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FIRST RECORD OF THE MILLIPEDE ORDER POLYDESMIDA (DIPLOPODA) IN THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA

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Summary. The millipede order Polydesmida Pocock, 1887, family Polydesmidae Leach, 1815, genus *Polydesmus* Latreille, 1802-1803 and *Polydesmus denticulatus* C. L. Koch, 1847 are new to the fauna of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Key words: fauna, distribution, Russian Far East.

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Резюме. Отряд Polydesmida Pocock, 1887, семейство Polydesmidae Leach, 1815, род *Polydesmus* Latreille, 1802-1803 и вид *Polydesmus denticulatus* C. L. Koch, 1847 двупарноногих многоножек впервые указаны для фауны полуострова Камчатка.

INTRODUCTION

The information on the millipede fauna of the Kamchatka Peninsula is very limited. At present, 3 species from three genera, three families and three orders of Diplopoda are known to occur in the peninsula: *Angarozonium amurense* (Gerstfeldt, 1859) (Polyzoniida, Polyzoniidae), *Orinisobates microthylax* Enghoff, 1985 (Julida, Nemasomatidae), *Underwoodia kurtschevae* Golovatch, 1980 (Chordeumatida, Caseyidae) (Mikhailjova, 2017).

The present contribution puts on record a small material from the Elizovskii District of Kamchatskii Krai. The material appears to be significant, for it contains taxa new to the fauna of the Kamchatka Peninsula. This material has been deposited in the collection of the Federal Scientific Center of the East Asia Terrestrial Biodiversity, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, Russia (FSCB). The family-level classification adopted here is that of Shelley (2003).

NEW RECORD

Order Polydesmida Pocock, 1887

Family Polydesmidae Leach, 1815

Genus *Polydesmus* Latreille, 1802-1803

***Polydesmus denticulatus* C. L. Koch, 1847**

Russia: Kamchatka: environs of Paratunka Village, 52°57'48" N, 158°15'34" E, litter in birch wood, 16.VI 2022, 2 ♂, 7 ♀, 2 juv., leg. Y.M. Marusik (FSCB).

REMARKS. This species is an anthropochore. It is widely distributed in Europe, introduced to southwestern Siberia, Canada, and lives in natural and anthropogenic habitats. The discovery of this species in the resort complex near the village of Paratunka is undoubtedly due to its introduction to Kamchatka.

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