

## First records of *Tempyra biguttula* Stål, 1874 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Rhyparochromidae) in Cyprus, Greece and Malta

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**ABSTRACT:** The first records of *Tempyra biguttula* Stål, 1874 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Rhyparochromidae: Rhyparochrominae: Udeocorini) in Cyprus, Greece and Malta are reported. Information on the known distribution of *T. biguttula* in Europe is summarised.

**KEY WORDS:** *Tempyra biguttula*, alien species, first records, distribution, Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Mediterranean Region.

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So far, the Nearctic bug species *Tempyra biguttula* Stål, 1874 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Rhyparochromidae: Rhyparochrominae: Udeocorini) has been reported from the following European countries: France, Italy (mainland, Sardinia, Sicily), Portugal and Spain (Baena & Torres, 2012; Maurel & Porteneuve, 2018; Rattu & Dioli, 2018; Dioli et al., 2021).

Now, the first records of *T. biguttula* in Cyprus, Greece and in Malta can be reported:

On 20.07.2022, Aleks Lund photographed an adult specimen near the village of Mellieħa in the northern part of the island of Malta. Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online

database iNaturalist (Lund, 2022).

On 17.06.2023, an adult specimen of *T. biguttula* was photographed by Loīs Rancilhac in Aglantzia, a suburb of Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus. A photo of the specimen was uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (Rancilhac, 2023).

Recently, on 24.08.2023, an adult specimen of *T. biguttula* (Fig. 1) was photographed by Paolo Mazzei in Psili Ammos, located at the eastern coast of the Greek island of Serifos which is one of the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea. Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (Mazzei, 2023).



**Figure 1.** Specimen of *Tempyra biguttula* Stål, 1874, Psili Ammos, Serifos, Greece, 24.08.2023. (Photo: Paolo Mazzei).

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