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Heteroptera: Tingidae

Agramma atricapillum (Spinola, 1837). Moravia mer., Vrbovec env. (7162), short-grass saline meadow left to the inflow of the Vrbovec pond, 3.v.2005, 2 spec., O. Balvín lgt., P. Kment det., coll. P. Kment (deposited in National Museum, Praha) and coll. O. Balvín. It inhabits humid biotopes, both saline and not saline, and develops on numerous plant species from the families Juncaceae, Cyperaceae and Typhaceae such as *Juncus*, *Scirpus*, *Bolboschoenus*, *Carex*, and *Schoenoplectus* (Péricart 1983). *Agramma atricapillum* was described from Sardinia. In the Western Palaearctic the species has a Mediterranean and Pontic distribution, and the occupied area continues through Central Asia to Mongolia (Péricart 1983, Péricart & Golub 1996). It was recorded only once in central Europe from Hungary before 1982 (Horváth 1897). In 1982 it was recorded from the environs of the Neusiedlersee lake in eastern Austria and later found several times in the area (Melber et al. 1991). In 1999 it was also found in Slovakia (Kment et al. 2003). Melber et al. (1991) suggested that its distribution area had been shifting northwards. The findings in Slovakia (Kment et al. 2003) and the present record from Moravia seem to support this hypothesis. On the other hand, the Moravian locality is probably unknown among Czech heteropterologists (A. Reiter in litt., Stehlík 2002) and the presence of *A. atricapillum* there might have been overlooked. The specimens of *A. atricapillum* were collected together with two specimens of the critically endangered (Kment & Vilímová 2005) halophilous species *Agramma confusa* (Puton, 1879) (O. Balvín lgt., det. et coll., P. Kment revid.) and several other true bug species characteristic for humid meadows: *Cymus clavicolus* (Fallén, 1807), *C. melanocephalus* Fieber, 1861, *Dictyla humuli* (Fabricius, 1794) and *Ischnodemus sabuleti* (Fallén, 1829) (O. Balvín lgt., det. et coll.). New species for the Czech Republic.

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