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A new species and two new records of the family Phytoseiidae (Acari: Mesostigmata) from Turkey

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Abstract

Phytoseius ibrahimi Döker & Kazak **sp. nov.** is described and illustrated. The genus *Paragigagnathus* Amitai & Grinberg, represented by *P. insuetus* (Livshitz & Kuznetsov), and *Neoseiulus neomarginatus* Stathakis, Kapaxidi & Papadoulis, are recorded from Turkey for the first time. Identification keys for the Turkish species of *Phytoseius* Ribaga and *Neoseiulus* Hughes are provided.

Key words: taxonomy, predatory mites, *Neoseiulus*, *Phytoseius*, *Paragigagnathus*

Introduction

The genus *Phytoseius* Ribaga is the largest genus in the subfamily Phytoseiinae (Acari: Mesostigmata: Phytoseiidae), with more than 200 species in three species groups, which can be separated based on the presence and/or absence of dorsal setae J2 and R1 (Chant & McMurtry, 1994, 2007; Demite *et al.*, 2014). Prior to this study, four species of this genus, namely *P. echinus* Wainstein & Arutunjan, *P. finitimus* Ribaga, *P. ribagai* Athias-Henriot and *P. salicis* Wainstein & Arutunjan were known from Turkey (Moraes *et al.*, 2004; Faraji *et al.*, 2011).

The genus *Neoseiulus* Hughes is one of the largest genera in the subfamily Amblyseiinae, with more than 350 species in ten species groups (Chant & McMurtry, 2003, 2007; Demite *et al.*, 2014). Only 14 species have previously been recorded for the Turkish fauna (Faraji *et al.*, 2011; Döker *et al.*, 2014).

The genus *Paragigagnathus* Amitai & Grinberg is one of the least diverse genera in the subfamily Amblyseiinae, with about nine nominal species, seven of which were described from Palaearctic Region (Amitai & Grinberg, 1971; Kolodochka, 1989; Chant & McMurtry, 2007). However, none of them has been reported from Turkey so far. Members of this genus are known to be associated with tamarisk trees *Tamarix* sp. (Tamaricaceae), which are common in shoreline habitats in the Palaearctic Region (Papadoulis *et al.*, 2009; Hajizadeh *et al.*, 2010).

This paper reports a new species and two new records of phytoseiid mites from Turkey. Identification keys for the Turkish species of *Neoseiulus* and *Phytoseius* are also provided.

Material and methods

Mite specimens were directly collected from different plants using a camel hair brush and stored in 70% ethanol. Permanent slides were made using Hoyer's medium. A Leica Axioskop 2 with drawing tube was used for the illustrations. The taxonomic system is based on that proposed by Chant & McMurtry (2007). The setal nomenclature follows Lindquist & Evans (1965) as adapted by Rowell *et al.* (1978). Other terminology follows Athias-Henriot (1975, 1977) for organotaxy, Evans (1963) and Evans & Till (1979) for ventral pores and leg chaetotaxy, and Wainstein (1973) for the spermatheca, as proposed by Papadoulis *et al.* (2009). Dorsal and ventral setal pattern notations follow Chant & Yoshida-Shaul (1989, 1991, 1992b). All measurements are given in micrometres (µm) and presented as the mean followed by the range in parentheses. Keys are modified from those proposed by Faraji *et al.* (2011).

2. Peritreme very short, not reaching bases of any podonotal setae *P. ibrahimi* sp. nov.
 - Peritreme longer, reaching bases of setae j3 *P. finitimus* Ribaga
 3. Ventri-anal shield with one pair of pre-anal setae *P. ribagai* Athias-Henriot
 - Ventri-anal shield with more than one pair of pre-anal setae 4
 4. Ventri-anal shield with two pairs of pre-anal setae *P. salicis* Wainstein & Arutunjan
 - Ventri-anal shield with three pairs of pre-anal setae *P. echinus* Wainstein & Arutunjan

Key to the Turkish species of *Neoseiulus* Hughes

*According to Abo-Shnaf & Moraes (2014), *Neoseiulus sharonensis* (Rivnay & Swirski) is senior synonym of *N. knappi* Zannou, Moraes, Ueckermann & Oliveira according to Abo-Shnaf & Moraes (2014).

1. Seta Z4 longer than seta Z5 *N. ornatus* (Athias-Henriot)
 - Seta Z4 shorter than seta Z5 2
 2. Spermatheca with atrium forked at juncture with major duct, or atrium appearing thick-walled, vacuolated 3
 - Spermatheca with atrium neither forked at juncture with major duct nor appearing thick-walled, vacuolated 8
 3. Genu II with eight setae 4
 - Genu II with seven setae 5
 4. Atrium connected to calyx with a long neck *N. neomarginatus* Stathakis, Kapaxidi & Papadoulis
 - Atrium connected to calyx with a very short neck *N. sekeroglu* Döker & Stathakis
 5. Seta Z5 shorter than 40 µm *N. agrestis* (Karg)
 - Seta Z5 longer than 40 µm 6
 6. Atrium directly connected to calyx without a neck; distance between pre-anal solenostomes 1/3 distance between setae JV2 *N. barkeri* Hughes
 - Atrium connected to calyx with a neck; distance between pre-anal solenostomes more than half the distance between setae JV2 7
 7. Dorsal shield reticulated; calyx longer, about 2/3 length of calyx plus neck plus atrium *N. alpinus* (Schweizer)
 - Dorsal shield smooth with anterolateral striae; calyx shorter, about 1/2 length of calyx plus neck plus atrium *N. marginatus* (Wainstein)
 8. Movable digit of chelicera smooth *N. zwoelferi* (Dosse)
 - Movable digit of chelicera with teeth 9
 9. Movable digit of chelicera with more than one tooth 10
 - Movable digit of chelicera with only one tooth 12
 10. Movable digit of chelicera with two teeth *N. umbraticus* (Chant)
 - Movable digit of chelicera with three teeth 11
 11. Both setae r1 and R3 longer than 40 µm *Neoseiulus sharonensis* (Rivnay & Swirski)*
 - Both setae r1 and R3 shorter than 40 µm *N. californicus* (McGregor)
 12. Spermatheca with a short neck between calyx and atrium *N. bicaudus* (Wainstein)
 - Spermatheca without a neck between calyx and atrium 13
 13. Macroseta of basitarsus IV longer than the distance between its base and the dorsal slit organ *N. cucumeris* (Oudemans)
 - Macroseta of basitarsus IV shorter than the distance between its base and the dorsal slit organ 14
 14. Seta S2 subequal to Z4; seta S2 reaches the insertion of S4; calyx of spermatheca short, L:W 1:1 *N. insularis* (Athias-Henriot)
 - Seta S2 shorter than Z4; seta S2 not reaches the insertion of S4; calyx of spermatheca longer, L:W > 3:1 *N. astutus* (Beglyarov)

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