Johann Hochhuth and his collection of silken-fungus beetles (Coleoptera: Cryptophagidae): significance and unique specimens

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Johann Hochhuth and his collection of silken-fungus beetles (Coleoptera: Cryptophagidae): significance and unique specimens. - K. Ocheretna. - Johann Hochhuth was one of the most significant amateur collectors and naturalists of the 19th century in Ukraine and other countries of Eastern Europe. His collection of Coleoptera has an immense amount of scientific material which is actual even nowadays. Cryptophagidae in Johann Hochhuth's collection is only a small but significant part of collection which can be used as a comparative material for newer gatherings. The author provides some historical facts about the collector and a detailed description of his silken-fungus beetles collection. This collection consists of 214 Cryptophagidae specimens belonging to 50 species of the family. The author also revised all of the specimens, clarified the identification of the species, updated the identification or species names if they weren't revised earlier, and indicated the most unique specimens of the collection. The collection includes only specimens from the territory of Kyiv and Kyiv Oblast, and some specimens collected by other collectors, such as Wilhelm Rosengauer (Austria and Germany), Christian Suffrian (Germany), Ernst von Ballion (Russia), Oleksandr Czekanowski (Ukraine) and others. The collection is undoubtedly important for the study of morphological pecularities of some rare species of the Cryptophagidae family compared to recently collected specimens. The accumulation of the information about the silken-fungus beetle fauna of Ukraine will make it possible to generalise the list of species in the studied region. This entomological collection is part of the history of the formation of modern large zoological collections through the difficult path from J. H. Hochhuth's collection, the part of M. Cherkunov's collection, the natural history collections of the Pedagogical Museum of Kyiv to the collections of the National Museum of Natural History, NAS of Ukraine. Its materials are a complete composition of Cryptophagidae species that were collected in the territory of Kyiv and Kyiv Oblast in the middle of the 19th century. This article also contains important biographical information on Johann Heinrich Hochhuth's life, education, and scientific achievements.

Key words: Cryptophagidae, Hochhuth, natural history museums, museum collections, Ukraine.

Introduction

Scientists and naturalists of the 19th and early 20th centuries were a special community of people who are often unrelated to any educational or scientific institution, such as universities or high schools, as one of the few centres of prosperity of scientific thought. Even though most naturalists were not professional zoologists, their contribution to the scientific research is often expressive. It should also be noted that a large number of natural collections, including entomological collections deposited in natural history museums of the world, were collected by amateur scientists who did not have titles or positions, but with great enthusiasm engaged in scientific research (Ocheretna, 2019 *c*). These statements can be applied to the weighty figure of Kyiv of the 19th century — Johann Heinrich Hochhuth, a botanist-gardener with extreme attraction to work with entomological material and to collect beetles.

Entomological and other zoological collections of natural history museums allow contemporary researchers to obtain a wide range of information about the species of interest, the historical range of the species, the comparison of the structural features, etc. (Suarez, Tsutsui, 2004). Old museum collections are valued not only by entomologists (Ocheretna, 2019 *b*) but also biologists of other specialties, including ichthyologists, palaeontologists (Reznick et al., 1994), and archaeozoologists (Hamilton-Dyer, 2013).

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The study is processing data on the collected specimens of the Cryptophagidae family, which are part of J. H. Hochhuth's collection stored in the National Museum of Natural History, NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv. The author of the article worked on biographical information about the collection's author, as well as all the specimens, and also clarified the identification of the specimens.

Biographical information on Johann Hochhuth

Until recently, information about the researcher was rather incomplete, including absence of it even in B. Mazurmovych's monograph on the milestones of the historical development of zoology in Ukraine (1972), but in 2015 Johann Hochhuth's great-granddaughter published a book containing great deal of information about the researcher's life and work (Hochhuth, 2015). There is also a small essay on J. Hochhuth in the 2012 review on the history of the study of invertebrates in Volhynia (Ivantsiv, Ivantsiv, 2012).

Johann Heinrich Hochhuth (1810–1872) was a talented botanist who made considerable efforts to create the Botanical Garden in Kyiv at St. Volodymyr University (now Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv), and also an entomologist whose collections of beetles of the Kyiv region are stored in the National Museum of Natural History, NAS of Ukraine (Kyiv). His scientific articles, devoted mainly to separate families of the Coleoptera, are still used by modern scientists (Fig. 1).



Nowadays we have a slightly different understanding of the term "gardener" of botanical gardens; earlier, it had to be a person with higher education, with knowledge of the basics of agronomy, breeding and a wide range of knowledge in botany in general. Johann Hochhuth was a scientist having exactly those qualities. He was also a gardener of the Botanical Garden and an entomologist who studied and described beetles of the families Staphylinidae and Curculionidae, and wrote articles on general economic topics in Kyiv journals and newspapers, and taught German at the Second Kyiv Gymnasium (Hochhuth, 2015).

Fig. 1. Johann Heinrich Hochhuth, photo from Wikipedia (CC BY-SA 4.0).

Рис. 1. Йоганн Гайнріх Гохгут, фото з інтернет-ресурсу Вікіпедія (СС ВҮ-SA 4.0).

Johann Heinrich was born in 1811 in Kassel city on the Fulda River (Land of Hessesen). After graduating from high school in his hometown, he studied in Vienna. It should be noted that he studied first at the Faculty of Medicine, and then (due to dislike of the anatomy classes) transferred to the Faculty of Biology at the University of Vienna and Tartu (then Derpt). His future mentor, Rudolf Trautfetter, also did the same dropping medicine and diving headlong into botanical science. Johann Hochhuth was interested in botany, entomology, and taxidermy all his life. Some old skin-mounts made by Johann Heinrich are still probably stored at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Hochhut, 2015). In 1834, he started to work in Kremenets upon Wilibald Besser's invitation, who was director of the Botanical Garden founded in 1806 at the Kremenets Lyceum.

Two years later, in 1836, after A. L. Andrzejewski's report to the University Council, he requested to provide a job of a gardener and, in conjunction, a taxidermist for Johann Heinrich. Thus, Hochhuth came to Kyiv for the first time, where he was dispatched from Kremenets to St. Volodymyr Imperial University of Kyiv. In 1839, he moved to Kyiv permanently and lived there for the rest of his life.

In Kyiv, together with Rudolf Trautfetter, Hochhuth developed the Botanical Garden, wrote his finest faunistic works on different groups of beetles, and also kept his collections (Hochhut, 2015).

During his visit to Kyiv, with the permission of the guardian of the Kyiv Educational District, Johann Heinrich brought to St. Volodymyr Imperial University of Kyiv 132 skin-mounts: 108 hand-stuffed skin-mounts transferred from Hamburg and Vienna, as well as 24 skin-mounts of local species and a bird skeleton.

Johann Heinrich Hochhuth was a member of the Provincial Commission of the Kyiv Educational District (ibid.) and worked in the Botanical Garden of Kyiv University for a long time. In 1850, he was awarded the Gold Medal "For diligent service" (after Nicholas I visited the Botanical Garden in September 1849). During the period of 1849–1873, he published a number of scientific papers, in particular concerning the insect fauna of Ukraine (Hochhuth, 1871, 1872 *a–b*, 1873).

Entomology was greatly admired by Hochhuth despite his work at the Botanical Garden. He described 60 new species and three new genera of weevils (Hochhuth, 1851 *a*), and was also interested in the group Staphylinidae (Hochhuth, 1849; 1851 *b*). He amassed a collection of 485 species of Curculionidae of the Kyiv region (Cherkunov, 1889); three species of this family are named after him: *Otiorhynchus hochhuthi* Marseul, 1872, *Melanobaris hochhuthi* Faust, 1882, and *Phyllobius hochhuthi* Faust, 1883. Together with the entomologist Baron Maximilien de Chaudoir, he prepared several scientific works, including a monograph on the beetles of the Caucasus and Transcaucasia (Chaudoir, Hochhuth, 1846), which remains relevant today, and a later article (Hochhuth, 1847).

Overview of the Coleoptera collection

Johann Heinrich Hochhuth's collection of beetles of the Kyiv region is one of the largest entomological collections (3031 species) described by Mykola Cherkunov (1889). Cherkunov's review contains only a list of beetle names from the collections gathered by J. Hochhuth and Schirmer. Cherkunov's collections, including J. Hochhut's materials, were later transferred to the Pedagogical Museum of Kyiv, and eventually to the National Museum of Natural History, NAS of Ukraine, where they are still preserved as a separate assembly (Zagorodniuk, 2016). Hochhuth's collection of 17 285 specimens is catalogued and listed in a database (O. Martynov, pers. comm.), most of the specimens are stored under the original label names. This collection also contains beetles of the Cryptophagidae family, which are the subject of research by the author of this publication. Therefore, they are given special attention.

There are no details regarding the history of this collection, but it can be assumed that the specimens are stored exactly as they were assembled and defined by J. Hochhuth. Some changes might been made later, but considering the names used, this was before M. Cherkunov's review (1889).

The collection of Cryptophagidae species

Hochhuth's collection of Cryptophagidae includes 214 specimens (Fig. 2 *a*, *b*) belonging to 50 species of 10 genera (Fig. 3). Other 4 species (7 specimens) also included in the collection belong to two groups currently recognised as separate families of the Cucujoidea superfamily — the family Languriidae with two species of the genus *Leucohimatium (L. arundinaceum* (Forskal, 1775) and *L. langii* [Solsky, 1866]) and one species of *Macrophagus (M. robustus* Motschulsky, 1845) and family Corylophidae with one species of the genus *Orthoperus (O. brunnipes* (Gyllenhal, 1808)).

This collection of Cryptophagidae (Tab. 1) was not described before, although some information about its volume was already published (Ocheretna, 2019 *a*). The history of this collection originates from the entomological collections of the Pedagogical Museum in Kyiv (Zagorodniuk, 2016), collected by various scientists, including J. Hochhuth (1871) and ordered and described by M. Cherkunov (1889).

¹ Schirmer was as amateur as J. Hochhuth. According to M. Bilyashivsky, he was a taxidermist at St. Volodymyr Imperial University of Kyiv at the times of K. Kessler.



Fig. 2. *Cryptophagus badius* Sturm, 1845: a — the view of the head and pronotum; b — the original label. Photos by O. Martynov. **Рис. 2.** *Cryptophagus badius* Sturm, 1845: a — вигляд голови та передньоспинки; b — оригінальна етикетка. Фото О. Мартинова.

Fig. 3. General view of part of a box with specimens of Cryptophagidae collected by J. H. Hochhuth in the collections of NMNH (Kyiv).

Рис. 3. Загальний вигляд частини ящика зі зразками жуків родини Cryptophagidae, зібраних Й. Г. Гохгутом, у фондах ННПМ (Київ).

Table. 1. The list of species of Cryptophagidae, Languriidae, and Corylophidae families in Hochhuth's collection of beetles

Таблиця 1. Список видів родин Cryptophagidae, Languriidae, Corylophidae серед колекції твердо-
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No.	Label	Valid name	Number of specimens	Locality and collector	Remarks
1	Anterophagus nigricornis	Anterophagus pallens (Linnaeus, 1758)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
2	Anterophagus pallens	Anterophagus pallens (Linnaeus, 1758)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
3	Anterophagus pallens	Anterophagus pallens (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	Odesa Oblast, Odesa O. Czekanowski	date: unknown Czekan.
4	Antherophagus silaceus	<i>Antherophagus silaceus</i> Herbst, 1792	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
5	Atomaria diluta	<i>Atomaria (Agathengis) diluta</i> Erichson, 1846	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
6	Atomaria fimetarii	Atomaria (Agathengis) fimetarius (Fabricius, 1792)	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
7	Atomaria fimetarii	Atomaria (Agathengis) fimetarius (Fabricius, 1792)	2	[Germany], Berl.[in] Grimm B. von ¹	date: unknown; Grimm, Berl.
8	Atomaria linearis	<i>Atomaria (Agathengis)</i> <i>linearis</i> Stephens, 1830	3	loc. unknown Motschulsky V. ²	date: unknown; Motschul.
9	Atomaria nigriventris	Atomaria (Agathengis) nigriventris Stephens, 1830	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
10	Atomaria umbrina	Atomaria (Agathengis) umbrina (Gyllenhal, 1827)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown

No.	Label	Valid name	Number of specimens	Locality and collector	Remarks
11	Atomaria apicalis	Atomaria (Atomaria) apicalis Erichson, 1846	5	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
12	Atomaria atra	<i>Atomaria (Atomaria) atra</i> Herbst, 1793	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
13	Atomaria atricapilla	<i>Atomaria (Atomaria)</i> <i>atricapilla</i> Stephens, 1830	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
14	Atomaria basalis	<i>Atomaria (Atomaria) basalis</i> Erichson, 1846	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
15	Atomaria fuscata	Atomaria (Atomaria) fuscata (Schonherr, 1808)	7	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
16	Atomaria fuscipes	Atomaria (Atomaria) fuscipes (Gyllenhal, 1808)	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
17	Atomaria gibbula	Atomaria (Atomaria) gibbula subsp. gibbula Erichson, 1846	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
18	Atomaria gravidula	Atomaria (Atomaria) gravidula Erichson, 1846	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
19	Atomaria gravidula	Atomaria (Atomaria) gravidula Erichson, 1846	3	Wien, Austria Wilhelm Gottlieb Rosenhauer	date: unknown Rosh.
20	Atomaria mesomela	Atomaria (Atomaria) mesomela (Herbst, 1792)	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
21	Atomaria munda	Atomaria (Atomaria) munda Erichson, 1846	5	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
22	Atomaria nigripennis	Atomaria (Atomaria) nigri- pennis (Kugelann, 1794)	5	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
23	Atomaria nigripennis	Atomaria (Atomaria) nigri- pennis (Kugelann, 1794)	3	Polonia, Warszawa	date: unknown
24	Atomaria pusilla	Atomaria (Atomaria) pusilla (Paykull, 1798)	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
25	Atomaria pusilla	Atomaria (Atomaria) pusilla (Paykull, 1798)	4	German[y] Christian Wilhelm Lud- wig Eduard Suffrian	date: unknown Suffrian
26	Atomaria ruficornis	<i>Atomaria (Atomaria) testacea</i> Stephens, 1830	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
27	Atomaria testacea	<i>Atomaria (Atomaria)</i> <i>testacea</i> Stephens, 1830	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
28	Atomaria turgida	Atomaria (Atomaria) turgida Erichson, 1846	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
29	Atomaria turgida	Atomaria (Atomaria) turgida Erichson, 1846	1	Germany, Sax. alp. Kiesn.	date: unknown
30	Atomaria unifasciata	Atomaria (Atomaria) unifasciata Erichson, 1846	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
31	Atomaria unifasciata	Atomaria (Atomaria) unifasciata Erichson, 1846	3	Wien, Austria Kiesn.	date: unknown
32	Atomaria versicolor	Atomaria (Atomaria) versicolor Erichson, 1846	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
33	Cryptophagus acutangulus	<i>Cryptophagus acutangulus</i> Gyllenhal, 1828	4	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
34	Cryptophagus affinis	<i>Cryptophagus laticollis</i> P.H.Lucas, 1846	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
35	Cryptophagus badius	<i>Cryptophagus badius</i> Sturm, 1845	4	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
36	Cryptophagus bicolor	<i>Cryptophagus scutellatus</i> Newman, 1834	8	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
37	Cryptophagus bimaculatus	Micrambe (Micrambinus) bimaculata (Panzer, 1798)	4	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
38	Cryptophagus cellaris	<i>Cryptophagus cellaris</i> (Scopoli, 1763)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
39	Cryptophagus dentatus	<i>Cryptophagus dentatus</i> (Herbst, 1793)	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
40	Cryptophagus dentatus	<i>Cryptophagus dent atus</i> (Herbst, 1793)	1	Germany, Berlin Grimm B. von ¹	date: unknown; Grimm, Berl.
41	Cryptophagus distinguendus	<i>Cryptophagus distinguendus</i> Sturm, 1845	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown

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42	Cryptophagus fumatus	<i>Cryptophagus dentatus</i> (Herbst, 1793)	4	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
43	Cryptophagus fumatus	<i>Cryptophagus dentatus</i> (Herbst, 1793)	2	[Volyn Oblast?] Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown Volhyn.
44	Cryptophagus fuscicornis	<i>Cryptophagus fuscicornis</i> Sturm, 1845	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
45	Cryptophagus labilis	<i>Cryptophagus labilis</i> Erichson, 1846	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
46	Cryptophagus sp.	<i>Cryptophagus laticollis</i> P. H. Lucas, 1846	1	[Russian Federation?], Kazan Ballion E. von ³	date: unknown Ballion, Kazan id. K. Ocheretna
47	Cryptophagus lycoperdi	<i>Cryptophagus lycoperdi</i> (Scopoli, 1763)	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
48	Cryptophagus pilosus	<i>Cryptophagus pilosus</i> Gyllenhal, 1827	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
49	Cryptophagus populi	<i>Cryptophagus populi</i> Paykull, 1800	4	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
50	Cryptophagus pubescens	<i>Cryptophagus pubescens</i> Sturm, 1845	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
51	Cryptophagus saginatus	<i>Cryptophagus saginatus</i> Sturm, 1845	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
52	Cryptophagus saginatus	<i>Cryptophagus saginatus</i> Sturm, 1845	4	[Germany], Berl.[in] Christian Wilhelm Lud- wig Eduard Suffrian	date: unknown Suffrian
53	Cryptophagus saginatus	<i>Cryptophagus saginatus</i> Sturm, 1845	1	[Germany], Baw.[aria] Wilhelm Gottlieb Rosenhauer	date: unknown Rosh.
54	Cryptophagus scanicus	<i>Cryptophagus scanicus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
55	Cryptophagus schmidti	<i>Cryptophagus schmidti</i> Sturm, 1845	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
56	Cryptophagus setulosus	<i>Cryptophagus setulosus</i> Sturm, 1845	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
57	Cryptophagus vini	<i>Micrambe ulicis</i> (Stephens, 1830)	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
58	Ephistemus exiguus	<i>Curelius exiguus</i> (Erichson, 1846)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
59	Ephistemus exiguus	<i>Curelius exiguus</i> (Erichson, 1846)	7	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
60	Ephistemus gyrinoides	<i>Ephistemus globulus</i> (Paykull, 1798)	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
61	Ephistemus gyrinoides var. dimidiatus	Ephistemus globulus (Paykull, 1798)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
62	Ephistemus gyrinoides var. dimidiatus	<i>Ephistemus globulus</i> (Paykull, 1798)	2	German[y] Christian Wilhelm Lud- wig Eduard Suffrian	date: unknown Suffrian
63	Ephistemus globulus	<i>Ephistemus globulus</i> (Paykull, 1798)	6	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
64	Paramecosoma abietis	<i>Micrambe abietis</i> (Paykull, 1798)	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown under Form.acerd.
65	Paramecosoma serratum	Henoticus serratus (Gyllenhal, 1808)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
66	Paramecosoma serratum	Henoticus serratus (Gyllenhal, 1808)	2	Fennia [Finland] mer Mähl	date: unknown
67	Paramecosoma melanocephalum	Paramecosoma melanoce- phalum (Herbst, 1793)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
68	Emphylus glaber	Spavius glaber (Gyllenhal, 1808)	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown
69	Emphylus glaber	Spavius glaber (Gyllenhal, 1808)	2	[Germany], Berl.[in] Grimm B. von ¹	date: unknown; Grimm, Berl.
70	Telmatophilus caricis	<i>Telmatophilus caricis</i> (Olivier, 1790)	1	reg. unknown O. Czekanowski	date: unknown Czekan. Pod A.
71	Telmatophilus caricis	<i>Telmatophilus caricis</i> (Olivier, 1790)	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown

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72	Telmatophilus typhae	<i>Telmatophilus typhae</i> (Fallen, 1802)	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown	
Lang	Languriidae					
73	Leucohimatium elongatum	Leucohimatium arundinaceum (Forskal, 1775)	1	reg. unknown Kiesn.[er?]	date: unknown Actol	
74	Paramecosoma langii	Leucohimatium langii (Solsky, 1866)	1	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown	
75	Haplolophus robustus	<i>Macrophagus robustus</i> Motschulsky, 1845	2	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown	
Corylophidae						
76	Ephistemus nigriclavis	Orthoperus brunnipes (Gyllenhal, 1808)	3	Kyiv Oblast, Kyiv Hochhuth J. H.	date: unknown	

The collection contains specimens mainly from the Kyiv region from the middle of the 19th century. In addition to J. Hochhuth's own collections (180 specimens), it contains specimens collected by other entomologists, including W. Rosengauer (Austria and Germany: 4 spec., 2 species), K. Suffrian (Germany: 10 spec., 3 species), E. Ballion (Russia: 1 spec., 1 species), B. Grimm (Germany: 5 spec., 3 species), O. Czekanowski (Ukraine: 2 spec., 2 species), and others.

In general, the collection includes three unique species that are not represented in any other Ukrainian entomological collections examined by the author (Ocheretna, 2019 *a*). These species are *Atomaria basalis* Erichson, 1846 (2 spec.), *A. versicolor* Erichson, 1846 (1 spec.), and *Cryptophagus labilis* Erichson, 1846 (1 spec.). All specimens were collected in Kyiv. It should be also noted that after J. Hochhuth these species did not occur in the collections of natural history museums and in the author's own collections from the territory of Ukraine.

The significance of the collection

The collection is extremely valuable and important for the study of morphological features of individual species of the family in comparison with modern specimens, as well as for the accumulation of data on changes of the Cryptophagidae fauna in Ukraine. Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of the specimens do not contain the date of collection on the labels, and we only know about the approximate period of collecting (often the researcher's years of work, not exactly). Nevertheless, the value of the specimens is undoubted, since, given the present, such accuracy of dating is sufficient.

The collection is also important for studying the history of formation of modern large zoological collections, particularly because it passed a difficult way from J. Hochhuth to M. Cherkunov's collection, then to the natural history collection of the Pedagogical Museum and, finally, to the collections of the National Museum of Natural History, NAS of Ukraine.

The materials of this collection (taking into account the re-identifications and ordering the nomenclature to modern standards) represent an important and complete set of Cryptophagidae species that occurred in the territory of Kyiv and Kyiv region in the middle of the 19th century.

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