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New records of Heteroptera from the Canary Islands (Spain),
XIII

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Abstract: The first record of *Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae) on the island of El Hierro (Canary Islands, Spain) is reported. This is the first record of the species in the Canary archipelago. Furthermore, the first record of *Leptopus hispanus* Rambur, 1840 (Heteroptera: Leptopodidae) on the island of La Palma is reported. The distribution of *L. hispanus* in the archipelago is summarised and discussed.

Key words: Heteroptera, Leptopodidae, Pyrrhocoridae, *Leptopus hispanus*, *Pyrrhocoris apterus*, new records, distribution, El Hierro, La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain.

Resumen: Nuevas citas de Heteroptera de las Islas Canarias (España), XIII. Se presenta la primera cita de *Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae) en la isla de El Hierro (Islas Canarias, España). Ésta es la primera cita de la especie en el archipiélago canario. Además, se presenta la primera cita de *Leptopus hispanus* Rambur, 1840 (Heteroptera: Leptopodidae) en la isla de La Palma. Se resume y discute la distribución de *L. hispanus* en el archipiélago.

Palabras clave: Heteroptera, Leptopodidae, Pyrrhocoridae, *Leptopus hispanus*, *Pyrrhocoris apterus*, nuevas citas, distribución, El Hierro, La Palma, Islas Canarias, España.

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So far, *Leptopus hispanus* Rambur, 1840 (Heteroptera: Leptopodidae) has been reported as present on the Canary islands of Tenerife and Gran Canaria (Spain) (BAENA & VÁZQUEZ, 1985; HEISS & BÁEZ, 1990; AUKEMA *et al.*, 2006, 2013; ROCA-CUSACHS *et al.*, 2020).

Regarding the presence of *L. hispanus* on the island of Gran Canaria there seem to be doubts: In the online database Banco de Datos de Biodiversidad de Canarias it is currently mentioned as "Doubtful, equivocal presence or extinction" (GOBIERNO DE CANARIAS, 2024). This should be checked.

Now, the island of La Palma can be added to the list of the distribution of *L. hispanus* in the Canary archipelago: On 26-06-2024, an adult specimen (Fig. 1) was found near the camping area visitor centre in the Parque Nacional de la Caldera de Taburiente. Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).



The Palaearctic species *Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae) was erroneously reported for the Canary Islands before (AUKEMA, 2024). Now, the first verifiable record of the species in the archipelago can be reported: On 24-07-2024, a macropterous adult specimen of *P. apterus* (Fig. 2) was found in the village of San Andrés on the island of El Hierro. Two photographs of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

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Fig. 1. - Specimen of *Leptopus hispanus* Rambur, 1840 (Heteroptera: Leptopodidae), Parque Nacional de la Caldera de Taburiente, La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain. (Photo: Loïs Rancilhac).



Fig. 2. - Specimen of *Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae), San Andrés, El Hierro, Canary Islands, Spain. (Photo: Kilian Padrón Castañeda).