

New Data on Chewing Lice (Insecta: Phthiraptera) from Wild Birds in Bulgaria

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Abstract: A total of 705 wild birds belonging to 59 species and 9 orders were examined in various regions of Bulgaria. Chewing lice belonging to 27 species were found on 76 birds of 29 species. New geographical records for Bulgaria are *Actornithophilus umbrinus*, *Colpocephalum inaequale*, *Menacanthus agilis*, *Brueelia turdinulae*, *Phlopterus cumulatus*, *P. fortunatus*, *P. hispaniolensis* and *P. rapax*. New host records are *Acrocephalus palustris*, *Phylloscopus collybita* and *Sylvia hortensis* for *Menacanthus curuccae* and *Prunella modularis* for *Ricinus fringillae*.

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