

A new record of the nectar-feeding beetle, *Nemognatha chrysomelina* (Fabricius, 1775) (Coleoptera: Meloidae) from Ahvanu, Damghan, Semnan Province, Iran

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Abstract: A new record of the nectar-feeding beetle, *Nemognatha chrysomelina* (Fabricius, 1775) (Coleoptera: Meliodea) is provided here from Ahvanu, Damghan, Semnan Province, Iran.

Key words: Coleoptera, Meloidae, *Nemognatha*, new record, Iran.

Introduction

A new country and province record (viz. Ahvanu, Damghan, Semnan Province, Iran) for the nectar-feeding beetle, *Nemognatha chrysomelina* (Fabricius, 1775) is presented here.

Nemognatha chrysomelina (Fabricius, 1775)(Fig. 1)

Distribution: Africa, Balkan, Egypt, Greece, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan.

Material: 12 specimens, Iran, Semnan Province, Damghan, Ahvanu, 3.7.2012, D. Makhan.

Comments: During the afternoon, specimens of *Nemognatha chrysomelina* (Fabricius, 1775) were collected from the desert and from the flowers of *Echinops* sp. (Asteraceae). The specimens were collected by hand.

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Fig.1. Habitus male of *Nemognatha chrysomelina* (Fabricius, 1775) (scale line = 4 mm).
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