

Autumn migration of a colony of *Hypogastrura socialis* (Uzel) (Collembola, Hypogastruridae)

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A compact colony of the collembolan *Hypogastrura socialis* (Uzel), covering about 0.5 m², was observed to migrate 9 meters during one and a half day in a garden near Oslo during late August. Dense summer colonies of this species within litter of needles below spruce trees is well known from Norway, but these colonies have been considered to be stationary in the snow-free season. However, similar surface migrations of whole colonies in this species have been observed in Germany during the summer, and of a related species in Switzerland during winter. The purpose of this spectacular behaviour is probably a search for food.

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