

Elodes pseudominuta (Coleoptera: Scirtidae) in the Faroe Islands

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Úrtak

Klukkan *Elodes pseudominuta* er skrásett fyrri fyrstu ferð í Føroyum. Helst er tað so, at skrásetingar í Føroyum av klukkuni *Elodes minuta* av røttum áttu at verið *E. pseudominuta*

Abstract

The Marsh Beetle *Elodes pseudominuta*, has been recorded for the first time in the Faroes. It is likely that previous records of *Elodes minuta* from the Faroes have been based on *E. pseudominuta*.

Elodes minuta

Foster and Hansen reviewed wetland Coleoptera from the Faroes in 2004 (Foster and Hansen, 2004). It was noted that *Elodes minuta* (Linnaeus, 1767) had been noted several times from the Faroes: Hansen (1881) noted *Helodes minuta*, mainly collected in 1863-1868 by Dr A. Bergh. Mjöberg (1917) recorded four specimens from Trongisvágur, Suðuroy, in 1915, and one individual in Hestur in 1902. West (1930) noted occurrence in streams on Suðuroy and Streymoy, possibly

mainly as larvae, though this is not entirely clear.

Elodes pseudominuta

An *Elodes* larva was found in an exposed grassy ditch in Klovin, Vágur on 7 June 2004, but being a larva it could not be identified, and rearing it to the adult stage failed. An adult *Elodes* was found in a spring at Dysjar, Vágur in 2004; unfortunately it was not identifiable to species with certainty, being female. An adult male *Elodes* was found at Middalur, Viðoy on 25 June 2008 by JH, and it was identified by GNF using photographs of the genitalia as *Elodes pseudominuta* Klausnitzer, 1917. Another adult male of *pseudominuta* was recorded from Kaldbaksfjørður, Streymoy on 30 June 2009. Klausnitzer (2009) records *E. pseudominuta* from Austria, Belarus, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey. It is also known



Fig. 1. *Elodes pseudominuta*

from the Republic of Ireland (Foster *et al.* 2009). The distribution is poorly known in the British Isles but it seems likely that *E. pseudominuta* has a more northerly distribution than other *Elodes* species. For example there are records of *pseudominuta* from the islands of Raasay, Rum, Shetland and St. Kilda, whereas there are no reliable records from Scottish islands for the other *Elodes* species.



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Fig. 2. *Elodes pseudominuta* identification feature