

Brief Report

Interesting finds of Coleoptera from the SW Finnish Archipelago

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During a few visits to the SW Archipelago of Finland in the summer of 1994, the following interesting finds of Coleoptera were made:

Margarinotus neglectus (Germar) (Histeridae). Two specimens were netted from a sheep pasture on Holma island in *Ab*: Dragsfjärd, Kasnäs (665:24) on June 28th. The species is considered endangered in Finland, with very few recent finds although formerly distributed throughout southern and central Finland up to the provinces *Ob* and *Ks* (Biström et al. 1991; Entomol. Fennica 2: 53–66).

Cryptophagus longitarsis J. Sahlberg (Cryptophagidae). One specimen of this rare cryptophagid was netted from an old spruce at the edge of the pasture on the same day as the previous species.

Chrysolina hyperici (Forster) (Chrysomelidae). A few specimens were netted from stands of *Hypericum maculatum* at the edge of a ditch on a nearby hay meadow on July 23rd. The species is rare in Finland, mostly found in *Al*, and to my knowledge not previously recorded from *Ab*.

Meligethes exilis Sturm (Nitidulidae). A few specimens were found on Vänö island (664:23), in *Ab*: Dragsfjärd, on July 24th. The specimens were found on *Thymus* stands

together with *Apion atomarium* Kirby (Apionidae). *M. exilis* has been recorded from the provinces of *Al*, *N* and *Sa*, all old records before 1960. It has also been recorded from the provinces of *Ka* and *Ik* from localities which today belong to Russia. My finds are the first records from *Ab*.

Trachyphloeus rectus Thomson (Curculionidae). This species was collected on the same day a little further from the shoreline on dry meadows underneath a growth of *Thymus*.

Cleopus pulchellus (Herbst) (Curculionidae). This species has so far been found only three times in Finland. It was collected from *Al* and *Ab*, in the latter province from Hirvensalo, Turku by Jäykkä. Previously the most recent find was a single specimen collected by E. Kangas from *Ab*: Dragsfjärd, Öro July 10th 1976. This find is exceptional because the species is usually found rather abundantly in the area of its occurrence. I found a fairly abundant population on July 13th 1994 in *Ab*: Korppoo, Konungsskär (667:19); the species was found on *Scrophularia nodosa* in a small dry meadow.

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