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Microrhagus pyrenaeus Bonvouloir, 1872. Moravia mer., Břeclav env., Lanžhot-Přívoz (7367), 155 m a.s.l., 2.–19.viii.2012, 1 ♀, in flight interception trap placed 1.5 m above ground on a white poplar (*Populus alba*) in a poplar-willow stand near Morava river, Š. Vodka, D. Hauck & L. Čížek leg., J. Vávra det. and coll. Very rare saproxylic species with patchy distribution, reported only from Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, France, Italy and Switzerland (Muona 2007, Brustel & Van Meer 2008, Mertlik et al. 2009, Chittaro & Blanc 2012). New species for the Czech Republic.

Most records come from France (Brustel & Van Meer 2008). Burakowski (1991) reported a single confirmed record from Bulgaria. The occurrence in Italy was reported by Brustel & Van Meer (2008) without exact locality. Only old findings are known from Germany where the species is considered regionally extinct (Köhler & Klausnitzer 1998). The above reported individual from Moravia, together with the single individual from Switzerland (Vandoeuvres near Genève) collected in 1990 (Chittaro & Blanc 2012) represent the only recent records of *M. pyrenaeus* from Central Europe. The presence of this species further corroborates the importance of the alluvial woodlands along the lower Morava (March) and Dyje (Thaya) rivers for sustaining biodiversity of the region (see Rozkošný & Vaňhara 1996). Rapid disappearance of mature forests in the area due to logging threatens the future existence of this species (Miklín & Cizek 2014). Based on the criteria used by Škorpík (2005), *M. pyrenaeus* should thus be considered as critically endangered in the Czech Republic.

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