

# MITES (ACARI) PHORETIC ON SIX-TOOTHED SPRUCE BARK BEETLE, *PITYOGENES CHALCOGRAPHUS* LINNAEUS (COLEOPTERA: CURCULIONIDAE: SCOLYTINAE), IN WESTERN SIBERIA, RUSSIA

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**ABSTRACT:** In total 11 species of mites were revealed to be phoretic on *Pityogenes chalcographus* L. in a spruce-pine forest near Tyumen, Western Siberia, Russia: *Uroobovella ipidis* (Vitzthum, 1923) (Urodinychidae), *Trichouropoda polytricha* (Vitzthum, 1923) (Trematuridae), *Pleuronectocelaeno barbara* Athias-Henriot, 1959 (Celaenopsidae), *Schizosthetus* sp. (Parasitidae), *Dendrolaelaps* (*Ipodendrolaelaps*) *quadrisetosimilis* Hirschmann, 1960 (Digamasellidae), *Proctolaelaps fiseri* Samsinak, 1960 (Melicharidae), *Siculobata* (*Paraleius*) *leontonycha* (Berlese, 1910) (Scheloribatidae), *Histiostoma piceae* Scheucher, 1957 (Histiostomatidae), *Pyemotes dryas* (Vitzthum, 1923) (Pyemotidae), *Heterotarsonemus coleopterorum* (Schaarschmidt, 1959), and *Tarsonemus bistridentati* Magowski and Khaustov, 2006 (Tarsonemidae). The hyperphoresy by deutonymphs of *Histiostoma picea* and *Trichouropoda polytricha* on other phoretic mites on bark beetles are recorded.

**KEY WORDS:** Acarina, phoresy, hyperphoresy, bark beetle, SEM photographs, spruce, pine.

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## INTRODUCTION

Many mites (Acari) are known as associates of various bark beetles (Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Scolytinae) (Lindquist 1970). They include predators that prey on bark beetle eggs and their larvae, nematodes and other mites, which inhabit bark beetle galleries as well as myco- and saprophagous mites and parasitoids of bark beetle eggs and other beetle instars (Hofstetter *et al.* 2015). Most mites inhabiting bark beetles galleries utilize adult beetles for phoresy (Lindquist 1970). The communities of mites associated with particular bark beetles are best studied only for several economically important pests, such as *Dendroctonus frontalis* in North and Central America (Moser, Roton 1971; Kinn 1976; Stephen, Kinn 1980), *Ips typographus*, *I. sexdentatus*, *Pytyocteines* spp, *Scolytus multistriatus*, *S. pygmaeus* in Europe (Lieutier 1978; Moser, Bogenschütz 1984; Moser *et al.* 1989, 2005; Perneck *et al.* 2008, 2012; Čejka, Holuša 2014; Gwiazdowicz *et al.* 2011, 2012; Vrabec *et al.* 2012; Moraza *et al.* 2013; Penttinen *et al.* 2013), *Ips typographus japonicus* in Japan (Moser *et al.* 1997).

The six-toothed spruce bark beetle, *Pityogenes chalcographus* L. (Coleoptera: Scolytinae) is a widely distributed pest in Eurasia, infesting mainly spruce (*Picea* spp.) as well as other conifer species such as *Pinus* spp., *Abies* spp., *Larix* spp. (Avtzis *et al.* 2010). The phoretic mites on *P. chalcographus* are poorly studied. In spite of 25 mite species recorded as associates of this species in Poland (Kielczewski *et al.* 1983), only a few are known to be phoretic. Kielczewski *et al.* (1983)

recorded the phoresy of female *Pyemotes dryas* on *P. chalcographus*. Zach *et al.* (2016) reported about the phoresy of deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda polytricha* on *P. chalcographus* in Slovakia.

During this study of mites associated with bark beetles in Western Siberia, 11 species of mites were recorded as phoretic on the *Pityogenes chalcographus* beetles. The aim of this paper is to provide information on mites phoretic on *P. chalcographus* in Western Siberia.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

Branches and twigs of the Siberian spruce (*Picea obovata*) and Scots pine, (*Pinus sylvestris*) containing overwintering six-toothed spruce bark beetles, *Pityogenes chalcographus* Linnaeus, 1761, were taken from several localities in mixed forest of Scots pine and Siberian spruce in the vicinity of settlement Uspenka, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, Russia 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016. The samples were placed into plastic bags and kept at room temperature in the laboratory. Beetles leaving the branches and twigs were collected using an aspirator and placed into vials containing 96% ethanol. Thereafter, alcohol sediments from the vials were inspected for phoretic mites. Galleries of *Pityogenes chalcographus* were also examined in some samples. For these purposes, bark with galleries of the beetles was removed and examined with a stereomicroscope Discovery V8, Carl Zeiss. For the SEM microscopy, live beetles were placed into a refrigerator

and frozen at a temperature of  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; after that, beetles with phoretic mites were separated and scanned without dusting with the aid of a JEOL–JSM-6510LV SEM microscope. A total of 331 beetle individuals were examined to determine the approximate number of phoretic mites. Mites from the alcohol sediments were mounted in Hoyer's medium for the light-microscopy. The morphology of mites was studied using the Carl Zeiss Axio Imager, A2 microscope with DIC and phase contrast objectives. The studied material is deposited in the mite collection of the Tyumen State University Museum of Zoology, Tyumen, Russia.

## RESULTS

**Order: Mesostigmata**  
**Cohort: Antennophorina**  
**Family: Celaenopsidae**

### *Pleuronectocelaeno barbara* Athias-Henriot, 1959

(Figs. 1A–D, 4E)

This predatory species is known to be distributed in Algeria (Athias-Henriot 1959), North America (Kinn 1968; Moser, Roton 1971), Sweden (Sellnick 1951; Kinn 1991; Moser *et al.* 1989), Denmark, Norway (Kinn 1991), Croatia (Perneck *et al.* 2008, 2012), Italy (Plumari 2008), Iran (Ahadiyat *et al.* 2012) and Russia (Khaustov 1997). It is known as an associate of many bark beetle species: *Dendroctonus frontalis*, *Ips avulsus*, *I. caligraphus*, *I. confusus*, *I. grandicollis*, *I. crebricollis*, *I. typographus*, *Orthotomicus sabinianae* (Hofstetter *et al.* 2015), *Pityogenes* sp. (Kinn 1991), *Ips acuminatus* (Sellnick 1951), *Orthotomicus erosus* (Ahadiyat *et al.* 2012), *Pityocteines curvidens* (Perneck 2008, 2012), *Crypturgus cinereus* (Plumari 2008), *Tomicus minor*, *Hylurgops palliatus*, *Pityogenes bistridentatus*, *Taphrorychus bicolor* (Khaustov 1997).

In our study, we documented a phoretic association of males and females of *P. barbara* with *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 1C, D). Males and females of *P. barbara* did not attach to specific sites on the bark beetles and freely moved around the beetle body. This is a first record of *P. barbara* in the Asian part of Russia.

**Material examined.** Eight females, 7 males, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka,  $57^{\circ}04'\text{N}$ ,  $65^{\circ}04'\text{E}$ , 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

## **Cohort Gamasina** **Family Parasitidae**

### *Schizosthetus* sp.

(Figs. 1E, F)

Three species of the genus *Schizosthetus* Athias-Henriot, 1982 have been described, *Sch. lyriformis* (McGraw and Farrier 1969) from North and Central Americas, *Sch. vicarius* Athias-Henriot, 1982 from North America and *Sch. simulatrix* Athias-Henriot, 1982 from the Canary Islands and Portugal (Athias-Henriot 1982). In North and Central America *Sch. lyriformis* is associated with *Ips avulsus*, *I. caligraphus*, *I. confusus*, *I. grandicollis*, *Dendroctonus brevicornis*, *D. frontalis*, *D. simplex*, *D. valens*, *Orthotomicus latidens*. *Sch. lyriformis* preying on eggs and larvae of bark beetles (Hofstetter *et al.* 2009). Al-Atawi *et al.* (2002) redescribed this species for all instars. Kaluz *et al.* (2003) redescribed *Sch. simulatrix* based on material from Slovakia, Germany, Sweden, and France. The authors also suggested that a mite identified as *Parasitus (Vulgarogamasus) lyriformis* (McGraw and Farrier 1969) from Northern Russia (Arkhangelsk) (Tikhomirov 1977) and South Siberia (Altai Republic) (Davydova and Nikolsky 1986) is, in fact, *Sch. simulatrix*, because, after studying specimens of *Vulgarogamasus* sp., previously reported as associates of bark beetles *Ips sexdentatus* in France (Lieutier 1978), *Ips typographus* in Germany (Moser and Bogen-schütz 1984) and Sweden (Moser *et al.* 1989), they identified them as *Sch. simulatrix* (Kaluz *et al.* 2003). Plumari (2008) recorded nymphs and adults of *Sch. simulatrix* from Italy in the galleries of bark beetles *Crypturgus cribellus*, *Crypturgus mediterraneus*, *Xyleborinus saxesenii*, and weevil beetles *Brachytemnus porcatus*, *Dryophthorus corticalis*. It was also recorded from Croatia from *Pityocteines curvidens* (Perneck *et al.* 2008, 2012) and Latvia from *Hylurgops palliatus* (Salmane and Telnov 2009). *Sch. vicarius* Athias-Henriot, 1982 is known only from the type series from moss and soil on the trunk of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*.

In our study, we documented the phoresy of deutonymphs of *Sch.* sp. on *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 1E, F). Only two species of the genus *Schizosthetus* are known from deutonymphs (*Sch. lyriformis* and *Sch. simulatrix*), our specimens differ from both species by the length of dorsal setae, and correct determination could be possible after a study of adult mites. Deutonymphs of *Schizosthetus* had no preference for specific sites for their phoretic attachment on the bark beetle and freely moved



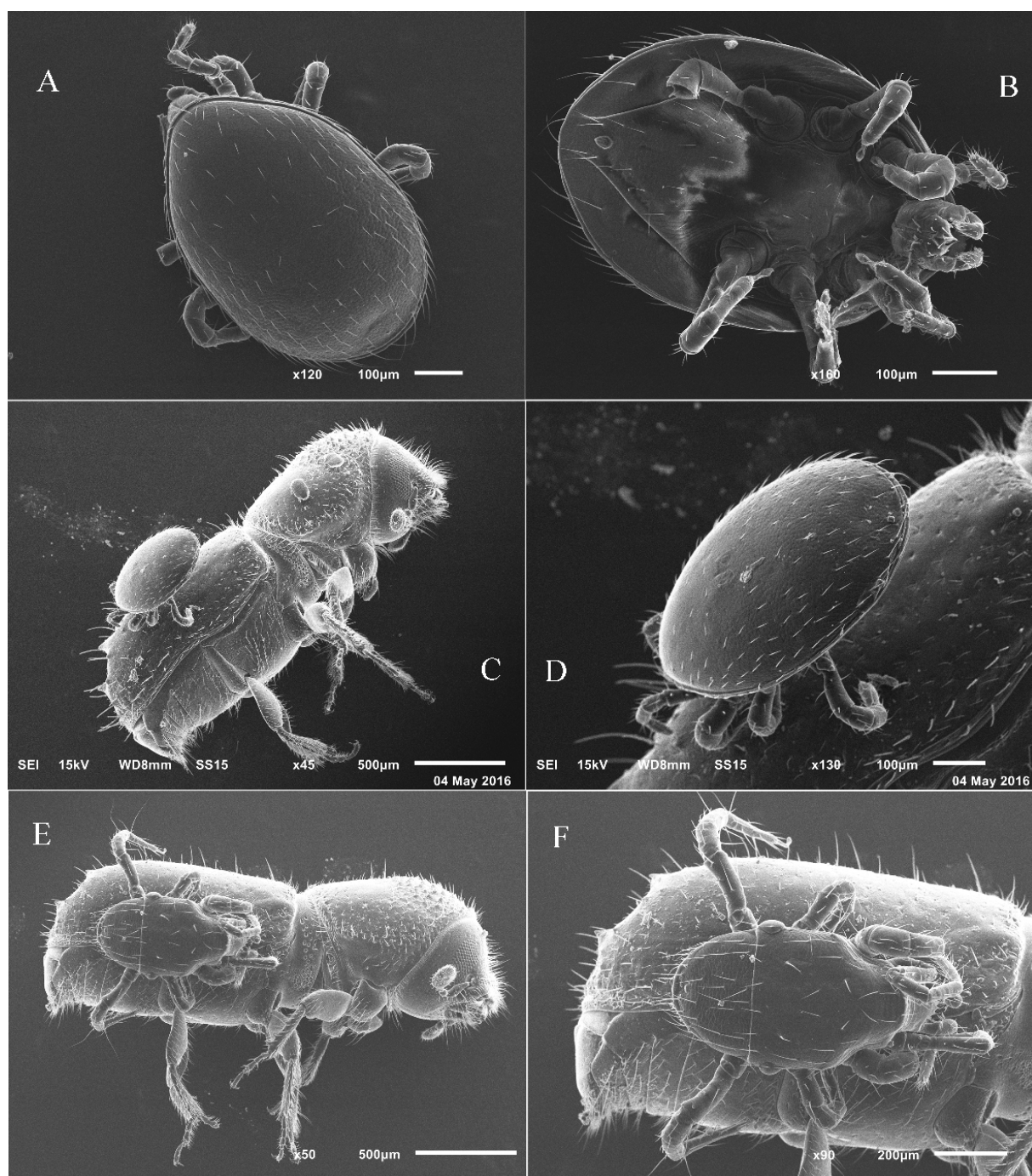


Fig 1. SEM photographs. A–B—*Pleuronectocelaeno barbara* Athias-Hentiot, 1959: female, A—dorsal view, B—ventral view; C—general view of male of *P. barbara* and females of *Tarsonemus bistridentati* on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, D—dorsolateral view of male of *P. barbara*, E–F—phoresy of deutonymph of *Schizosthetus* sp. on *Pityogenes chalcographus*.

around the beetle body. Previously, *Schizosthetus* had never been reported as an associate of *Pityogenes* beetles.

**Material examined.** Six deutonymphs, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

#### Family Melicharidae

##### *Proctolaelaps fiseri* Samšinak, 1960

(Figs. 2A–C)

This predatory species is widely distributed in the Holarctic, where it is associated with various subcortical beetles, especially bark beetles (Hofstetter *et al.* 2015).



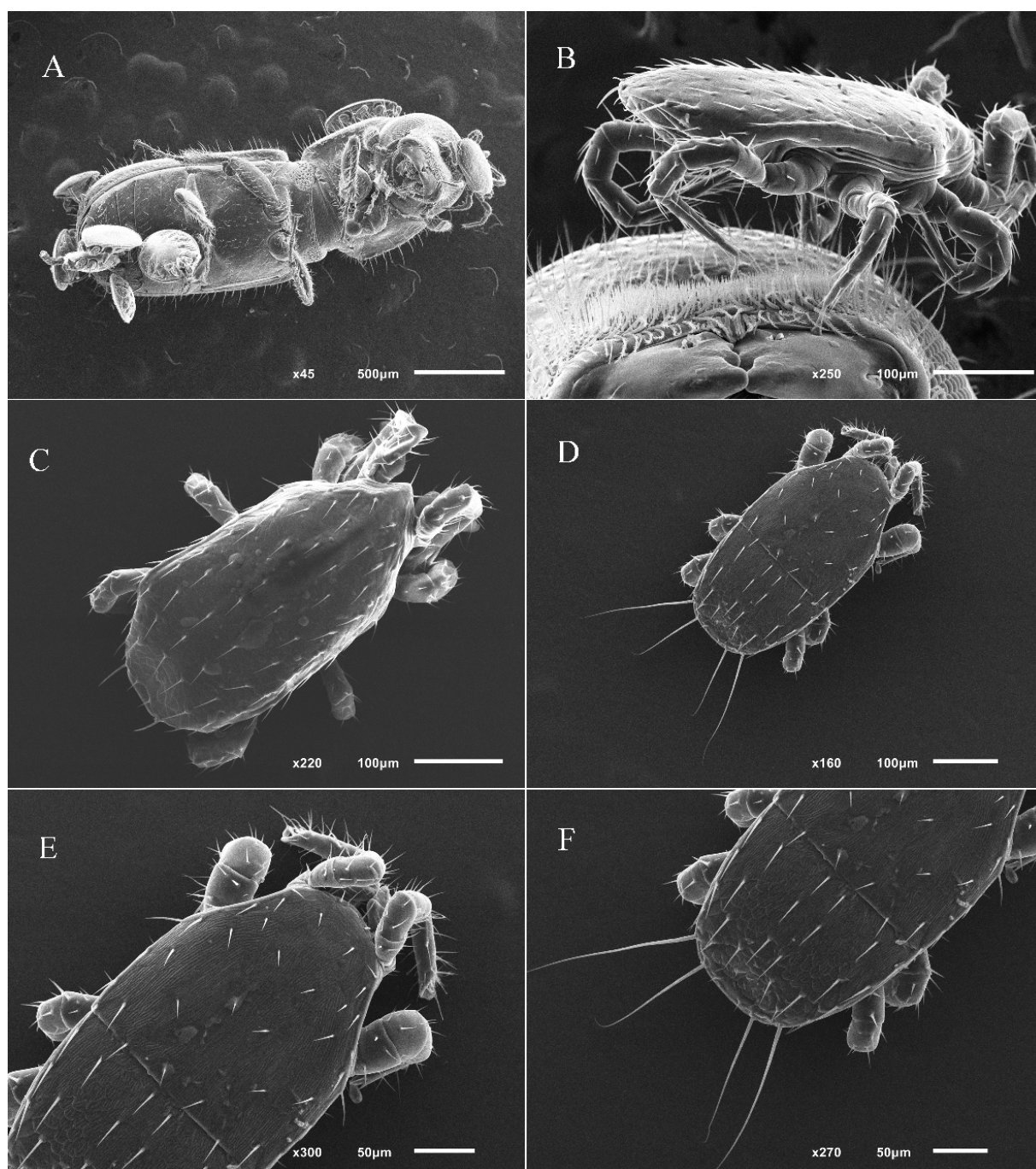


Fig. 2. SEM photographs. A—general view of mites phoretic on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, female of *Proctolaelaps fiseri* Samšinak, 1960 (on the head) and deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda polytricha* (Vitzthum, 1923), B—female of *Proctolaelaps fiseri* on the head of the beetle, C—dorsal view of *Proctolaelaps fiseri*; deutonymph of *Dendrolaelaps* (*Ipidodendrolaelaps*) *quadrisetosimilis* Hirschmann, 1960: C—dorsal view of the body, D—anterior part of the body dorsally, E—posterior part of the body dorsally.

This species was described from within the former Czechoslovakia on *Ips typographus* under bark. Westerboer (1963) recorded *P. fiseri* from Germany as an associate of several species of bark beetles (*Ips typographus*, *Hylurgops palliatus*, *Dryocoetes autographus*, *Tomicus piniperda*, *Pityokteines curvidens*, *Ernoporius fagi*) and the

cerambycid beetle *Spondylis buprestoides*. Lindquist and Hunter (1965) reported *P. fiseri* in the USA from the galleries of *Ips calligraphus*.

It was also recorded from Latvia from a dead pine with *Hylurgops palliatus* (Salmane 2007).

Gwiazdowicz (2008) also reported it from Poland as an associate of 38 species of bark beetles.

Furthermore, it was recorded from European Russia from the galleries of *Ips typographus* (Maslov, Matusевич 2008) and from Western Siberia (Davydova, Nikolsky 1986).

In our study, we documented the phoresy of females of *P. fiseri* on *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 2A, B) for the first time. Females of *P. fiseri* have no specific sites for phoresy on bark beetles and freely move around the beetle body. Previously *P. fiseri* has never been reported as an associate of *Pityogenes* beetles.

**Material examined.** Nine females, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

### Family Digamasellidae

#### *Dendrolaelaps (Ipidodendrolaelaps) quadrisetosimilis* Hirschmann, 1960

(Figs. 2D–F)

This predatory species is known to be located in both Europe and North America (Hirschmann and Wisniewski 1982; Moser and Roton 1971; Knee *et al.* 2013). *D. quadrisetosimilis* was described from Germany from the stump of a spruce tree. Moser and Roton (1971) reported it from the USA from the galleries of *Dendroctonus frontalis*. *D. quadrisetosimilis* was also recorded from Canada on *Orthotomicus caelatus* (Knee *et al.* 2013). In Poland *D. quadrisetosimilis* was found in the galleries of 13 species of bark beetles (Gwiazdowicz 2008).

In our study we found only two deutonymphs in alcohol sediments. Previously *D. quadrisetosimilis* has never been reported as an associate of *Pityogenes* beetles. This is the first record of *D. quadrisetosimilis* in Russia.

**Material examined:** Two deutonymphs, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

### Cohort Uropodina Family Urodinychidae

#### *Urobovella ipidis* (Vitzthum, 1923)

(Figs. 3A–E)

This species is known from Austria, Germany, Poland, Croatia, Russia, Lebanon, Slovakia (Mašan 2001), Sweden (Moser *et al.* 1989), the Czech Republic (Čejka and Holuša 2014), and

Spain (Fernández *et al.* 2012). Deutonymphs of this species are phoretic on various bark beetles: *Ips typographus* (Moser and Bogenschütz 1984; Moser *et al.* 1989; Feketesová 2011, Gwiazdowicz *et al.* 2012; Vrabec *et al.* 2012; Čejka and Holuša 2014), *Ips sexdentatus* (Fernández *et al.* 2012), *Hylastes cunicularius* (Kršlak *et al.* 2010), *Pityocteines curvidens*, *P. spinidens*, *P. worontzowi* (Perneck *et al.* 2008, 2012) and *Pityogenes chalcographus* (Zach *et al.* 2016).

In our study, we found only three deutonymphs of this species attached to the elytral declivity and the dorsal thorax of the beetle (Figs. 3A, C, D).

**Material examined.** Three deutonymphs, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

### Family Trematuridae

#### *Trichouropoda polytricha* (Vitzthum, 1923)

(Figs. 2A, 4)

This species is known from Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkmenistan (Mašan 2001), Sweden (Moser *et al.* 1989), Austria (Kofler and Schmölzer 2000), Poland (Gwiazdowicz and Gutowski 2012), Slovenia (Moraza *et al.* 2013), Finland (Penttinen *et al.* 2013), Spain (Fernández *et al.* 2012), Switzerland, Turkey, Canada, USA. (Knee *et al.* 2012), and Mexico (Chaires-Grijalva *et al.* 2013). Deutonymphs of this species are phoretic on various bark beetles: *Ips typographus* (Moser and Bogenschütz 1984; Moser *et al.* 1989; Feketesová 2011, Fernández *et al.* 2012; Gwiazdowicz *et al.* 2011, 2012; Knee *et al.* 2012; Vrabec *et al.* 2012; Penttinen *et al.* 2013, Čejka, Holuša 2014), *Ips sexdentatus* (Fernández *et al.* 2012), *Hylastes cunicularius* (Kršlak *et al.* 2010), *Dryocoetes autographus*, *Hylurgors palliatus*, *Ips amitinus*, *I. cembrae*, *I. hauseri*, *I. pilifrons utahensis*, *I. woodi*, *I. montanus*, *I. perturbatus*, *I. hunteri*, *I. borealis*, *Pityogenes chalcographus* (Knee *et al.* 2012) and *Dendroctonus rhizophagus* (Chaires-Grijalva *et al.* 2013).

In our study, *T. polytricha* was the most abundant species. We collected 420 deutonymphs of this species attached mainly to the posterior part of the abdomen and to the area between the legs (Figs. 4B–D; sometimes mites were attached to elytra and thorax (Fig. 2A). In some cases we recorded up to 11 deutonymphs of *T. polytricha* per one beetle. This is the first record of *T. polytricha* in Russia.



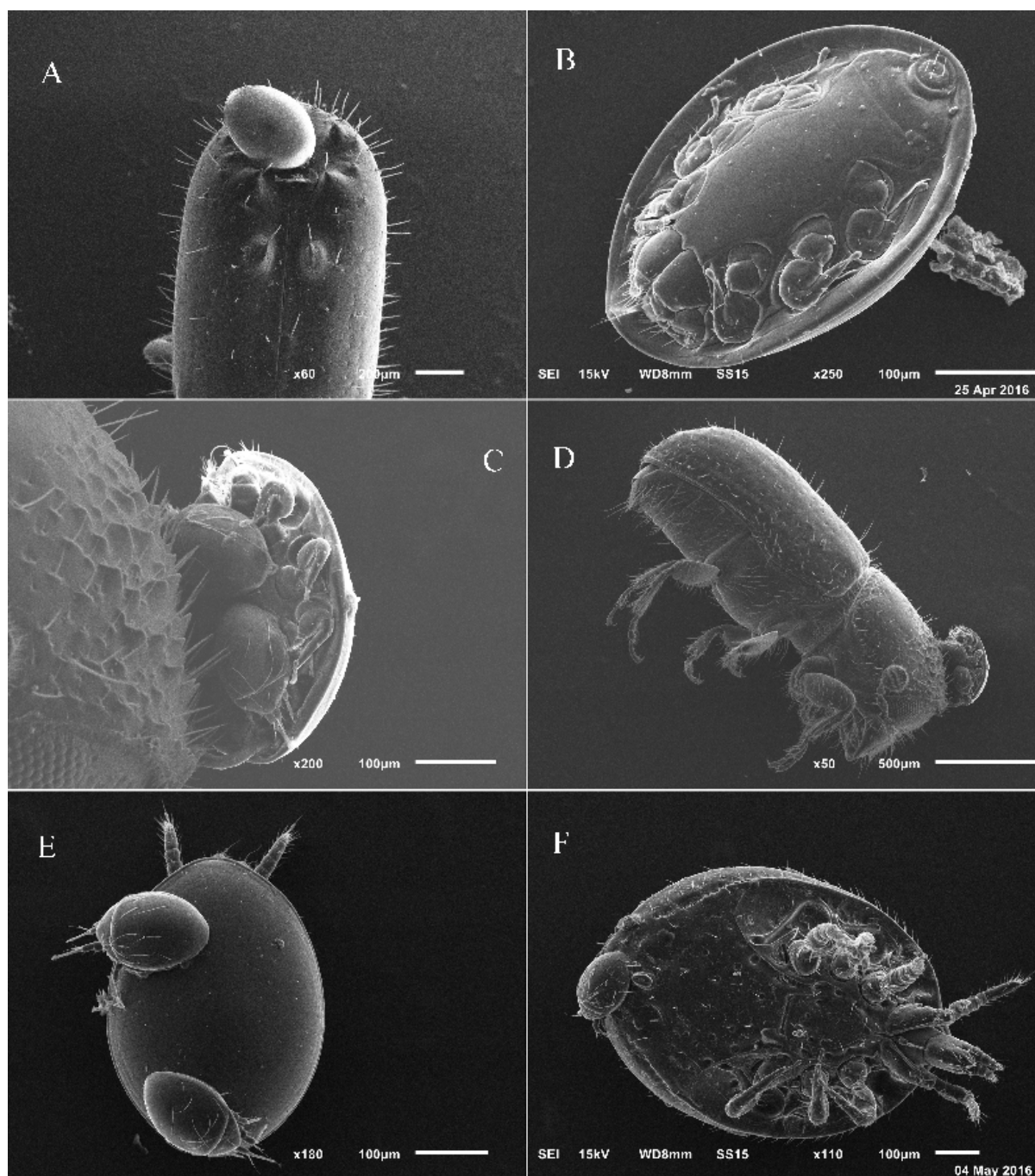


Fig. 3. SEM photographs. A—deutonymph of *Uroobovella ipidis* (Vitzthum, 1923) on elytral declivity of the male of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, B—*Uroobovella ipidis*, ventral view of deutonymphs, C–D—deutonymph of *Uroobovella ipidis* with hyperphoretic deutonymphs of *Histiostoma piceae*, E—dorsal view of deutonymph of *Uroobovella ipidis* with hyperphoretic deutonymphs of *Histiostoma piceae*, F—female of *Trichouropoda* sp. with phoretic deutonymph of *Histiostoma piceae*.

**Material examined:** Four hundred twenty one deutonymphs, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

**Order Sarcoptiformes**  
**Suborder Oribatida**  
**Family Scheloribatidae**

***Siculobata (Paraleius) leontonycha***  
**(Berlese, 1910)**

(Fig. 5A–D)

Ahadiyat and Akrami (2015) recently reviewed the distribution and the preferred habitats of this

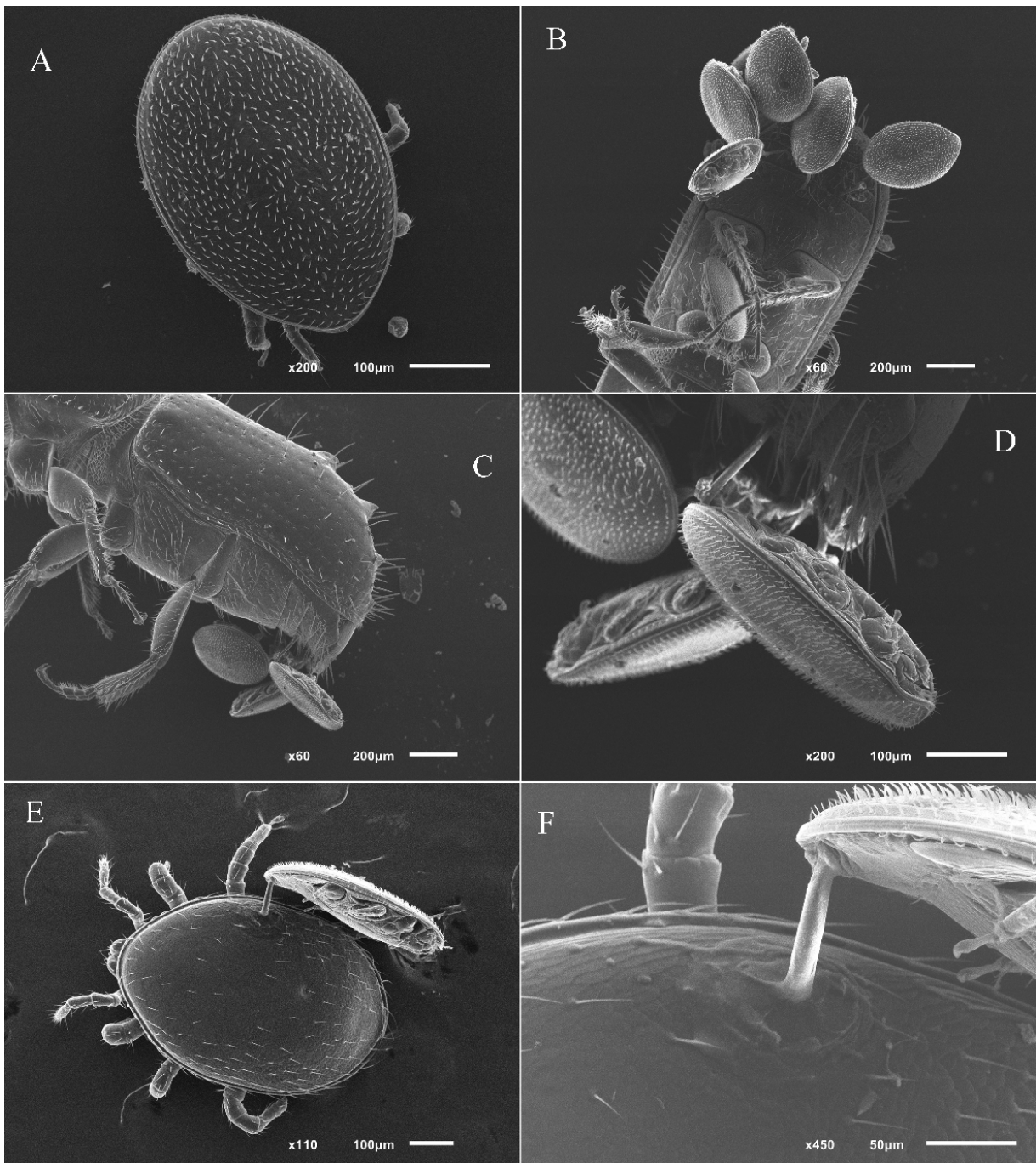


Fig. 4. SEM photographs. A—deutonymph of *Trichouropoda polytricha*, dorsal view, B–D—deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda polytricha* on abdomen of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, E–F—hyperphoresy of deutonymph of *Trichouropoda polytricha* on female of *Pleuronectocelaeno barbara*.

species. It is distributed in the Holarctic region and associated with numerous species of bark beetles.

In the galleries of *P. chalcographus*, which sometimes crossed galleries of *Ips typographus*, *Siculobata (Paraleius) leontonycha* was one of the most abundant species. Nonetheless, we found only one female in the alcohol sediments. Probably *P. chalcographus* can only be occasionally a phoretic host for *S. leontonycha*.

**Material examined.** One female, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov; 25 females, in the galleries of *P. chalcographus* under the bark of *Picea obovata*, same locality, 22 April 2016, coll. A. A. Khaustov.



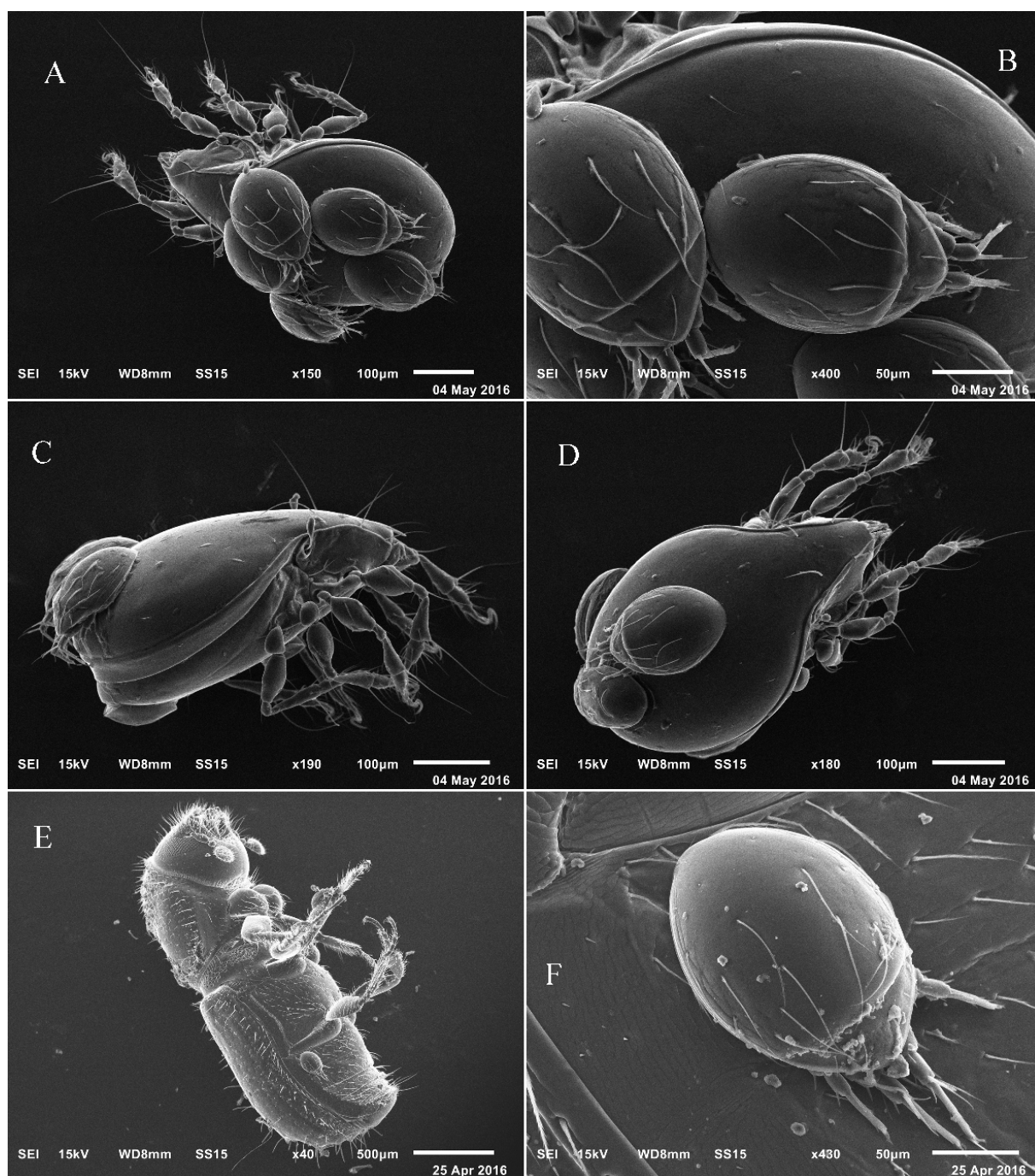


Fig. 5. SEM photographs. A–D—females of *Siculobata (Paraleius) leontonycha* (Berlese, 1910) with phoretic deutonymphs of *Histiotoma piceae*, D–E—deutonymph of *Histiotoma piceae* Scheucher, 1957 on abdomen of *Pityogenes chalcographus*.

**Cohort Astigmatina**  
**Family Histiotomatidae**

***Histiotoma piceae* Scheucher, 1957**

(Figs. 3C–E, 5A–E)

*Histiotoma piceae* Scheucher, 1957 was assumed by its describer to be specifically associated with *Ips typographus* and the tree *Picea abies*. According to Scheucher's findings, all instars develop

inside the galleries of *I. typographus*. She discovered fresh detritus containing mostly free-living stages, while deutonymphs finally appeared when a detritus was not available any more. She sampled in Regensburg, Höbing (nearby Roth) and the Harz (Germany). One hundred percent of all examined beetles were carrying deutonymphs. Scheucher additionally found deutonymphs of *H. piceae* on *Staphylinus* sp. Meanwhile, *H. piceae* was discovered phoreti-



cally associated with different bark beetles (Pernek *et al.* 2012). As the species-determination was often performed based only on the deutonymph, these identifications require verifications. For a clear determination, at least deutonymphs and adults need to be available because deutonymphs of the *piceae*-group look very similar to each other (Scheucher 1957; Wirth *et al.* 2016). Wirth *et al.* (2016) reared *H. piceae* from deutonymphs attached to the sibling-beetle-species *Ips typographus* and *I. cembrae* from Central Croatia.

According to Scheucher (1957), these mites can be reared under laboratory conditions on rotting bran or potato, but mass cultures could not be established. Wirth *et al.* (2016) confirmed these findings. They additionally discovered that *H. piceae* reared most successfully in presence of the corresponding beetles.

**Material examined.** Fifteen deutonymphs, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov; 2 deutonymphs, on deutonymph of *Uroobovella ipidis* attached to *P. chalcographus*, same locality, 22 April 2016, coll. S. F. Wirth; 1 male and 1 female in the galleries of *P. chalcographus* under the bark of *Picea obovata*, same locality, 22 April 2016, coll. S. F. Wirth; 14 deutonymphs, on females of *Siculobata (Paraleius) leontonycha* in the galleries of *P. chalcographus* under the bark of *Picea obovata*, same locality, 22 April 2016, coll. A. A. Khaustov; 2 deutonymphs, same locality and data, on deutonymph of *Uroobovella ipidis*, coll. A. A. Khaustov; 6 deutonymphs, same locality and data, on females and males of *Trichouropoda* sp., coll. A. A. Khaustov.

**Order: Trombidiformes**

**Suborder: Prostigmata**

**Family: Pyemotidae**

***Pyemotes dryas* (Vitzthum, 1923)**

(Figs. 6C–E)

This species was first described from Austria from the galleries of the bark beetle *Pityogenes bistridentatus* (Vitzthum 1923). *P. dryas* is furthermore reported from the galleries of *Polygraphus polygraphus*, *Pityogenes chalcographus*, *P. bidentatus*, and *Ernoporus tiliae* in Poland (Kielczewski and Wisniewski 1980; Kielczewski *et al.* 1983). It was also recorded from Germany and Sweden phoretic on *Ips typographus* (Moser and Bogenschütz 1984; Moser *et al.* 1989). Khaustov

(1998) reported *P. dryas* from Crimea from the galleries of *Pityogenes bistridentatus* and *Phloeosinus bicolor*. This species was exported from Poland to USA (Moser *et al.* 1978) as a potential agent for biological control of *Dendroctonus frontalis*. Moser *et al.* (1978) studied the biology of *P. dryas* and revealed that it is not phoretic on *D. frontalis* or six other associated beetles.

We collected eight females attached to the area between the coxae of *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 6C–E). There is usually only one phoretic female per one beetle. In one case, we recorded two females per beetle.

**Material examined.** Eight females, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

**Family Tarsonemidae**

***Heterotarsonemus coleopterorum*  
(Schaarschmidt, 1959)**

This species was first described from Germany on *Pityogenes bidentatus* (Schaarschmidt 1959). It was also recorded from Crimea from the galleries of *Pityogenes bistridentatus* (Khaustov 2001). An unidentified species of *Heterotarsonemus* was recorded from Poland (Kielczewski and Wisniewski 1980) from the galleries of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, *P. bidentatus*, and *Crypturgus pusillus*. With a very high probability, it could be conspecific with *H. coleopterorum* because this species is specifically associated with *Pityogenes* beetles (Khaustov 2001).

We collected three females attached to the area between the coxae of *P. chalcographus*. There is usually only one phoretic female per one beetle, representing a new record for the Asian part of Russia.

**Material examined.** Three females, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22 April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

***Tarsonemus (Schaarschmidtia) bistridentati*  
Magowski and Khaustov, 2006**

(Figs. 1C, 7)

This species was described from Crimea in the galleries of *Pityogenes bistridentatus* (Magowski and Khaustov 2006). It was also recorded from Poland from the galleries of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, *Polygraphus polygraphus*, *Crypturgus* sp., *Ips typographus*, *Trypodendron lineatum* and from

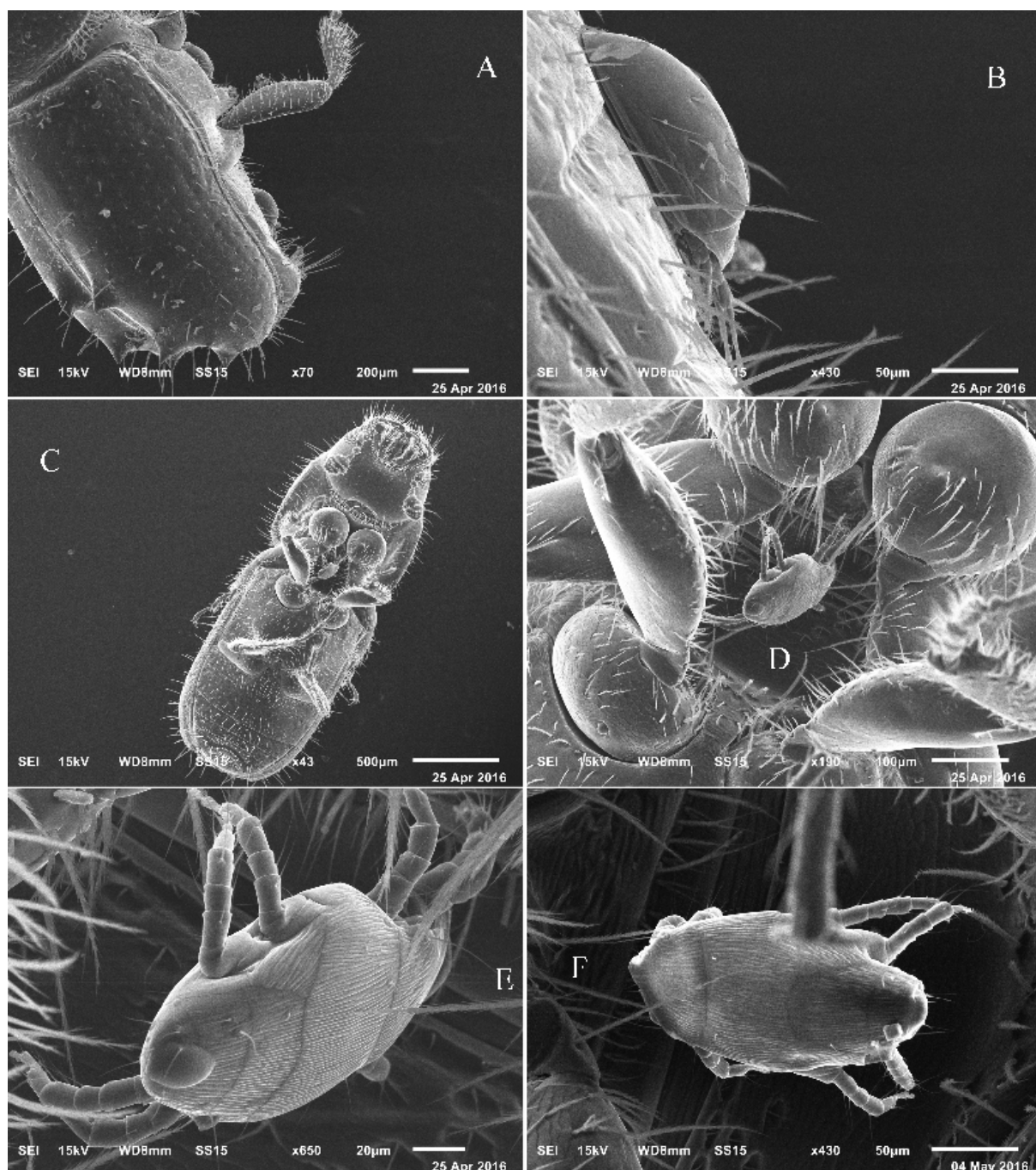


Fig. 6. SEM photographs. A–B—deutonymphs of *Histiotostoma piceae* Scheucher, 1957 on abdomen of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, C–F—females of *Pyemotes dryas* (Vitzthum, 1923) between coxae of *Pityogenes chalcographus*.

Spain and Switzerland phoretic on *Ips acuminatus* (Magowski 2010).

We collected numerous females attached to the areas between the coxae of *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 7E, F). Nevertheless, some specimens could also attach to other parts of beetle body (Figs. 1C, 7A–D). This marks a new finding for the Asian part of Russia.

**Material examined.** One hundred sixty eight females, Tyumen Province, Tyumen District, vicinity of settlement Uspenka, 57°04'N, 65°04'E, 22

April–5 May 2016, on *Pityogenes chalcographus*, coll. A. A. Khaustov.

#### Phoresy of mites on *Pityogenes chalcographus*

In spite of the relatively low number (331) of collected individuals of *Pityogenes chalcographus*, we collected 651 individuals of 11 species of mites (Table 1). Two of them, *Trichouropoda polytricha* (64.66%) and *Tarsonemus bistridentati* (25.80%)



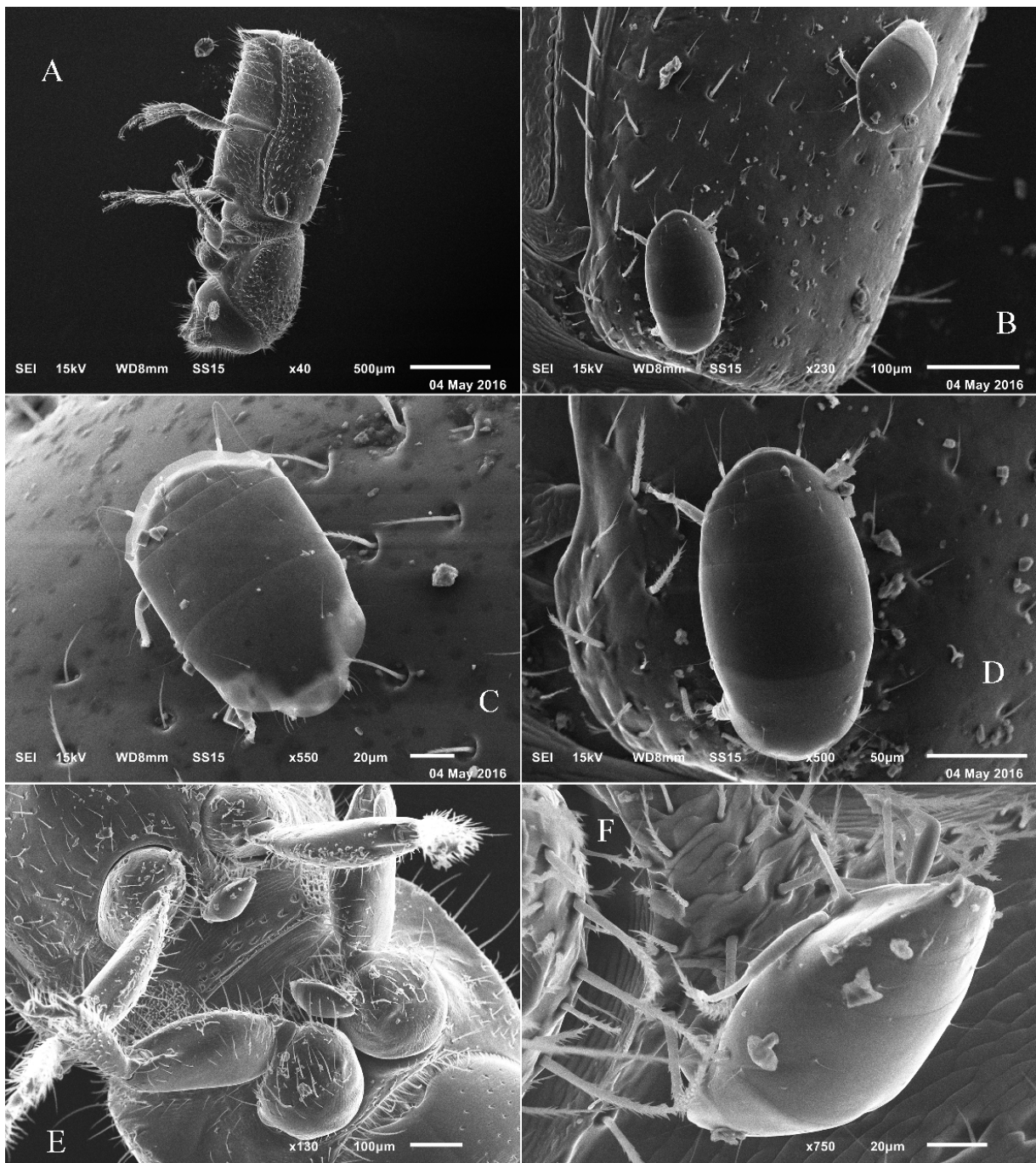


Fig. 7. SEM photographs. Phoresy of females of *Tarsonemus* (*Schaarschmidtia*) *bistridentati* Magowski and Khaustov, 2006 on *Pityogenes chalcographus*: A–D—on elytra, E–F—between coxae I and II.

were dominant and together represented 90% of all collected mites. Other mite species were collected in lower numbers.

Some species had specific sites for the phoretic attachment to the bark beetle body. Deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda polytricha* mainly attached to the abdomen and the area between the legs of the beetle. More rarely, they attached to the elytra and the dorsal thorax. Females of *Pyemotes dryas* always attach between coxae I and II of the beetle as well as fe-

males of *Tarsonemus bistridentati*. Sometimes females of *T. bistridentati* could attach to the elytra or the dorsal thorax of the beetle. Females and males of *Pleuronectocelaeno barbara*, females of *Proctolaelaps fiseri* and deutonymphs of *Schizosthetus simulatrix* sp. were observed actively moving around the beetle body.

Usually, most of the phoretic mite species were represented by only a single individual per beetle. But up to 11 individual deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda*

*polytricha* sometimes attached themselves to beetle, and up to 6 females of *Tarsonemus bistridentati* per beetle (Table 1).

### Hyperphoresy of deutonymphs of *Trichouropoda polytricha* and *Histiostoma piceae*

Hyperphoresy (superphoresy or phoresy of the second order) describes a situation, in which an animal is phoretically transported by an insect, but carries additionally another phoretic animal itself (Chmielewski 1977; Davydova 1978; Bajerlein and Błoszyk 2003). During this study, we revealed one case of hyperphoresy of a deutonymph of *Trichouropoda polytricha* on a female of *Pleuronectocelaeno barbara*. The deutonymph of *T. polytricha* was attached to the dorsal shield of *P. barbara* (Figs. 4E–F).

Hyperphoresy in mites of the Histiostomatidae is only barely studied, but might be rather common under suitable conditions. Samplings are often performed via pheromone traps, which is why mite behaviors inside the bark beetle galleries often remain undiscovered. Wirth *et al.* (2015) observed that deutonymphs of *Histiostoma ovalis* often attached to *Dendrolaelaps* sp., while these gamasids were carried phoretically by *Ips sexdentatus* inside their elytral declivities.

Reports about the hyperphoretic behavior of *H. piceae* were missing so far. Inside the original bark samples of this study, the deutonymphs were discovered on the uropodids *Uroobovella ipidis* (Fig. 3E) and *Trichouropoda* sp. (Fig. 3F) inside the beetle galleries. Three deutonymphs were found attached to a phoretic deutonymph of *U. ipidis* being fixed to a beetle specimen of *P. chalcographus* (Figs. 3C, D). This represents the only case of hyperphoresy with histiostomatid deutonymphs in our samples.

Inside the gallery samples, *H. piceae* attached to an unexpected multitude of arthropods. They appeared besides *P. chalcographus*, the oribatid *Siculobata* (*Paraleius*) *leontonycha* (Figs. 5A–D) and the two uropodid species. *Ips typographus* galleries and beetles were found close to the galleries of *P. chalcographus*. As *I. typographus* is still known as the most common phoretic carrier for *H. piceae* (Scheucher 1957; Wirth *et al.* 2016), it is assumed that *H. piceae* deutonymphs originally arrived with *I. typographus* and subsequently attached to other arthropods that were available nearby.

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Table 1.

Species spectrum and abundance of mites phoretic on *Pityogenes chalcographus* in Western Siberia

Mite species and phoretic stage	Location on beetle	Total number of phoretic mites	Maximum number of phoretic mites per one beetle	Percent of total mites found (n=651)
<i>Trichouropoda polytricha</i> Deutonymph	Mainly at abdomen, between legs	421	11	64.66
<i>Uroobovella ipidis</i> Deutonymph	Elytral declivity, thorax	3	1	0.46
<i>Pleuronectocelaeno barbara</i> Female, male	All body	15	1	2.30
<i>Schizosthetus</i> sp. Deutonymph	All body	6	1	0.92
<i>Dendrolaelaps quadrisetosimilis</i> Deutonymph	All body	2	1	0.30
<i>Proctolaelaps fiseri</i> Female	All body	9	1	1.38
<i>Siculobata (Paraleius) leontonycha</i> Female	Unknown	1	1	0.15
<i>Histiostoma piceae</i> Deutonymph	All body	15	3	2.30
<i>Pyemotes dryas</i> Female	Between coxae of legs I and II	8	2	1.22
<i>Heterotarsonemus coleopterorum</i> Female	Unknown	3	1	0.46
<i>Tarsonemus bistridentati</i> Female	Between coxae of legs I and II, rarely on other parts of the body	168	6	25.80

