

Checklist of Nordic Opiliones

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Several amendments of the existing Nordic Opiliones checklist are needed. A total of 24 Nordic species are currently known, of which 17 are from Norway, 19 from Denmark, 20 from Sweden, 12 from Finland, 5 from The Faroe Islands and 4 from Iceland.

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INTRODUCTION

A checklist of Nordic Opiliones was published by Stol (1993) and reviews have also been given by Stol (1999, 2003). Presently, several amendments are needed, especially regarding Norway, Denmark, The Faroe Islands and Iceland. The distribution of the species is better known and new literature is available.

THE CHECKLIST

The present list (Table 1) is based on literature available for Norway (Strøm 1765, Fabricius 1775, 1779, Ellingsen 1894, Storm 1898, Strand 1900, Økland 1939, Kauri 1966, 1977, Solhøy 1982, Meidell & Stol 1990, Stol 1993, 1999, 2000, 2003, Olsen 1995, 2000), Denmark (Müller 1776, Hansen 1884, 1885, Thydsen Meinertz 1962, Enghoff 1987, 1999, Toft 2004), Sweden (Linnaeus 1758, Tullgren 1906, Lohmander 1945, Martens 1978), Finland (Heinäjäki 1944, Hippa 1975, Ilvessalo 1981), The Faroe Islands (Henriksen 1938, Kauri 1980), Iceland (Henriksen 1938, Agnarsson 1998).

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from Denmark, 20 from Sweden, 12 from Finland, 5 from The Faroe Islands and 4 from Iceland. A total of 24 species are known from the Nordic countries.

DISCUSSION

Olsen (2000) reported *Mitostoma chrysomelas* (Hermann, 1804) as new to Norway, and Olsen (1995) also reported *Opilio parietinus* (De Geer, 1778) from Norway.

As pointed out by Stol (1993), Henriksen (1938) incorrectly mentioned *Mitostoma chrysomelas* from The Faroe Islands and Iceland. This species most probably does not occur in these countries (Kauri 1980, Agnarsson 1998).

Thydsen Meinertz (1962) and Stol (1993) incorrectly mention *Lacinius ephippiatus* (C. L. Koch, 1835) from Iceland. This species does not occur in this country (Agnarsson 1998).

Enghoff (1999) reported *Lacinius horridus* (Panzer, 1794) as new to Denmark.

Rilaena triangularis (Herbst, 1799) is incorrectly mentioned from Iceland and The Faroe Islands