduction

The predatory mite family Stigmeidae (Acari: Prostigmata) is the largest in the superfamily Raphignathoidea and includes more than 500 species of 33 valid genera. Among them, the genus *Eustigmaeus* Berlese, 1910 includes more than 100 species distributed worldwide (Bagheri *et al.* 2011; Dönel & Doğan 2011; Faraji *et al.* 2007; Khanjani *et al.* 2013). At present, seven species of the genus *Eustigmaeus* are known from Russia: *E. pinnata* (Kuznetsov, 1977) and *E. coronaria* (Kuznetsov, 1977) (Kuznetsov 1977a, b), *E. anauniensis* (Canestrini, 1889), *E. plumifer* (Halbert, 1923), *E. segnis* (Koch, 1836), *E. clavata* (Canestrini and Fanzago, 1876), and *E. rhodomela* (Koch, 1841) (Wainstein & Kuznetsov 1978). Some of *Eustigmaeus* species are inhabit mosses and feed on them (Gerson 1972a). Our study of mites associated with mosses in Western Siberia revealed new records and a new species of the genus *Eustigmaeus*. The original descriptions of *E. collarti* (Cooreman, 1955) and *E. parvisetus* (Chaudhri, 1965) are incomplete and we redescribe these species based on material from Western Siberia. A key to *Eustigmaeus* species of Russia is provided.

### Material and methods

Mites were collected from mosses using Berlese funnels and mounted in Hoyer's medium. In the description below, the palpal, idiosomal and the leg setations follow Grandjean (1939, 1944, 1946). All measurements are given in micrometres ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) for the holotype and 5 paratypes (in parentheses). In descriptions of leg setation the number of solenidia is given in parentheses. The type material is deposited in the mite collection of the Tyumen State University Museum of Zoology, Tyumen, Russia. SEM photos were made with the aid of JEOL –JSM-6510LV SEM microscope.

### Systematics

#### Family Stigmeidae Oudemans, 1931

9.	1 or 3 pairs of aggenital setae present, dorsal setae saber-like .....	10
-	2 pairs of aggenital setae present, dorsal setae baculiform .....	<i>E. collarti</i>
10.	3 pairs of aggenital setae present .....	11
-	1 pair of aggenital setae present .....	<i>E. segnis</i>
11.	3 pairs of pseudanal setae present .....	<i>E. ioanninensis</i>
-	4 pairs of pseudanal setae present .....	<i>E. pinnata</i>

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