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## *Original research*

# A faunistic research on Diptera in almond orchards of Manisa and Muğla provinces

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**Abstract:** This study was conducted between 2014-2016 in the almond orchards of Datça, Fethiye, Seydikemer (Muğla) and Akhisar, Kula (Manisa) districts. During the study, 17 species belonging to 8 families belonging to Diptera were identified. These species were identified and recorded as *Machimus setibarbus*, *Bibio hortulanus*, *Chlorops interruptus*, *Chlorops pumilionis*, *Chlorops serenus*, *Thaumatomyia notata*, *Lyciella rorida*, *Agria affinis*, *Scathophaga stercoraria*, *Eristalis arbustorum*, *Eristalis tenax*, *Episyphus balteatus*, *Eupeodes luniger*, *Paragus quadrifasciatus*, *Syrphus ribesii*, *Hybomitra bimaculata* and *Hybomitra ciureai*.

**Keywords:** Almond, Diptera, Muğla, Manisa

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## Introduction

Diptera is one of the insect order that began to spread in Asia during the middle and late Triassic periods (Rasnitsyn, 2002). It is assumed that 150,000 species belonging to 150 families of the Diptera order have been identified (Gullan and Cranston, 2010). There are many systematic studies about Diptera order to determine the Diptera fauna of Turkey (Giray, 1981; Koçak and Kemal, 2014; 2009; Verves et al., 2018; Kubik and Bartak, 2017; Civelek et al., 2009; Skartveit and Koç, 2007; Dursun et al., 2010; Eren and Ozerov, 2017; Kılıç, 1999a; Karsavuran, et al., 2005; Parvu, 2006). However, there is no data on Diptera species found in almond production areas in Aegean Region. Almond production is mostly made in Manisa and Muğla provinces in the Aegean Region. For this reason, field studies were carried out in Akhisar, Kula (Manisa) and Datça, Fethiye and Seydikemer (Muğla) districts where almond production was the highest in the Aegean Region.

## Material and Methods

This study was carried out between 2014 and 2016 in the almond orchards of Akhisar, Kula Districts of Manisa and Datça, Fethiye, Seydikemer districts of Muğla. The surveys were conducted once a week or biweekly between January and November. Diptera specimens were observed on almond trees and collected by beating randomly chosen tree branches of different sides of each orchard. The sampling method of each orchard was the frappage method (hitting the 25 trees, 4 strokes per tree, and collecting the falling individuals on a 40x40 cm sized cloth). The insect samples dropped on the cloth were collected with the help of an aspirator and placed in tubes (50 ml) and brought to the laboratory. The samples brought to the laboratory were killed in killing jars containing ethyl acetate or potassium cyanide and labeled. The identification of the collected insect samples was carried out by Prof. Dr. Hasan Sungur CİVELEK and Dr. Oktay DURSUN in the Biology Department of Sıtkı Koçman University.

## Results

As a result of the study, 17 species belonging to 8 families of Diptera were identified. The list of species with distribution data is given below.

### Asilidae

#### *Machimus setibarbus* (Loew, 1849)

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 39°07'N, 28°01'E, 350 m a.s.l., 03.VII.2014, 1♂1♀; Muğla: Datça, 36°44'N, 27°34'E, 138 m a.s.l., 2♂♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Adana, Adiyaman, Ankara, Antalya, Artvin, Balıkesir, Denizli, Erzincan, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Karaman, Konya, Kütahya, Mersin, Muğla, Niğde, Şanlıurfa, Van, (Lodos, 1961; Janssens, 1968; Giray, 1981; Hayat and Alaoğlu, 1996; Durmuş, 1999; Bosak and Hradsky, 2001; Çalışkan, 2002; Çalışkan and Şahin, 2003; Aral, 2011; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014).

### Bibionidae

#### *Bibio hortulanus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 38°57'N, 28°00'E, 700 m a.s.l., 04.IV.2014, 1♂; 39°00'N, 27°53'E, 340 m a.s.l., 04.IV.2014, 1♂, 1♀; 39°00'N, 27°53'E, 320 m a.s.l., 04.IV.2014, 1♀; 38°48'N, 27°54'E, 206 m a.s.l., 15.IV.2015, 2♀♀; 38°48'N, 27°54'E, 195 m a.s.l., 12.IV.2016, 2♀♀; Manisa: Kula, 38°36'N, 28°39'E, 650 m a.s.l., 23.IV.2014, 25.IV.2014, 1♀, 1♀; 38°31'N, 28°36'E, 700 m a.s.l., 25.IV.2014, 2♂♂; Muğla: Seydikemer, 36°48'N, 29°31'E, 1178 m a.s.l., 16.IV.2015, 1♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Afyon, Aydin, Bitlis, Burdur, Denizli, Hatay, İğdır, Isparta, Izmir, Konya, Malatya, Nevşehir, Siirt, Van, Şırnak (Gül-Zümreoğlu, 1972; Skartveit and Koç, 2007; Koçak, 2014; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Kemal et al., 2016; Kemal and Koçak, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

### Chloropidae

#### *Chlorops interruptus* (Meigen, 1830)

**Locality:** Manisa: Kula, 38°30'N, 28°43'E, 590 m a.s.l., 20.III.2015, 2♀♀; Muğla: Datça, 36°44'N, 27°37'E, 140 m a.s.l., 13.III.2015, 1♂; 36°44'N, 27°38'E, 85 m a.s.l., 18.III.2015, 1♀; 36°41'N, 27°29'E, 171 m a.s.l., 27.III.2015, 1♀; 36°44'N, 27°37'E, 78 m a.s.l., 18.III.2015, 2♀♀; Muğla Fethiye, 36°35'N, 29°5'E, 240 m a.s.l., 19.III.2014, 1♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Samsun (Kubik and Bartak, 2017); (Koçak and Kemal, 2012a)

#### *Chlorops pumilionis* (Bjerkander, 1778)

**Locality:** Muğla: Datça, 36°44'N, 27°37'E, 78 m a.s.l., 18.III.2015, 2♀♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Muğla, Antalya (Koçak and Kemal, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014; Kubik and Bartak, 2017).

#### *Chlorops serenus* (Loew, 1866)

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 38°57'N, 28°0'E, 754 m a.s.l., 26.III.2015, 4♀♀; Manisa: Kula, 38°30'N, 28°44'E, 610 m a.s.l., 20.III.2015, 2♂♂ 10♀♀; Muğla: Datça, 36°44'N, 27°39'E, 44 m a.s.l., 18.III.2015, 2♀♀; 36°41'N, 27°29'E, 144 m a.s.l., 27.III.2015, 1♂1♀; Muğla: Seydikemer, 36°49'N, 29°33'E, 1141 m a.s.l., 02.IV.2015, 1♂1♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Muğla (Kubik and Bartak, 2017); (Koçak and Kemal, 2012a)

#### *Thaumatomyia notata* (Meigen, 1830)

**Locality:** Muğla: Datça, 36°40'N, 27°25'E, 5 m a.s.l., 05.II.2015, 2♂♂3♀♀; Manisa: Kula, 38°31'N, 28°37'E, 740 m a.s.l., 26.II.2016, 3♀♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Antalya, Ardahan, Kayseri, Konya, İstanbul, Izmir, Manisa, Muğla, Samsun, Van (Civelek and Tezcan, 2005; Koçak and Kemal, 2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014; Kubik and Bartak, 2017; Kemal and Koçak, 2018).

### Lauxaniidae

#### *Lyciella rorida* (Fallen, 1820)

**Locality:** Manisa: Kula, 38°30'N, 28°40'E, 775 m a.s.l., 01.IV.2014, 2♂♂4♀♀; Muğla: Datça, 36°41'N, 27°33'E, 30 m a.s.l., 07.V.2014, 3♂♂2♀♀; 36°44'N, 27°39'E, 41 m a.s.l., 07.V.2014, 2♀♀.

Distribution in Turkey: (Koçak and Kemal, 2012a).

### Sarcophagidae

#### *Agria affinis* (Fallen, 1817)

**Locality:** 39° 4'N, 28° 2'E, 610 m a.s.l., 26.III.2014, 2♀♀.

**Distribution in Turkey:** Isparta, Tokat (Kara and Pape, 2002; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015); (Koçak, 2014); (Verves and Khrokalo, 2018).

### Scathophagidae

#### *Scathophaga stercoraria* (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Locality:** Manisa: Kula, 38°32'N, 28°37'E, 712 m a.s.l., 17.III.2016, 1♂♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Ardahan, Bitlis, Edirne, İstanbul, Karaman, Siirt, Van (Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2010, 2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2014, 2015; Kemal et al., 2016; Kemal and Koçak, 2016, 2017, 2018); (Çoban, 2013); (Koçak, 2014).

### Syrphidae

#### *Eristalis arbustorum* (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Locality:** Muğla: Seydikemer, 36°49'N, 29°33'E, 1140 m a.s.l., 02.IV.2015, 1♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Adana, Afyon, Aksaray, Ankara, Antalya, Bartın, Bolu, Burdur, Çankırı, Denizli, Düzce, Diyarbakır, Edirne, Erciyes Dağı, Eskişehir, Erzurum, Hatay, Ilgaz ve İşık Dağları, Isparta, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Karabük, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Konya, Malatya, Mersin, Muğla, Niğde, Sinop, Sivas, Şanlıurfa, Tokat, Zonguldak (Tuatay et al., 1967, 1972; Özgür, 1986; Sarıbüyük, 2014; Aktaş and Sarıbüyük, 1996; Sarıbüyük, 1998; Candemir and Kara, 2003; Sarıbüyük and Hasbenli, 2006; Sarıbüyük, 2009; Özkan and Çalışkan, 2010; Toth, 2013; Pehlivan and Atakan, 2014; Gözüaçık and Özgen, 2018; Sert and Özdemir, 2019).

#### *Eristalis tenax* (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Locality:** Muğla: Datça, 36°40'N, 27°29'E, 21 m a.s.l., 18.III.2015, 1♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Adana, Afyon, Ankara, Antalya, Aksaray, Aydın, Bolu, Çanakkale, Çankırı, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Düzce, Edirne, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mersin, Muğla, Sivas, Trabzon, Tokat, Uşak, Van (Tuatay et al., 1967; Candemir and Kara, 2003; Sarıbüyük and Hasbenli, 2006; Sarıbüyük, 2009, 2014; Özkan and Çalışkan, 2010; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2010, 2012b, 2013; Toth, 2013; Pehlivan and Atakan, 2014, 2016; Gözüaçık and Özgen, 2018); (Koçak et al., 2009).

#### *Episyrrhus balteatus* (De Geer, 1776)

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 38°51'N, 27°53'E, 233 m a.s.l., 26.IV.2016, 1♀; Manisa: Kula, 38°31'N, 28°38'E, 676 m a.s.l., 31.III.2016, 1♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Adana, Adiyaman, Aksaray, Ankara, Antalya, Bartın, Bitlis, Bolu, Burdur, Bursa, Çankırı, Çanakkale, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Edirne, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Karabük, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Konya, Malatya, Mersin, Muğla, Niğde, Osmaniye, Siirt, Sinop, Sivas, Şanlıurfa, Tokat, Van, Zonguldak, (Düzungüneş et al.,

1982; Candemir and Kara, 2003; Sarıbüyük and Hasbenli, 2006; Bayhan et al., 2006; Sarıbüyük, 2009, 2014; Hazır and Ulusoy, 2012; Toth, 2013; Pehlivan and Atakan, 2014, 2016; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2010, 2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014; Kemal and Koçak, 2015, 2018; Gözüaçık and Özgen, 2018).

#### *Eupeodes luniger* (Meigen, 1822)

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 38°50'N, 27°54'E, 347 m a.s.l., 20.III.2015, 1♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Adana, Ankara, Bolu, Çankırı, Çanakkale, Denizli, Edirne, İzmir, Karabük, Kastamonu, Mersin, Muğla, Van (Sarıbüyük, 2009, 2014; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2014, 2013, 2015; Toth, 2013; Koçak, 2014; Kemal and Koçak, 2017, 2018).

#### *Paragus quadrifasciatus* Meigen, 1822

**Locality:** Manisa: Akhisar, 38°48'N, 27°54'E, 210 m a.s.l., 31.V.2016, 4♀♀; Muğla: Seydikemer, 36°50'N, 29°33'E, 1186 m a.s.l., 15.VI.2016, 1♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Afyon, Ankara, Antalya, Çankırı, Eskişehir, İzmir, Mardin, Mersin, Muğla, Kayseri, Kırşehir, Konya, Tokat, Van (Gül-Zümreoğlu, 1972; Candemir and Kara, 2003; Sarıbüyük and Hasbenli, 2006; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2010, 2013; Van de Weyer, 2010; Toth, 2013; Sarıbüyük, 2014; Gözüaçık and Özgen, 2018).

#### *Syphus ribesii* (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Locality:** Manisa: Kula, 38°30'N, 28°40'E, 775 m a.s.l., 31.III.2016, 2♀♀.

Distribution in Turkey: Ankara, Antalya, Bitlis, Bolu, Çankırı, Edirne, Erzurum, Isparta, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Karabük, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Malatya, Mardin, Mersin, Sinop, Tokat, (Candemir and Kara, 2003; Sarıbüyük and Hasbenli, 2006; Sarıbüyük, 2009, 2014; Toth, 2013; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Sert and Özdemir, 2019); (Koçak, 2014).

### Tabanidae

#### *Hybomitra bimaculata* (Macquart, 1826)

**Locality:** Muğla: Fethiye, 36°28'N, 29°21'E, 95 m a.s.l., 27.V.2014, 2♀♀; 36°29'N, 29°21'E, 110 m a.s.l., 21.V.2015, 1♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Bursa, İstanbul, Kırklareli, Kütahya, Tekirdağ (Koçak et al., 2009); (Kılıç, 1999a, 1999b; Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014).

### ***Hybomitra ciureai* (Seguy, 1937)**

**Locality:** Muğla: Datça, 36°40'N, 27°28'E, 53 m a.s.l., 29.IV.2016, 1♀; 36°28'N, 29°21'E, 95 m a.s.l., 27.V.2014, 2♂♂.

Distribution in Turkey: Adiyaman, Afyon, Antalya, Balıkesir, Biecik, Bolu, Bursa, Çanakkale, Düzce, Erzurum, Eskişehir, Hakkari, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kırklareli, Konya, Kütahya, Mersin, Sinop (Koçak et al., 2009); (Koçak and Kemal, 2009, 2012a, 2013, 2014, 2015; Koçak, 2014; Kemal and Koçak, 2015).

### **Discussion**

This study, conducted for the first time in almond orchards of the Aegean region, contributed to the Diptera fauna of Turkey. All the species, except for *T. notatae* (Chloropidae) and *E. tenax* (Syrphidae) species, were the first records for the province of Manisa. According to the results of the study conducted in Muğla, *B. hortulanus* (Bibionidae), *C. interruptus* (Chloropidae), *L. rorida* (Lauxaniidae), *A. affinis* (Sarcophagidae), *S. stercoraria* (Scathophagidae), *S. ribesii* (Syrphidae), *H. bimaculata* and *H. ciureai* (Tabanidae) species are the first records for the province. *C. interruptus* (Chloropidae), *L. rorida* (Lauxaniidae), *A. affinis* (Sarcophagidae), *S. stercoraria* (Scathophagidae), *H. bimaculata* (Tabanidae) species were recorded for the first time in the Aegean Region.

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