

Taxonomic studies on Cheloninae (Hymenoptera, Braconidae) fauna of Northeastern Anatolia region (Ardahan, Erzurum, İğdir and Kars) of Turkey

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Abstract: In order to determine Cheloninae (Hymenoptera, Braconidae) fauna of Turkey, adult specimens were collected from different habitats of Ardahan, Erzurum, İğdir and Kars provinces using sweeping nets, Malaise and light traps. Obtained material was prepared and according modern taxonomic rules and appropriately labeled. Relevant literature and comparison material available in our collection were used for taxonomical examination of the material. The properties of the localities and collection dates were also given. A total of 32 species from 3 genera could be recorded. Nine of these species are the first record for the fauna of Turkey.

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Introduction

Cheloninae Foerster, 1863 (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) is represented worldwide with 1523 species described and include the tribes Chelonini Foerster, 1863, Adeliini Viereck, 1918, Odontosphaeropygini Zettel, 1990 and Phanerotomini Baker, 1926. The largest tribe of the subfamily is Chelonini and includes 1077 species (YU et al. 2016). This subfamily is characterized by the following apomorphic characters: Metasomal carapace, short and wide radial cell, the presence of the postpectal carina, eyes with setae, which are often intensely seen (van ACHTERBERG 1976). Final instar larvae with thin and cylindrical mandibles and usually the presence of indeterminate hypostomal sutures (KAESLIN et al. 2005). Members of the Cheloninae are egg-larval solitary endoparasitoids and koinobionts of Lepidoptera especially Tortricoidea and Pyraloidea. They are able to put their eggs in the cryptobiont host. The hosts of chelonins are found in the grooves, galls, fruits, curled or rounded leaves and under bark. The physical and chemical effects of the substances produced by the host are important in its settlement and acceptance. The Parasitoid larvae encounter less problems in the host body and develop rapidly. The koinobionts allow the development of the host until the next cycle, that is, they allow the host larva to survive until the parasitoid larva becomes pupa. Cheloninae furnish the most extreme examples of this kind of delayed development (SHAW & HUDDLESTON 1991). Parasitoids are free-living as adults and parasitic as larvae; the larvae feed on their

hosts, which are mostly insects of various developmental stages. Hosts do not survive and thus parasitoids play an important role as the regulatory agents for phytophagous insect population (LA SALLE & GAULD 1993). While *Ascogaster* species are more common in bush areas and forest habitats, since *Chelonus* Panzer species are mostly tolerant of heat and drought, they are commonly found in steppe and grassland areas. *Phanerotoma* species are more abundant in arid regions or during dry seasons.

The Turkish fauna of Cheloninae is poorly known due to the low number of studies performed on the genus which were followed by studies all performed decades later: AYDOĞDU (2008, 2016, 2017), AYDOĞDU & BEYARSLAN (2002, 2006a, 2006b, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012), BEYARSLAN (1985, 1995), BEYARSLAN et al. (2002), BEYARSLAN & ŞAHİN (2018, 2019), TOBIAS (1986), LOZAN (2005), ÖZGEN et al. (2012). On the other hand, important contributions to Turkish Chelonini fauna were made in the past in a number of studies. Some of these studies: 23 Cheloninae species were determined in the Eastern Anatolian region with 20 being new records for the region (AYDOĞDU 2016). More recently, 13 *Chelonus* species were identified from the Middle Anatolian region (AYDOĞDU 2017). AYDOĞDU & BEYARSLAN (2006a) published 18 *Microchelonus* species from the Marmara, Western, and Middle Black Sea regions of Turkey and 8 of these species were reported for the first time from Turkey. 26 species of *Ascogaster* and *Chelonus* were recorded by the same researchers in the same region in 2007. AYDOĞDU & BEYARSLAN (2009) determined 13 Phanerotomini species, and 6 of these were reported for the first time from Turkey. 13 *Chelonus* species were identified, and 5 of them are new records for the Turkish fauna (AYDOĞDU & BEYARSLAN 2011). 18 *Ascogaster* species were recorded from Turkey and 2 of these are new to the Turkish fauna (AYDOĞDU & BEYARSLAN 2012). 5 species of *Chelonus*, *Phanerotoma*, and *Phanerotomella* were recorded from the Turkish islands Imbros and Tenedos (BEYARSLAN et al. 2002). As a result of this study, 59 species belonging to 5 genera were identified. This research has been conducted in order to contribute to the Cheloninae fauna of Turkey. As a result, 16 species of *Ascogaster*, 18 species of *Chelonus*, 18 species of *Microchelonus*, 6 species of *Phanerotoma* and 1 species of *Phanerotomella* were recorded. 9 of these species are the first record for the fauna of Turkey.

Material and methods

Samples of adult Cheloninae were collected from different localities of Ardahan, Erzurum, İğdir and Kars provinces of Turkey (Fig. 1). Sweeping nets, Malaise and light traps were used for material collection. Adults were separated from the other material with the help of an aspirator and were immediately killed in the absorption tubes with cigarette smoke. The collected material was brought to the laboratory in storage containers and in 70% ethylalcohol medium.

Preparation: Samples were in the laboratory, purified from ethylalcohol, dried and mounted on cards, in a way or card points that the important diagnostic characters are clearly visible. Samples are then labeled with locality labels.

Taxonomic examination: Comparison material in our collection and related literature (HUDDLESTON 1984, PAPP 1995, 2004, SHAW & HUDDLESTON 1991, TOBIAS 1976, 1986, 2008), van ACHTERBERG 1982, 1990) were utilized when evaluating the study materials. Information on parasitoids, hosts, general distributions (in terms of zoogeographical region) and parasitoids of species are given according TOBIAS (1986), YU et al. (2016). In the text, the host plants of host species are shown in brackets. Examples are stored in



Fig. 1: Investigated provinces in the eastern Anatolian region of Turkey:

1. Erzurum, 2. Ardahan, 3. Kars and 4. Iğdır.

Trakya University, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology, Zoology collection. An asterisk (*) was used within the text for the species that were recorded first in Turkey.

Taxonomical note: SZÉPLIGETI (1908) identified the genus *Microchelonus*. Until recently, it has been evaluated as a genus. KITTEL & AUSTIN (2016) a molecular study on Chelonini revealed that *Microchelonus* is not a real genus and the real genus is *Chelonus*. However, in this study, we accept *Microchelonus* as a genus. Because we identified the species according to the old keys and system.

Results

Specimens of Cheloninae were collected from different habitats of Ardahan, Erzurum, Iğdır and Kars provinces of Turkey. In total, 32 species belonging 3 genera were determined. The distribution of the species by genera is as follows. *Ascogaster* Wesmael, 1835: 7, *Chelonus* Panzer, 1806: 10, *Microchelonus* Szépligeti, 1908: 15 species. The 32 species identified are new records for the fauna of research area and 9 of these species are the first record for the Turkish fauna.

Subfamily: **Cheloninae**
Genus: ***Ascogaster*** Wesmael, 1835

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) annularis (Nees, 1816)

Sigalphus annularis Nees, 1816

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) annularis: Curtis 1837

Material examined: Iğdır- Karakoyunlu, Taşburun, (39°58'11"N, 44°10'12"E), 851 m 26.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Hymenoptera, Cynipidae: *Dichomeris* sp. [*Cercis siliquastrum*], *Diplolepis rosae* (Linnaeus, 1758). Lepidoptera, Coleophoridae: *Coleophora lutipennella* (Zeller, 1838), Gelechiidae: *Parachronistis albiceps* (Zeller, 1839), *Recurvaria leucatella*

(Clerck, 1759) [*Malus domestica*, *Pyrus communis*], *R. nanella* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) [*Malus domestica*], *Stenolechia gemmella* (Linnaeus, 1758), Oecophoridae: *Batia lambdella* (Donovan, 1793), Parametriidae: *Chrysoclista linneella* (Clerck, 1759), Psychidae: *Narycia duplicitella* (Goeze, 1783), Tortricidae: *Pandemis cerasana* (Hübner, 1786), *P. heparana* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) [*Malus domestica*], *Spilonota ocellana* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) [*Malus domestica*], Yponomeutidae: *Yponomeuta malinella* Zeller, 1838, *Y. padella* (Linnaeus, 1758) [*Euonymus europaeus*].

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) bicarinata (Herrich-Schäffer, 1838)

Chelonus bicarinatus Herrich-Schäffer, 1838.

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) bicarinata: Marshall 1885

Synonym: *Ascogaster caucasicus* Kokoujev, 1895, *Ascogaster mlokossewitschi* Kokoujev, 1895, *Ascogaster rostratus* Szépligeti, 1896, *Ascogaster rufiventris* Telenga, 1941.

Material examined: Erzurum- Köprüköy, İlicasu, (39°58'01"N, 41°52'17"E), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae: *Archips rosana* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) bidentula Wesmael, 1835

Material examined: Ardahan- Hanak, (41°15'40"N, 42°51'10"E), 2012 m, 23.6.2012, 1♂; Erzurum- Köprüköy, İlisu, (39°58'01"N, 41°52'17"E), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀; Kars- Sarıkamış, Erzurum yolu, 10km, (40°15'03"N, 42°39'11"E), 2016 m, 23.6.2013, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Geometridae: *Eupithecia venosata* (Fabricius, 1787), Tortricidae: *Archips* sp. [*Populus*], *A. rosana* (Linnaeus, 1758), *Epinotia cruciana* (Linnaeus, 1761), *Gypsonoma sociana* (Haworth, 1811), *Notocelia roborana* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775), *Rhopobota myrtillana* (Humphreys & Westwood, 1845).

Distribution: Oriental, Palaearctic.

****Ascogaster (Ascogaster) canifrons*** Wesmael, 1835

Synonym: *Ascogaster graniger* Thomson, 1892, *Ascogaster zernyanus* Fahringer.

Material examined: Erzurum- Çat, Tuzlataşı, (39°27'28"N, 41°03'21"E), 2090 m, 29.06.2013, 2♀; - Köprüköy, (39°58'01"N, 41°52'17"E), 1602 m, 17.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Hymenoptera, Cynipidae: *Andricus curvator* Hartig, 1840. Lepidoptera, Geometridae: *Eupithecia pyreneata* Mabille, 1871, Tortricidae: *Cydia pomonella* (Linnaeus, 1758), *C. splendana* (Hübner, 1799), *Endothenia quadrimaculana* (Haworth, 1811), *Eupoecilia angustana* (Hübner, 1799), *Gypsonoma dealbana* (Frölich, 1828), *Rhopobota naevana* (Hübner, [1817]).

Distribution: Palaearctic.

****Ascogaster (Ascogaster) magnidentis*** Tobias, 1986

Material examined: Ardahan- Çıldır, Eskibeyrehatun, (41°7'47"N, 42°54'32"E), 1950 m, 24.6.2012, 1♀; Ardahan- Posof, (41°30'30"N, 42°44'3"E), 1445 m, 21.6.2012, 1♀; Artvin- Yusufeli, Morkaya, (40°42'47"N, 41°40'50"E), 680 m, 12.9.2012, 1♀; Erzurum- Tekman, Haciömer, (39°35'01"N, 41°44'39"E), 1840 m, 20.6.2013, 1♂.

Host: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae: *Cydia milleniana* Razowski, 1991.

Distribution: Western Palaearctic.

****Ascogaster (Ascogaster) scabricula*** (Dahlbom, 1833)

Chelonus scabricula Zettel, 1987

Material examined: Ardahan- Çamlıçatak, (41°07'18"N, 42°50'19"E), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 3♀, 3♂; Ardahan- Merkez, Tepeler, (41°2'54"N, 42°35'10"E), 1934 m, 23.6.2012, 3♀, 1♂.

Host: Lepidoptera, Tortricidae: *Cydia zebeana* (Ratzeburg, 1840) [*Larix europaea*].

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Ascogaster (Ascogaster) varipes Wesmael, 1835

Synonym: *Ascogaster jaroslawensis* Kokujev, 1895

Material examined: Ardahan- Merkez, Çamlıçatak, (41°07'18"N, 42°50'19"E), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 1♀; Kars- Kağızman, Aydın Kavak, (40°9'11"N, 43°19'14"E), 1115 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Coleoptera, Curculionidae: *Magdalis violacea* (Linnaeus, 1758). Lepidoptera, Coleophoridae: *Coleophora binderella* (Kollar, 1832), Gelechiidae: *Gelechia rhombella* (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775), Tortricidae: *Cydia compositella* (Fabricius, 1775), *C. grunertiana* (Ratzeburg, 1868), *C. pectolana* (Zeller, 1840), *C. zebeana* (Ratzeburg, 1840), *Endothenia gentianaeana* (Hübner, 1799), *Epinotia cruciana* (Linnaeus, 1761).

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Genus: ***Chelonus*** Panzer, 1806

Subgenus: ***Chelonus*** s.str.

****Chelonus (Chelonus) ahngeri*** Tobias, 1966

Chelonus ahngeri Tobias, 1966.

Chelonus (Chelonus) ahngeri: Tobias 1972

Material examined: Kars- Kağızman, Morpet, (40°15'16"N, 42°58'36"E), 1486 m, 20.9.2012, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Eastern Palaearctic.

Chelonus (Chelonus) annulatus (Nees, 1816)

Sigalpus annulatus Nees, 1816

Chelonus (Chelonus) annulatus: Tobias 1972

Material examined: Erzurum- Oltu, İnanmiş, (40°27'46"N, 41°42'27"E), 1820 m, 13.9.2012, 1♀.

Host: Diptera, Tephritidae: *Chaetostomella cylindrica* (Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830) [*Cirsium eriophorum*], *Trypetia acuticornis* (Meigen 1824) [*Cirsium eriophorum*], *Urophora eriolepidis* (Loew, 1856) [*Cirsium eriophorum*]; Lepidoptera, Agonoxenidae: *Chrysoclista linneella* (Clerck, 1759). Parachronistis albiceps (Zeller, 1839). *Recurvaria nanella* ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775), *Stenolechia gemmella* (Linnaeus, 1758), Oecophoridae: *Batia lambdella* (Donovan, 1793), Psychidae: *Narycia duplicella* (Goeze, 1783), Tortricidae: *Dichrorampha petiverella* (Linnaeus, 1758), Yponomeutidae:

Yponomeuta malinellus Zeller, 1838, *Y. padella* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Distribution: Palaearctic

***Chelonus (Chelonus) annulipes* Wesmael, 1835**

Chelonus annulipes Wesmael, 1835

Chelonus (Chelonus) annulipes: Abdinbekova 1971

Synonym: *Chelonus falcatus* Szépligeti, 1896, *Sigalpus annulatus* Nees von Esenbeck, C. G., 1816,
Sigalpus sulcatus Szépligeti, 1901

Material examined: Erzurum- İspir, Petekli, (40°25'38"N, 40°54'48"E), 1400 m, 11.9.2012, 1♂; Kars- Kağızman, Morpet, (40°15'16"N, 42°58'36"E), 1486 m, 20.9.2012, 1♀, 1♂.

Host: Lepidoptera, Crambidae: *Loxostege sticticalis* (Linnaeus, 1761), Tortricidae: *Cydia pomonella* (Linnaeus, 1758), Pyralidae: *Ostrinia nubilalis* (Hübner, 1796) [Zea mays], *Ephestia kuehniella* Zeller, 1879, Noctuidae: *Agrotis (Agrotis) segetum* (Denis-Schiffermüller, 1775), *Eublemma pannonica* (Freyer, 1840), *Heliothis viriplaca* (Hüfnagel, 1766), *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner, 1808).

Distribution: Nearctic, Oriental, Eastern Palaearctic. Introduced into Canada-Ontario, Guam, Puerto Rico and Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin in USA for biological control of pests.

***Chelonus (Chelonus) bidens* Tobias, 1972**

Material examined: Ardahan-Hanak, (41°15'40"N, 42°51'10"E), 2012 m, 23.6.2012, 1♂; -Merkez, Çamlıçatak, (41°07'18"N, 42°50'19"E), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum-Horasan, (40°1'47"N, 42°2'48"E), 1560 m, 16.6.2012, 1♀, 1♂; -Köprüköy, (39°58'01"N, 41°52'17"E), 1602 m, 17.6.2012, 5♀, 4♂; -Pasinler, (39°58'39"N, 41°37'49"E), 1700 m, 17.6.2012, 1♂; -Şenkaya, Değirmenli, (40°39'8"N, 42°20'37"E), 1950 m, 21.6.2012, 1♂. Iğdır- Tigem, (39°47'10"N, 44°37'5"E), 844 m, 26.6.2012, 1♀; Kars- Merkez, (40°41'19"N, 43°6'47"E), 1693 m, 25.6.2012, 1♂; - Sarıkamış, Alisofu Köyü, (40°21'10"N, 42°40'42"E), 2067 m, 27.6.2012, 1♀, 1♂; - Selim, Benli Ahmet, (40°29'40"N, 42°54'39"E), 1820 m, 27.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

***Chelonus (Chelonus) cesa* Koçak & Kemal, 2013**

Chelonus asiaticus Telenga, 1941 homonym of *Chelonus asiatica* Fahringer, 1932

Chelonus (Chelonus) asiaticus: Tobias 1972

Material examined: Ardahan, Merkez, Çamlıçatak, (41°07'18"N, 42°50'19"E), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

***Chelonus (Chelonus) corvulus* Marshall, 1885**

Chelonus corvulus Marshall, 1885

Chelonus (Chelonus) corvulus: Zhang & Hong 2008.

Synonym: *Chelonus suturatus* Szépligeti, 1898.

Material examined: Ardahan- Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}7'18''N$, $42^{\circ}50'19''E$), 1817 m, 23. .6.2012, 4♂; -Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, ($41^{\circ}10'5''N$, $42^{\circ}35'46''E$), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 5♂. Erzurum- Köprüköy, ($39^{\circ}58'01''N$, $41^{\circ}52'17''E$), 1602 m, 17.6.2012, 2♂. Kars- Sarıkamış, Alisofu Köyü, ($40^{\circ}21'10''N$, $42^{\circ}40'42''E$), 2067 m, 27.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Lepidoptera. Coleophoridae: *Coleophora caespititiella* Zeller, 1839. Erebidae: *Eublemma pannonica* Freyer, 1840; *Eublemma respersa* Hübner, 1790. Gelechiidae: *Scrobipalpa icella* (F.v Röslerstam, 1841). Sesiidae: *Chamaesphecia leucopsiformis* (Esper, 1800). Noctuidae: *Autographa gamma* (Linnaeus, 1758); *Shargacucullia verbasci* (Linnaeus, 1758); *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner 1808). Tortricidae: *Dichrorampha simpliciana* (Haworth, 1811); *Epiblema foenella* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Distribution: Palaearctic.

***Chelonus (Chelonus) dauricus* Telenga, 1941**

Chelonus dauricus Telenga, 1941

Chelonus (Chelonus) dauricus: Zhang 2008

Material examined: Ardahan -Çıldır, Y. Cambaz, $41^{\circ}6'8''N$, $43^{\circ}15'6''E$, 1980 m, 24.6.2121♀; - Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}07'18''N$, $42^{\circ}50'19''E$), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 2♀; - Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, ($41^{\circ}10'5''N$, $42^{\circ}35'46''E$), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 1♀. Erzurum-Aziziye, ($40^{\circ}1'25''N$, $40^{\circ}54'50''E$), 1792 m, 19.6.2012, 1♂; - Köprüköy, ($39^{\circ}58'01''N$, $41^{\circ}52'17''E$), 1602 m, 17.06.2012, 1♀; - Oltu, İnanmış, ($40^{\circ}27'46''N$, $41^{\circ}42'27''E$), 1820 m, 13.9.2012, 1♀; - Tekman, Hacıömer, ($39^{\circ}35'01''N$, $41^{\circ}44'39''E$), 1840 m, 2.6.2013, 2♀; İğdir-Tigem, ($39^{\circ}47'10''N$, $44^{\circ}37'5''E$), 844 m, 26.6.2012, 1♀; Kars- Merkez, ($40^{\circ}41'19''N$, $43^{\circ}6'47''E$), 1693 m, 25.6.2012, 1♀; -Sarıkamış, Alisofu Köyü, ($40^{\circ}21'10''N$, $42^{\circ}40'42''E$), 2067 m, 27.6.2012, 4♀; -Selim, Benliahmet, ($40^{\circ}29'40''N$, $42^{\circ}54'39''E$), 1820 m, 27.6.2012, 2♀, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

****Chelonus (Chelonus) jacobsoni* Tobias, 1986**

Material examined: Ardahan- Hanak, ($41^{\circ}15'40''N$, $42^{\circ}51'10''E$), 2012 m, 23.6.2012, 1♂; -Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}07'18''N$, $42^{\circ}50'19''E$), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 1♂; -Tepeköy, ($41^{\circ}2'54''N$, $42^{\circ}35'10''E$), 1934 m, 24.6.2012., 1♀, 1♂; Erzurum-Köprüköy, ($39^{\circ}58'01''N$, $41^{\circ}52'17''E$), 1602 m, 17.06.2012, 1♀; -Şenkaya, Sındırان, ($40^{\circ}37'12''N$, $42^{\circ}22'22''E$), 1512 m, 21.06.2012, 1♀; Kars, Merkez, ($40^{\circ}41'19''N$, $43^{\circ}6'47''E$), 1693 m, 25.6.2012, 2♀.

Distribution: Western Palaearctic.

****Chelonus (Chelonus) planiventris* Tobias, 1960**

Material examined: Ardahan, Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}07'18''N$, $42^{\circ}50'19''E$), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 2♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Chelonus (Chelonus) oculator* (Fabricius, 1775)Ichneumon oculator* Fabricius, 1775*Chelonus (Chelonus) oculator*: Abdinbekova 1971Synonym: *Anomala integra*, *Ichneumon scabrador* Fabricius, 1793, *Sigalphus cylindrus* Nees von Esenbeck, 1816, *Sigalphus mutabilis* Nees von Esenbeck, C. G., 1816.

Material examined: Ardahan- Değirmenli Köyü, (41°10'5"N, 42°35'46"E), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 1♂; - Oltu, Güzelsu, (40°36'15"N, 42°4'31"E), 1200 m, 12.9.2012, 1♂; İğdır- Aralık, Babacan, (39°58'32"N, 44°16'45"E) 838 m, 22.6.2013, 1♀, 1♂; İğdır- Karakoyunlu, Taşburun, (39°58'55"N, 44°12'3"E), 839 m, 26.6. 2012, 2♂; İğdır- Tigem, (39°47'10"N, 44°37'5"E), 844 m, 26.6.2012, 21♀; İğdır- Tuzluca, Köprübaşı, (40°2'35"N, 43°41'19"E), 1100 m, 20.9.2012, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Coleophoridae: *Coleophora anatipennella* (Hübner 1796), Crambidae: *Loxostege sticticalis* (Linnaeus, 1761), Pyralidae: *Ostrinia nubilalis* (Hübner 1796), *Ephestia kuehniella* Zeller, 1879, *Etiella zinckenella* (Treitschke, 1832), *Homoeosoma nebulella* Denis-Schiffermüller, 1775, Tortricidae: *Apotomis turbidana* Hübner, [1825], *Archips rosana* (Linnaeus, 1758), *Zeiraphera isertana* (Fabricius, 1794), Noctuidae: *Agrotis segetum* Denis-Schiffermüller, 1775, *Chortodes elymi* (Treitschke, 1825), *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hübner, 1805), *Heliothis peltigera* (Denis-Schiffermüller, 1775), *H. viriplaca* (Hüfnagel, 1766), *Leucania loreyi* (Duponchel, 1827) [*Zea mays*], *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner 1808).

Distribution: Palaearctic Region.Genus: ***Microchelonus*** Szépligeti, 1908Subgenus: ***Microchelonus*** s.str.***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) atripes* (Thomson, 1874)***Chelonus atripes* Thomson, 1874*Microchelonus (Microchelonus) atripes*: Papp 2014

Material examined: Kars-Sarıkamış, Asboğa, (40°24'03"N, 42°43'35"E), 1900 m, 28.6.2012, 1♂; - Sarıkamış, Erzurum yolu, 10km, (40°15'03"N, 42°39'11"E), 2016 m, 23.6.2013, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Coleophoridae: *Coleophora alticolella* Zeller, 1849; *C. glaucolella* Wood, 1892.

Distribution: Palaearctic.***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) artus* Tobias, 1986***Microchelonus artus* Tobias, 1986*Microchelonus (Microchelonus) artus*: Papp, 2014

Material examined: Ardahan, Tepeler Köyü, (41°2'54"N, 42°35'10"E), 1934 m, 22.6.2012, 1♀; Kars- Arpaçay, Yalınçayır, (40°48'11"N, 43°18'56"E), 1695 m, 24.6.2012, 1♀; - Selim, Benliahmet, (40°29'40"N, 42°54'39"E), 1820 m, 27.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.*Distribution*: Western Palaearctic.****Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi* (Tobias, 1976)***Chelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi* Tobias, 1976*Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi*: Papp 2014

Taxonomic note: Tobias described the new species as *Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi* but he mentioned it as *Chelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi* in diagnostic key.

Material examined: Ardahan- Çıldır, Beyra Hatun, ($41^{\circ}7'47"N$, $42^{\circ}54'32"E$), 1950 m, 24.6.2012, 2♀; - Çıldır, Yiğit Konağı, Köyü, ($40^{\circ}55'36"K$, $42^{\circ}35'35"E$), 1980 m, 22.6.2012, 1♂; - Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}07'18"N$, $42^{\circ}50'19"E$), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 2♀; - Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, ($41^{\circ}10'5"N$, $42^{\circ}35'46"E$), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 6♀, 3♂; - Merkez, Tepeler Köyü, ($41^{\circ}2'54"N$, $42^{\circ}35'10"E$), 1934 m, 22.6.2012, 2♀, 1♂; Erzurum- İspir, Ardaklı, ($40^{\circ}33'4"N$, $41^{\circ}13'55"E$), 1809 m, 19.6.2012, 1♂; Erzurum- Narman, Yanıktaş, ($40^{\circ}17'31"N$, $41^{\circ}52'26"E$), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 2♀; Erzurum- Şenkaya, Değirmendere, ($40^{\circ}43'52"N$, $42^{\circ}31'9"E$), 1800 m, 21.6.2012, 2d, 1♂; Erzurum- Şenkaya, İkizpınar, ($40^{\circ}35'31"N$, $42^{\circ}20'30"E$), 1818 m, 21.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum- Tekman, ($39^{\circ}37'28"N$, $41^{\circ}36'52"E$), 1843 m, 17.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum- Tortum, aksu köyü, ($40^{\circ}25'41"N$, $41^{\circ}36'12"E$), 2302 m, 16.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum, Tortum, Yanıktaş, ($40^{\circ}17'31"N$, $41^{\circ}52'26"E$), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀; İğdır- Tuzluca, Gaziler, ($40^{\circ}06'36"N$, $43^{\circ}25'31"E$), 1035 m, 27.6.2012, 1♂; - Tuzluca, İncesu, ($40^{\circ}44'45"N$, $43^{\circ}7'30"E$), 1760 m, 21.6.2012, 1♂; Kars- Arpa çay, Yalınçayır, ($40^{\circ}48'11"N$, $43^{\circ}18'56"E$), 1695 m, 24.6.2012, 1♀; - Kağızman, Morpet, ($40^{\circ}15'16"N$, $42^{\circ}58'36"E$), 1486 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Western Palaearctic.

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kopetdagicus (Tobias, 1966)

Neochelonella kopetdagicus Tobias, 1966,

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kopetdagicus: Papp 2014.

Material examined: Erzurum, Çat, Tuzlataşı, Erzurum-Çat-Tuzlataşı, ($39^{\circ}27'28"N$, $41^{\circ}03'21"E$), 2090 m, 29.06.2013, 29.06.2013, 2♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) longiventris (Tobias, 1964)

Neochelonella longiventris Tobias, 1964

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) longiventris: Papp 2014

Material examined: Ardahan- Çıldır, Eski Beyra Hatun, ($41^{\circ}7'47"N$, $42^{\circ}54'32"E$), 1950 m, 24.6.2012, 1♂; Ardahan- Merkez, Çamlıçatak, ($41^{\circ}07'18"N$, $42^{\circ}50'19"E$), 1850 m, 23.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum- Oltu, Yolboyu Köyü, ($40^{\circ}39'3"N$, $42^{\circ}9'4"E$), 1114 m, 20.6.2012, 1♂; İğdır- Karakoyunlu, Taşburun, ($39^{\circ}58'55"N$, $44^{\circ}12'3"E$), 839 m, 26.6.2012, 2♂. Kars-Sarıkamış, Asboğa, ($40^{\circ}24'03"N$, $42^{\circ}43'35"E$), 1900 m, 28.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaeartic.

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) luzhetzkji (Tobias, 1966)

Material examined: İğdır, Tigem, ($39^{\circ}47'10"N$, $44^{\circ}37'5"E$), 844 m, 26.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Hymenoptera, Yponomeutidae: *Yponomeuta malinella* Zeller, 1838; *Y. padella* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Distribution: Palaeartic.

***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) minifossa* Tobias, 1986**

Material examined: Ardahan, Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, (41°10'5"N, 42°35'46"E), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Western Palaearctic.

***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) nigrithibialis* (Abdinbekova, 1971)**

Chelonus (Neochelonella) nigrithibialis Abdinbekova, 1971

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) nigrithibialis: Papp 2014.

Material examined: Iğdır- Tuzluca, Gaziler, (40°06'36"N, 43°25'31"E), 1035 m, 27.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Western Palaearctic.

****Microchelonus (Microchelonus) pectoralis* (Tobias, 1976)**

Material examined: Ardahan- Tepeler Köyü, (41°2'54"N, 42°35'10"E), 1934 m, 22.6.2012, 1♀; - Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, (41°10'5"N, 42°35'46"E), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 1♀; - Göle, Fakidemirkapı, (40°51'9"N, 42°47'31"E), 2050 m, 21.6.2012, 1♂; Erzurum- İlica, (40°8'1"N, 41°53'51"E), 1776 m, 19.6.2012, 1♂; - Şenkaya, Değirmendere, (40°43'52"N, 42°31'9"E), 1800 m, 21.6.2012, 2d, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) rostratus* (Tobias, 1966)**

Neochelonella rostratus Tobias, 1966

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) rostratus: Papp 2014

Material examined: Erzurum- İspir, Devedağ Köyü, (40°35'51"N, 41°18'38"E), 2231 m, 26.06.2013, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) rugicollis* (Thomson, 1874)**

Chelonus rugicollis Thomson, 1874

Microchelonus (Microchelonus) rugicollis: Papp 2014

Material examined: Erzurum- Oltu, Yolboyu Köyü, (40°39'3"N, 42°9'4"E), 1114 m, 20.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Lepidoptera, Alucitidae: *Alucita hexadactyla* Linnaeus, 1758.

Distribution: Afrotropical, Palaearctic.

***Microchelonus (Microchelonus) sulcatus* (Jurine, 1807)**

Material examined: Ardahan-Hanak, (41°15'40"N, 42°51'10"E), 2012 m, 25.6.2012, 1♂; - Merkez, Değirmenli Köyü, (41°10'5"N, 42°35'46"E), 1848 m, 22.6.2012, 3♂; - Merkez, Tepeler Köyü, (41°2'54"N, 42°35'10"E), 1934 m, 22.6.2012, 2♂; Erzurum-Aziziye, Aksu, (40°1'25"N, 40°54'50"E), 1792 m, 18.6.2012, 1♂; - İlica, (40°8'1"N,

41°53'51"E), 1776 m, 19.6.2012, 1♂; - İspir, Ardiçlı, (40°33'4"N, 41°13'55"E), 1809 m, 19.6.2012, 1♀; - İspir, Yeşilyurt, (40°31'29"N, 41°4'55"E), 1570 m, 19.6.2012, 1♀; - Köprüköyü, (39°58'01"N, 41°52'17"E), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 1♂; - Narman, Yanıktaş, (40°17'31"N, 41°52'26"E), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 2♂; - Şenkaya, İkizpinar, (40°35'31"N, 42°20'30"E), 1818 m, 21.6.2012, 1♂; - Tortum, Aksu, (40°25'41"N, 41°36'12"E), 2302 m, 18.6.2012, 1♂; Kars-Merkez, (40°41'19"N, 43°6'47"E), 1693 m, 28.6.2013, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Carposinidae: *Carposina niponensis* Walsingham, 1900, Coleophoridae: *Coleophora tadzhikiella* Danilevsky, 1955, *Augasma aeratella* (Zeller, 1839), Crambidae: *Eudonia truncicolella* (Stainton, 1849), Erebidae: *Metachrostis dar douini* (Boisduval, 1840), Gelechiidae: *Pexicopia malvella* (Hübner, [1805]), *Pectinophora gossypiella* (Saunders, 1844) [*Gossypium* sp.], *Scrobipalpa ocellatella* (Boyd, 1859), Mycetophilidae: *Neoempheria striata* (Meigen, 1818), Tortricidae: *Rhyacionia buoliana* (Denis & Schiffmüller, 1775), Yponomeutidae: *Prays citri* (Millière, 1873), *Euhyonomeutoides albithoracellus* Gaj, 1954 [*Ribes nigrum*].

Distribution: Palaearctic.

**Microchelonus (Microchelonus) vescus* (Kokujev, 1899)

Chelonus vescus (Kokujev, 1899)

Synonym: *Chelonus minutus* Szépligeti, 1898

Material examined: Ardahan- Tepeköy, (41°2'54"N, 42°35'10"E), 1934 m, 24.6.2012, 1♀; Erzurum- Tortum, Aksu, (40°25'41"N, 41°36'12"E), 2302 m, 18.6.2012, 1♂.

Host: Unknown.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Subgenus: *Parachelonus* Tobias, 1995

Chelonus (Parachelonus) pellucens (Nees, 1816)

Sigalpus pellucens Nees, 1816

Microchelonus (Parachelonus) pellucens: Tobias 195.

Chelonus (Parachelonus) pellucens: Nees, 1834

Synonym: *Chelonus alboannulatus* Szépligeti, 1896, *Chelonus nitens* Reinhard, 1867, *Chelonus pulchricornis* Szépligeti, 1896, *Chelonus varimaculatus* Tobias, 1986.

Material examined: Ardahan- Hanak, (41°15'40"N, 42°51'10"E), 2012 m, 23.6.2012, 1♂; Erzurum- Horasan, (40°1'47"N, 42°2'48"E), 1560 m, 16.6.2012, 1♀, 1♂; - Pasinler, (39°58'39"N, 41°37'49"E), 1700 m, 17.6.2012, 1♂. Kars-Sarıkamış, Asboğa, (40°24'03"N, 42°43'35"E), 1900 m, 28.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Sesiidae: *Bembecia hungarica* (Tomala, 1910), *B. ichneumoniformis* ([Denis-Schiffmüller] 1775), *B. scopigera* (Scopoli, 1763), *Chamaesphecia euceraeformis* (Ochsenheimer, 1816), *C. tenthrediniformis* (Denis-Schiffmüller, 1775).

Distribution: Palaearctic.

**Microchelonus (Parachelonus) starki* (Telenga, 1953)

Chelonus starki Telenga, 1953

Chelonus (Parachelonus) starki: Tobias, 1995.

Material examined: Erzurum- İspir, Kırıkköyü, (40°20'13"N, 40°57'3"E), 2030 m, 19.6.2012, 1♂; - Narman, Yanıktaş, (40°17'31"N, 41°52'26"E), 1602 m, 20.6.2012, 1♀;

Kars- Kağızman, Aydın Kavak, (40°9'11"N, 43°19'14"E), 1115 m, 20.6.2012, 1♂;
-Sarıkamış, Alisofu Köyü, (40°21'10"N, 42°40'42"E), 2067 m, 27.6.2012, 1♀.

Host: Lepidoptera, Sesiidae: *Chamaesphecia bibioniformis* (Esper, 1800), *Paranthrene tabaniformis* (Rottemburg, 1775), *Synanthedon formicaeformis* (Esper, 1782), *S. myopaeformis* (Borkhausen, 1789), *S. tipuliformis* (Clerck, 1759), Tortricidae: *Cydia pomonella* Linnaeus, 1758.

Distribution: Palaearctic.

Discussion

A total of 32 species were identified under the 3 genus of Cheloninae subfamily in the studied region. The distribution of the species by genera is as follows. *Ascogaster*: 7, *Chelonus*: 10 and *Microchelonus*: 15 (Fig. 2). 9 of these species (*Ascogaster (Ascogaster) canifrons*, *A. (A.) magnidentis*, *A. (A.) scabricula*, *Chelonus (Chelonus) ahngeri*, *C. (C.) jacobsoni*, *C. (C.) planiventris*, *Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi*, *M. (M.) vescus* and *M. (P.) starki*) are the first record for the Turkish fauna. Up to now, 59 Cheloninae species have been recorded in Turkey. With this study, the number of Cheloninae species in Turkey was increased to 68.

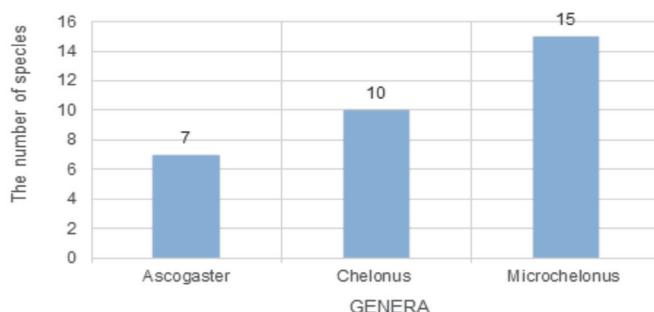


Fig. 2. The recorded genera and their number of species

As seen in Fig. 2, the genus represented by the most species is *Microchelonus*.

The species densities of the provinces surveyed are as follows Ardahan 20, Erzurum 21, Iğdır 7 and Kars 13 species. Erzurum is the province with the highest species density (Fig 3).

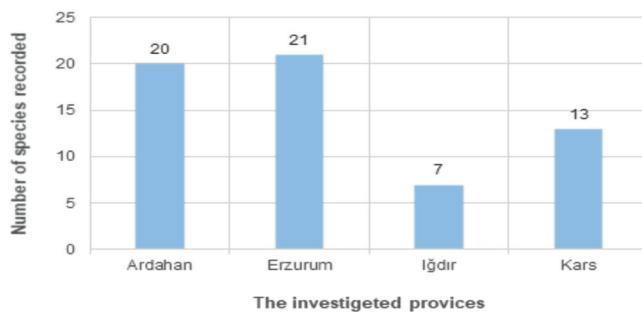


Fig. 3. The species densities of the provinces surveyed

The most common species of research areas is *Microchelonus (Microchelonus) kiritshenkoi*. It was recorded from 16 localities.

C. (C.) annulipes is parasitoid of the following important pest species of Lepidoptera: *Loxostege sticticalis* (Crambidae), *Ostrinia nubilalis* [*Zea mays*], *Agrotis (Agrotis) seg- etum*, *Cydia pomonella*, *Eublemma pannonica*, *Heliothis viriplaca*, *Spodoptera exigua* (Noctuidae), *Epeorus kuehniella* (Pyralidae). Therefore, these species have been introduced into the following countries for biological control of plant pest species: Ontario, Guam and Puerto Rico, Canada, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin.

The above-mentioned hosts of *C. (C.) annulipes* are important pests of Turkish agriculture. This species be used for the same biological control of pests in Turkey (YU et al. 2016).

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