

First record of *Chrysomela vigintipunctata* from Finland (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae)

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Recently I had an opportunity to look through the Coleoptera collection of the late Mr. Gunnar Blomqvist, located today in an environmental institute (Etelä Karjalan Allergia- ja Ympäristöinstituutti) in Joutseno, SE Finland. During my work gathering data on threatened beetle species in Finland, I also recognized one specimen of the leaf beetle species *Chrysomela vigintipunctata* (Scopoli), collected by Blomqvist in the municipality of Joutseno (the province of Sa) 22.V. 1957. This species has not thus far been reported within the borders of present-day Finland, but is known from the SE parts of the Eastern Fennoscandia (Fig. 1).

The species was for the first time recorded from Eastern Fennoscandia by Krogerus (1925): from the municipalities of Nykyrka and Kivinebb, both in the province of Ik, today belonging to the USSR. The next observation of the species was reported by Platonoff (1944), who collected a number of specimens on *Salix* (presumably *S. caprea*) in Kuujärvi and Uslanka, in the province of Kol, also located in the USSR (cf. also Palmén 1946).

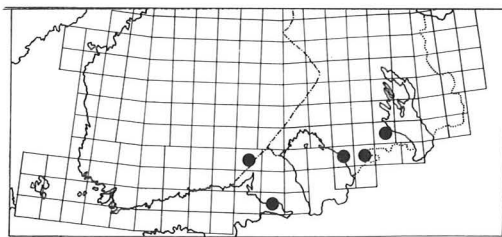


Fig. 1. Known distribution of *Chrysomela vigintipunctata* in Eastern Fennoscandia.

Unpublished records of the species from the province of Kol, kept in the collection of the Zoological Museum in Helsingfors, are Ulvana (leg. Kanervo), Äänislinna (leg. Vaartaja), and Aunus (leg. Vaartaja).

Finally, because of the absence of records of the species within the borders of Finland after World War II, Silfverberg (1977) officially deleted the species from the Finnish fauna.

In addition, according to the list of Coleoptera from Fennoscandia and Denmark, *C. vigintipunctata* was previously only known from Sweden (Silfverberg 1979).

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