

Short communication

ON THE PRESENCE OF *BRACHYNEMA GERMARII* (KOLENATI, 1846) (HEMIPTERA: HETEROPTERA: PENTATOMIDAE) IN MALTA

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Abstract

The presence of *Brachynema germarii* (Kolenati, 1846) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) in Malta is reported. The European distribution of the species is summarized, and additional information on the occurrence of the genus *Brachynema* Mulsant & Rey, 1852 in Malta is given.

KEYWORDS: *Brachynema germarii*, distribution, new record, Haż-Żabbar, Malta, Europe

So far, *Brachynema germarii* (Kolenati, 1846) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) has been reported from the following European countries: Cyprus, France, Greece (including Crete), Italy, Portugal, Russia, Spain (including the Canary Islands) and Ukraine (Aukema, 2026).

Herein, the presence of *B. germarii* in Malta is reported: on 22.08.2026, an adult specimen (Fig. 1) was found in the city of Haż-Żabbar, located in the southeastern part of the island: "I found it on a wall next to the Haż-Żabbar playground at 6pm on August 22nd, it was attracted to the light next to the wall it was on." (Timothy Sant, pers. comm.). Two photos of the specimen were uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (Sant, 2026).



Figure 1. Specimen of *Brachynema germarii* (Kolenati, 1846), Haż-Żabbar, Malta, 22.08.2026. (Photo: Timothy Sant).

Brachynema germarii is the second species of the genus *Brachynema* Mulsant & Rey, 1852 present on the island of Malta, where *Brachynema cinctum* (Fabricius, 1775) was previously reported (Cuesta Segura *et al.*, 2010; Carapezza & Mifsud, 2015).

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Извод

Пријављује се присуство врсте *Brachynema germarii* (Kolenati, 1846) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) на Малти. Дат је преглед распрострањења ове врсте у Европи, као и додатни подаци о присуству рода *Brachynema* Mulsant & Rey, 1852 на Малти.

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