

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

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**Abstract:** The first record of *Zelus renardii* Kolenati, 1857 (Heteroptera: Reduviidae) on the island of La Gomera (Canary Islands, Spain) is presented. The known distribution of the species in the Canary archipelago is summarised.

**Key words:** Heteroptera, Reduviidae, *Zelus renardii*, invasive species, first record, distribution, La Gomera, Canary Islands, Spain.

**Resumen:** Nuevas citas de Heteroptera de las Islas Canarias (España), XVII. Se presenta la primera cita de *Zelus renardii* Kolenati, 1857 (Heteroptera: Reduviidae) en la isla de La Gomera (Islas Canarias, España). Se resume la distribución conocida de la especie en el archipiélago canario.

**Palabras clave:** Heteroptera, Reduviidae, *Zelus renardii*, especie invasora, primera cita, distribución, La Gomera, Islas Canarias, España.

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So far, the invasive Nearctic assassin bug species *Zelus renardii* Kolenati, 1857 (Heteroptera: Reduviidae) has been reported from the following islands of the Canary archipelago (Spain): Tenerife (BAENA & SANTOS, 2021; VAN DER HEYDEN, 2022), Lanzarote (VAN DER HEYDEN, 2023a), Fuerteventura (VAN DER HEYDEN, 2023b) and Gran Canaria (VAN DER HEYDEN, 2023c).

Herein, the first record of *Z. renardii* on the island of La Gomera is presented: On 01-03-2025, an adult specimen (Fig. 1) was found in Tecina (coordinates: 28.0347639508, -17.1875558048), located in the municipality of Alajeró at the southern coast of the island. Five related photos were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

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**Fig. 1.-** Adult specimen of *Zelus renardii* Kolenati, 1857, Tecina, La Gomera, Canary Islands, Spain. (Photo: Carlos Gopar Hernández).