

First record of *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1842) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) in Greece

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ABSTRACT: The first record of *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1842) for Greece is reported. Information on the known distribution of the species is summarized.**KEYWORDS:** *Dryadocoris apicalis*, first record, distribution, Greece.**To cite this article:** van der Heyden, T., 2021, First record of *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1842) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) in Greece, *J.Het.Turk.*, 3 (2):148-150**DOI:**10.5281/zenodo.5717235**To link to this article:** <https://www.j-ht.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/V32-A8.pdf>**Received:** Nov 03, 2021; **Revised:** Nov 11, 2021; **Accepted:** Nov 15, 2021; **Published online:** Nov 30, 2021

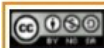
So far, *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1842) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) has been reported from the following European countries: Albania, France (including Corsica), Italy (including Capraia, Pantelleria, Sardinia and Sicily), Portugal and Spain (including the Canary Islands) (Carapezza, 1995; Jiménez et al., 2003; Aukema et al., 2006; Dusoulrier & Lupoli, 2006; Rider, 2006; Belousova, 2007; Gessé, 2011; Roca-Cusachs & Goula, 2017; Fernández Ruiz, 2018; Roca-Cusachs et al., 2018; van der Heyden, 2019).

Outside Europe, the species has been reported from Algeria, Cameroon, the

Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo and Yemen (Rider, 2006; Belousova, 2007; Robertson, 2009).

Now, the first record of *D. apicalis* in Greece can be reported: On 02.11.2021, an adult specimen was photographed by Christopher Bakos in Parga, a coastal village in North-West Greece (Fig. 1).

The specimen was found inside a building where vegetable plants are grown hydroponically. Likely, it was drawn to the heat of the LED lamp that provides the sunlight/heat to the vegetables or



alternatively to the moisture at the base of the vegetable plant (Lettuce) where the bug was found (Christopher Bakos, pers. comm.). So far, the nearest location of findings of other specimens of *D. apicalis* is the Albanian city of Vlorë, located less than 200 km north-west of Parga (van der Heyden, 2019).

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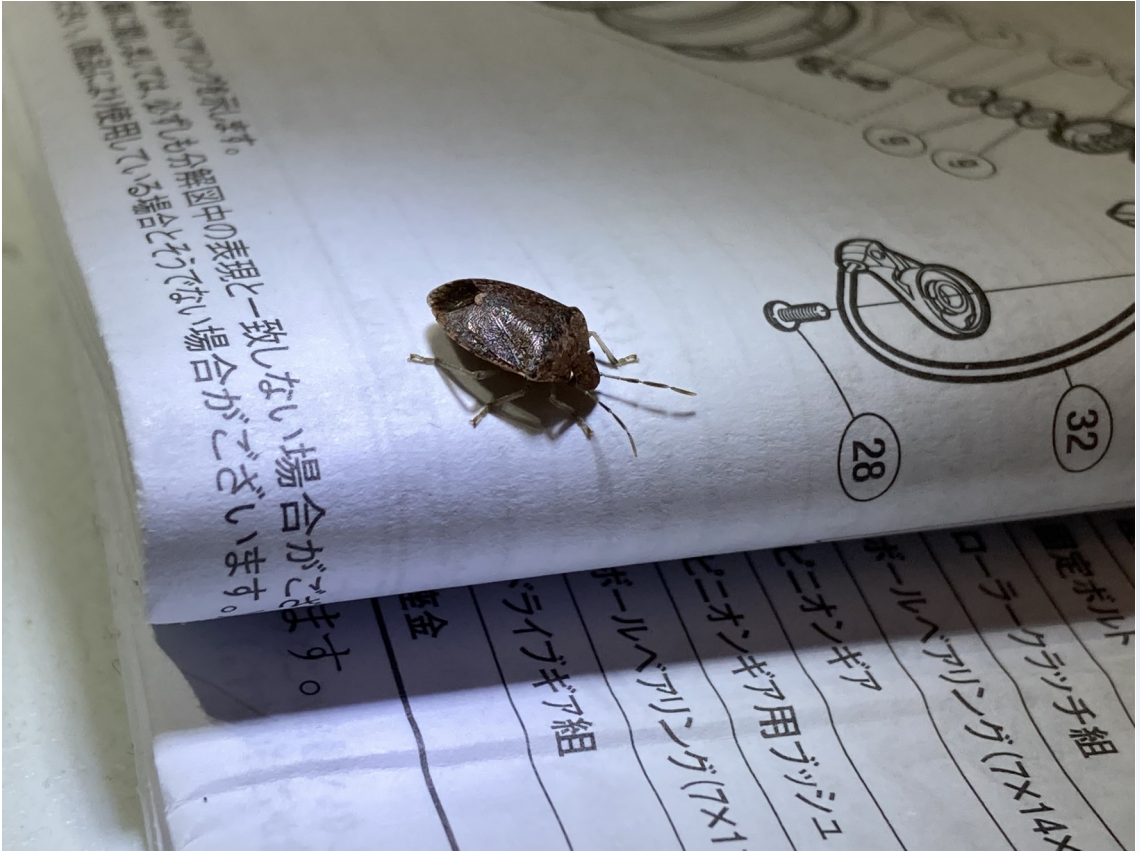


Figure 1. *Dryadocoris apicalis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1842), Parga, Greece, 02.11.2021. (Photo: Christopher Bakos).