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


Presently, 17 species are reported from Norway, 19 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.