

FIRST RECORD OF THE TAWNY MINING BEE (*ANDRENA FULVA* (MÜLLER, 1766)) (HYMENOPTERA: ANDRENIDAE) IN BELARUS

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Introduction

To date, 1607 species of the genus *Andrena* have been described in the world fauna (Ascher & Pickering 2022). In the Palaearctic region, the genus *Andrena* consists of about 950 species (Gusenleitner & Schwarz, 2002; Gusenleitner *et al.*, 2005). The scientific literature indicates 81 species of bees belonging to the genus *Andrena* described for Belarus (Prishchepchik, 2000; Khvir, 2010; Ostrovsky, 2018; Prishchepchik *et al.*, 2018; Khvir, 2020; Ascher & Pickering, 2022).

Species of the genus *Andrena* are essential pollinators of wild and cultivated plants (Marikovskaya, 1982; Prishchepchik *et al.*, 2018). Due to changes in the regional climate, new bee species may enter the territory of Belarus. The study of the features of their biology and ecology is a priority.

Material and Methods

The imago (♀) was collected on 10 05 2021 in Tyukhinichi ag., Lesnaya str., Brest region (N52.157289, E23.664554) on flowers of *Ribes rubrum* L., by A.V. Sinchuk. The photo was made in the Department of Zoology of the Faculty of Biology of the Belarusian State University using Optec SZ780 trinocular stereomicroscope and a Canon 1100d SLR camera installed on it. HeliconRemote software was used to get the images from the microscope. HeliconFocusLite was used to process some pictures and get a sharp resolution of specific objects. The species was identified by imago (Falk & Lewington, 2018; Lazauskaitė *et al.*, 2021). The specimen is deposited in the private collection of A. Sinchuk.

Results

One female bee *Andrena fulva* (Müller, 1766) was caught on flowers of *Ribes rubrum* L. The bee has thick reddish-red setae covering the dorsal surface of the chest and abdomen (Fig. 1: A, B). The rest of the body is covered with black setae. The bee's head is black (Fig. 1: C, D). There is a tooth at the base of the mandibles (Fig. 1: D).

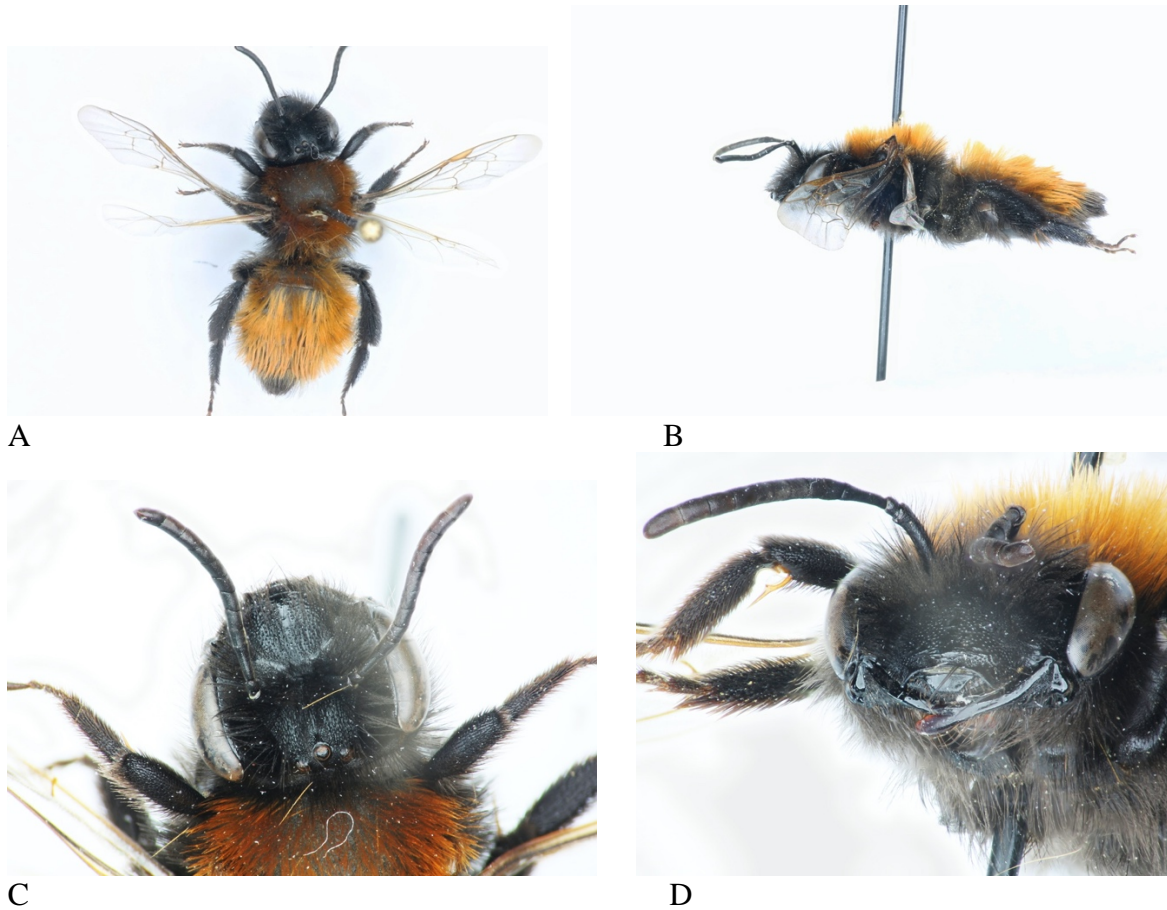


Fig. 1. Female *Andrena fulva* (Müller, 1766): (A) top view; (B) side view; (C) head top view; (D) head front view (Photo: A.V. Sinchuk), Tyukhinichi ag. (Brest region), Belarus

In the natural conditions, it is noted that polylectic bees forage on *Ranunculus (ficaria?)*, *Alliaria petiolata*, *Acer campestre*, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Ilex aquifolium*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Ribes grossularia*, *Melandrium* sp., *Fagus* sp., *Quercus* sp., *Salix* sp., *Viburnum lantana*, *Prunus spinosa*, *Prunus avium*, *Prunus cultivars* (Chambers, 1968), *Prunus cerasifera* (Lazauskaitė *et al.*, 2021), *Ribes rubrum* (Gogala, 2011).

Discussion

Andrena fulva is widespread in western and central Europe. In addition, this species of bee is found in Northern and Southern Europe, as well as in the Balkans, Turkey, the Caucasus, the Urals and Siberia. The species was recorded in the Kaliningrad region and Poland, it was not noted for Belarus and Latvia (Rasmont *et al.*, 2013; Ascher & Pickering, 2020; Tomozei, 2014; Proshchalykin *et al.*, 2017). *A. fulva* was discovered for the first time in Lithuania in 2021 (Lazauskaitė *et al.*, 2021). It is assumed that this species is expanding its range due to regional climate changes. The Brest region in Belarus is distinguished by its mild climate, which allows new species from central and southern Europe to spread in the country.

As a result of the research, a female *Andrena fulva* (Müller, 1766) was noted for the first time for the fauna of Belarus. Currently, according to published data, 82 species of bees of the genus *Andrena* are registered in the fauna of Belarus.

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Pirmasis bitės *Andrena fulva* (Müller, 1766) (Hymenoptera: Andrenidae) stebėjimas Baltarusijoje

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Pateikiami duomenys apie pirmą kartą Baltarusijoje stebėtą rūdžiagaurę smėliabitę (*Andrena fulva* (Müller, 1766)), kuri lankė raudonojo serbento *Ribes rubrum* L. žiedus. Šiuo metu Baltarusijoje žinomos 82 *Andrena* genties smėliabičių rūšys.

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