

First Report of *Thanasimus femoralis* (Zetterstedt) (Coleoptera, Cleridae) for the Bulgarian Fauna

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Abstract: *Thanasimus femoralis* (Coleoptera: Cleridae) is recorded for the first time in the fauna of Bulgaria and the Balkan Peninsula. During 2005-2006 adults of *Th. femoralis*, *Tilloidea unifasciata* (Cleridae) and *Phloeosinus henschi* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae) were reared from dry branches of *Cupressus sempervirens* collected in the Pirin Mts. The clerid beetles can be treated as predators on *Ph. henschi*.

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