

Molluscs *Pseudotruchia rubiginosa* Rossmässler 1838 and *Limax maximus* Linnaeus 1758 found in SW Finland

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A living adult *Pseudotruchia rubiginosa* land snail was found on the slope of the southern shore of Ruissalo Island (co-ord. 671:323) in Turku, Finland in spring 2009. The species has never before been encountered in Finland.

P. rubiginosa has been found in at least Sweden, Estonia and Latvia. It was also recently found as a new species in France. The primary distribution of the species in Europe has been in the east. It is in general a rather rare species, appearing however in many types of damp biotopes. The vegetation in the area where the species was found in Finland is characterised by *Urtica dioica*, *Geum rivale*, *Ranunculus repens* and *Persicaria amphibia*. More *P. rubiginosa* may possibly be found in Finland. The extent of the distribution in Ruissalo must be examined more closely.

A body of *Limax maximus* samples was found in the collections of undefined samples in the Zoological Museum at the University of Turku.

The body contains two rather young individuals. The information on the label reads, "Houtskär, Långholm 10.6.1962, Pekka Lehtinen". At the time the samples were collected Houtskär, Långholm was, and still is an uninhabited, grove-type island (co-ord. 669:318) with a wide distribution of limestone located in the outer parts of the Turku archipelago. There are only two other cases where the species was found, in the Turku archipelago of South-West Finland.

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