

Record of *Eremocoris pellitus* Seidenstücker from the NW Caucasus, Russia (Heteroptera: Lygaeidae)

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Eremocoris pellitus Seidenstücker, 1965 is recorded from environs of Gelendzhik, Krasnodar Territory. This is the northernmost record of this species and the first record from Russia.

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Eremocoris pellitus was described by Seidenstücker (1965) from one male and one female collected in Turkey (Çiftehane and Pozanti) under *Juniperus excelsa*. Josifov (1969) recorded this species from Bulgaria (Petrich; overwintering in litter) and Greece (Korfu). Péricart (1999) published further records from Greece (Kreta) and Turkey.

In the collection of the Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg, we found a female of this species labelled "Dzhankhot, SE of Gelendzhik, Caucasus, 30.V.1956, K. Arnoldi". This is the northernmost record of *E. pellitus* and the first record from Russia. *Juniperus excelsa* grows in environs of Dzhankhot, and possibly the species was collected here in conditions similar to those in Turkey.

E. pellitus is similar to *E. podagricus* Fabricius, which is widely distributed in the Caucasus, but differs in the longer pilosity of antennae, especially in the presence of erect hairs on the 2nd and 3rd segments, which are longer than the segment width; 3rd and 4th antennal segment each subequal to the 1st segment (in *E. podagricus*, 3rd segment 1.15-1.4 times as

long); and distinctly insinuate lateral margin of pronotum (in *E. podagricus*, straight or slightly convex).

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