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CORTICOLOUS MITES; NEW AND UNRECORDED SPECIES OF THE GENUS TYDEUS (ACARI : PROSTIGMATA : TYDEIDAE) AND A KEY TO SPECIES OF SOUTHERN SWEDEN

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SUMMARY: Four species of the genus Tydeus are described and illustrated as new to science. T. ivoensis n.sp. and T. filiformis n.sp. were collected from moss layer on the soil surface; T. paravarsoviensis n.sp. and T. penicillatus n.sp. from lichens on twigs found on the soil surface. Paralorryia insignia Livshitz, 1973, P. carya Baker, 1968, Lorryia funki Baker, 1968 and L. polygonata Kulczycki, 1992 are all transferred to the genus Tydeus on the grounds of leg chaetotaxy. The female of T. funki is redescribed, based on the holotype, and a male, collected from Sweden, is described for the first time. The female of T. carya is described for the first time. Eight species are reported as new to Sweden. A key to adults of the twenty-four Tydeus species so far known in Southern Sweden is given.

INTRODUCTION

The foraging habits of these small mites, ranging from 150 μm to 400 μm, are most often unknown (ANDRÉ 1986).

In a previous report on tydeid mites in southern Sweden (MOMEN & LUNDQVIST 1995), six species of the genus Tydeus were described as new to science. Here we describe another four and present a key to all twenty-four species that are so far known to Sweden.

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METHODS

The mites were extracted with Berlese funnels and mounted individually on microscopic slides in a gum-chloral hydrate medium. Measurements are given either as minimum-maximum lengths, or as means based on 2-8 individuals.

We follow the generic concept of ANDRÉ (1980, 1981 a, b), although we are aware of the criticism that his work has meet due to incongruity with the Code of Zoological Nomenclature (KAZMIERSKI 1989). The reason for us to do so is this: we are of the opinion that the family Tydeidae is in need of a total revision, based on sound cladistic methods. Until such a revision is carried out we think it is better to retain one, though defective, system. This is preferable to trying to mend the system in small steps, which may add even more confusion to the present situation.

Holotypes are deposited in the collection of the Zoological Museum, Lund University [ZML]. Paratypes, when at hand, are deposited at the Natural History Museum, London [BMNH], and the National Research Centre Plant Protection Department, Cairo, Egypt [NRCE]. The distribution of para types between collections is listed for each new species. The slide number of the typ~series is engraved with a diamond on each slide.

LOCALITIES

Mites were collected from the following localities:

1. Alnar~ Agricultural University, 6 km N Malmö (N 55° 32'; E 13° 04').
2. Dörröd, 5 km WSW Genarp (N 55° 35'; E 13° 29'). Old hollow trees, Salix fragilis, along the road.
3. Ivöklack, IVs, 20 km NE Kristianstad (N 56° 08'; E 14° 24'). Old, abandoned limestone quarry. Calcareous, but water permeable, dry soil.
4. Lahbiagrottan, Kullaberg, 13 km N Höganan (N 56° 18'; E 12° 27'). Sparse vegetation of Pinus sp., Prunus spinosa, Quercus robur, and Euonymus europea on the stony south-facing slope of a cliff that juts out into the Kattegat sea.
5. Linnebjer, 7 km ENE Lund (N 55° 44'; E 13° 18'). Mixed forest, bushes (Corylus avellana, Crataegus oxyccante) and tall deciduous trees (Betula pubescens, Quercus robur, Sorbus aucuparia, Tilia cordata).
6. Norrekä, 1.5 km S Skillinge (N 55° 28'; E 14° 17'). Planted coniferous (Pinus sp.) forest of moderate height, 10-15 m, close to the sea-shore. Bushes of Populus tremula, Rosa sp., Sambucus nigra, S. race-mosa, Sorbus aucuparia, S. intermedia.
7. Prästtorpsjön, 7 km N Höör (N 55° 59'; E 13° 34'). Deciduous forest. Tall trees of Quercus robur and Fagus sylvatica.
8. Stensoffa, 16 km E Lund (N 55° 42'; E 13° 26'). Mixed forest, bushes and trees of moderate height, Acer platanoides, Tilia cordata, Fagus sylvatica, Betula pubescens, Quercus robur.
9. Södra Åreda, 11 km E Växjö (N 56° 54'; E 14° 59'). Dense coniferous forest of Picea abies mixed with single deciduous trees of Fagus silvatica and Sorbus aucuparia. Thick moss layer.
10. Vomb, 23 km E Lund (N 55° 41'; E 13° 33'). Coniferous forest, with Pinus silvatica of moderate height. Sparse ground vegetation of grasses, with many lichens (Cladonia sp.).

SUBFAMILY TYDEINAE

Genus Tydeus Koch, 1835, sensu André, 1980

Type species: Tydeus kochi Oudemans, 1928, by subsequent designation of Baker and Wharton, 1952.

ANDRÉ (1980) defined his new genus Orthotydeus in such a way that it included T. kochi and treated the name Tydeus as a junior synonym to the new genus. KAZMIERSKI (1989) suggested the following synonymies:

Lorryia Oudemans, 1925 (type species: Lorryia superba Oudemans, 1925) syn.: Tydeus kochi, 1835 sensu André, 1980.


Tydeus kochi, 1835 (type species: Tydeus kochi Oudemans, 1928) syn.: Orthotydeus André, 1980.

However, there may be other, perhaps simpler, ways to handle the problem with the identification of the three genera and their type species, e.g. giving them sub-generic rank in the genus Tydeus Koch, 1835. For the time being, with the motivation given
under METHODS, we use the name Tydeus as ANDRÉ (1980) suggested.

The genus Tydeus is characterised by: Prodorsum recurved. Opisthosoma: dorsal chaetotaxy: 10 (l2 and h1 missing); porodotaxy: 3; genital organotaxy (0-4-6-4), anterior eugenital flap of males (when known) with three pairs of setae, posterior eugenital flap with a single pair of setae; epimeral formulae: (3-1-4-2); leg setal patterns: I posterior eugenital flap with a single pair of setae; Reticulated area: organotaxy (0,4-6-4), anterior eugenital flap of males (when known) with three pairs of setae, 8(1)-4-3-3-1; 11 6(1)-2-2-3-0; Ill 5-2-1-2-1; IV 5-2-1-1-0.

KEY TO ADULTS OF THE GENUS Tydeus in Southern Sweden

Glossary:

Reticulation: the striation forms cells (Fig. 1) that are connected to each other by cross-ties (Fig. 7).

Reticulated area: distinct sector with reticulation surrounded by non-cell forming striation (Fig. 48).

Reticulated elements: single cells or loose units of few cells (Fig. 19).

1. Dorsum completely reticulated or divided into 6-20 discrete sections. 2
   - small reticulated area or a few reticulated elements anteriorly on prodorsum or without reticulation on anterior part of prodorsum. 12
2. Dorsum uniformly reticulated, without discrete sections. 3
   - dorsum divided into discrete sections. 7
3. Trichobothrium flagellate; smooth; dorsal body setae either 1) broadly expanded and smooth or 2) blunt distally, ornamented or sparsely serrated. 4
   - trichobothrium blunt distally, faintly serrate; dorsal body setae long and sparsely serrate. 6
4. Dorsal body setae broadly expanded, smooth. 7
   - dorsal body setae blunt distally; ornamented or sparsely serrate. 5
5. Dorsal body setae ornamented; palp tarsus shorter than moveable digit of chelicera; terminal eupathidium on palp thick. 6
   - dorsal body setae sparsely serrate; palptarsus as long as moveable digit of chelicera; terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate. 7
6. Dorsal body setae long (25-33 μm); terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate; setae k on tibia I divided. 6

   dorsal body setae very long (44-48 μm); terminal eupathidium on palp and seta k on tibia I simple. 7
7. Reticulated pattern of dorsum divided into 6, 9, 13 or 28 sections; most dorsal body setae lanceolate, smooth or serrate and curved. 8
   - reticulated pattern of dorsum divided into 7 or 8 sections; dorsal body setae simple or rodlike, smooth. 11
8. Trichobothrium rodlike; dorsal setae h2 blunt and expanded distally; reticulate pattern of dorsum divided into 6 sections. 9
   - trichobothrium flagellate; dorsal setae h2 lanceolate, tapering distally; reticulate pattern of dorsum divided into 9, 13, or 28 sections. 9
9. Dorsum with 9 reticulated sections, dorsal body setae smooth. 10
   - dorum with 13 or 28 reticulated sections, dorsal body setae serrate. 10
10. Dorsum with 13 reticulated sections; moveable digit of chelicera 2 times longer than palptarsus. 10
    - dorum with >20 reticulated sections; moveable digit of chelicera about the same length as palptarsus. 10
11. Dorsum with 8 reticulated sections; dorsal body setae rodlike. 10
    - T. polygonata (Kulczycki), 1992
    - dorum with 7 reticulated sections; dorsal body setae simple and blunt distally. 10
    - T. danuta (Kazmierski), 1978
12. Without reticulated area on anterior part of prodorsum. 10
    - small reticulated area or a few reticulated elements on anterior part of prodorsum. 10
13. Striation between setae d4 longitudinal. 14
    - striation between setae d4 transverse. 16
14. Striation between setae d4 and d4 longitudinal. 10
    - T. maga (Kuznetsov), 1973
    - striation between setae d3 and d4 transverse. 15
15. Setae p1 and p2 simple, smooth; terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate; palptarsus as long as moveable digit of chelicera. T. penicillatus n.sp.
    - setae p1 and p2 serrate; terminal eupathidium on palp thick and elongate; moveable digit of chelicera 1.5 times as long as palptarsus. T. carya (Baker), 1968
16. Dorsal body setae simple, smooth; seta d on palp divided. T. unguis Karg, 1975
    - dorsal body setae faintly serrate; seta d on palp simple. 17
17. Dorsal setae d4, d5, l4, and l5 long (26-30 μm);
moveable digit of chelicera shorter than palpatarsus
— dorsal setae $d_1$, $d_2$, $l_3$, and $l_4$ short (14-17 μm); moveable digit of chelicera longer than palpatarsus
T. obstinatus Livshitz, 1973
— dorsal setae $d_1$, $d_2$, $l_3$, and $l_4$ short (14-17 μm); moveable digit of chelicera longer than palpatarsus
T. jaculus Kuznetsov, 1973

18. Distinct reticulated area on anterior part of prodorsum
— at most a few reticulated elements on anterior part of prodorsum

19. Dorsal body setae lanceolate, strongly serrate, curved; terminal eupathidium on palp thick, elongate
— dorsal body setae 1) aciculate and smooth or 2) simple, faintly serrate; terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate

20. Dorsal body setae pointed distally
— dorsal body setae blunt distally

21. Dorsal body setae aciculate, nude; seta
20. Dorsal body setae simple, faintly serrate; seta

22. Dorsal body setae aciculate, nude; seta
20. Dorsal body setae lanceolate, strongly serrate, curved; terminal eupathidium on palp thick, elongate
— terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate

23. Striae with round lobes; moveable digit of chelicera relatively short; terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate, seta $d$ divided
— dorsal body setae 1) aciculate and smooth or 2) simple, faintly serrate; terminal eupathidium on palp bidentate

24. Striae with transverse lobes; moveable digit of chelicera long; terminal eupathidium on palp thick, elongate, seta $d$ simple

Tydeus ivoensis n.sp.
(Figs 1-9)

ADULT FEMALE (Fig. 1). Dorsum 375-388 μm; width 273-285 μm, completely reticulated, without distinct areas except a small area around seta $p_3$; mesh of reticulation irregular, lines with I and Y-shaped cross-ties (Fig. 7). Dorsal setae strong, blunt distally, smooth, with delicate ornamentation, which is visible only under high magnification (1000 x); trichobothrium simple and filiform; seta $h_2$ situated ventrally.

Setal measurements: $p_1$ and $p_2$ subequal 22 μm; $p_3$, $d_1$ and $d_2$ subequal 26 μm; $s$ 80 μm; $d_3$ $d_4$ and $d_5$ subequal 29 μm; $l_1$ 26 μm; $l_4$ 30 μm; $l_5$ 27 μm; $h_2$ 19 μm; $ps$ 16 μm.

Ventrally striation replaces reticulation; posterior of venter reticulated to setae $ps$.

All legs possess two claws and an empodial hook (Figs 2-5). Solenidion on tarsus I slender and long (9 μm). Solenidion on tarsus II short (4 μm). Seta $k$ on tibia I forked (Figs 2-3). Individual variability of leg chaetotaxy has been recorded in this species (Momen & Lundqvist 1993).

Gnathosoma completely covered dorsally by anterior projection of prodorsum. Setal pattern of palpus 6(1)-2-2; terminal eupathidium thick, seta $d$ divided; solenidion on palp long (4 μm) (Fig. 6). Moveable digit of chelicera (15 μm) longer than palpatarsus (10 μm).

Aggential and genital setae setiform (Fig. 9).

ADULT MALE. Similar to female except genital area. Setae on eugenital flaps feathered (Fig. 8).

TYPE DATA. Holotype, female, slide no. 5520, October 29, 1991. Allotype, male, slide no.5777, May 20, 1992, 3 females paratypes, October 29, 1991, 9 females and 1 male paratypes, May 20, 1992: Ivökläck, Ivö (Loc. 3); ex moss on soil surface, leg. Lundqvist. Distribution of paratypes: 5 females, 1 male [ZML], 3 females, 1 male [BMNH], 4 females [NRCE].

ETYMOLOGY. The species name is derived from the type locality.

REMARKS. Tydeus ivoensis n.sp. is distinct in having strong, ornamented dorsal setae, reticulation irregular in shape and short palpatarsus with long solenidion. This combination of characters separates the species from all congeners.

Tydeus paravarsoviensis n.sp.
(Figs 10-18)

ADULT FEMALE (Fig. 10). Length of body 294-305 μm; width 195-206 μm. Dorsum with three rosette-like areas marking muscle attachments between setae $d_1$ and $d_2$, $d_2$ and $d_3$. Dorsum completely reticulated; lines of dorsal reticulation with Y, I and X-shaped cross-ties (Fig. 16). Dorsal setae strong, blunt and sparsely serrate, except trichobothrium which is filiform and smooth.
Fig. 1-9: *Tydeus ivoensis* n.sp.

Fig. 10: *Tydeus paravarsoviensis* n.sp. Dorsal view. Adult female
Setal measurements: $p_1$ and $p_3$ subequal 22 $\mu$m; $p_2$ 20 $\mu$m; $s$ 63 $\mu$m; $dl$-$d_5$ and $l_1$-$l_5$ subequal 20 $\mu$m; $h_2$ and $ps$ subequal 15 $\mu$m.

Ventrally striation replaces reticulation.

Each apotele with two claws and an empodium. Empodia without claws (Figs 11-14). Solenidion on tarsus I slender, long (7 $\mu$m). Seta $k$ on tibia I forked (Fig. 11).

Setal pattern of palpus: 6(1)-2-2; terminal eupathidium bidentate distally, whereas seta $d$ divided and seta $ba$ short and slender (Fig. 15). Moveable digit of chelicera as long as palptarsus (18 $\mu$m). Aggenital and genital setae setiform (Fig. 18).

ADULT MALE. Similar to female except genital area (Fig. 17).
**Type Data.** Holotype, female, slide no. 5638; allotype, male, slide no. 5639; 1 female and 4 males paratypes: Vomb (Loc. 10), ex lichens on pine twigs on ground, collected April 28, 1992, 4 females, 8 males, paratypes: same loc., same date, ex moss on soil surface; leg. LUNDQVIST; 1 female paratype, Stensoffa (Loc. 8), ex bark of dead branch, collected May 6, 1992; leg. LUNDQVIST, 1 male, paratype: Kullaberg (Loc. 4), ex bark of dead tree, *Pinus* sp., collected May 14, 1992; leg. LUNDQVIST. Distribution of paratypes: 2 females, 6 males [ZML], 2 females, 4 males [BM(NH)], 2 females, 4 males [NRCE].

**ETYMOLOGY.** Because of the similarity to *Lorryia varsoviensis* Kazmierski, the species is named *para-varsoviensis* (para, Lat. = alike).

**REMARKS.** The species is closely related to *Lorryia varsoviensis* Kazmierski, 1979, collected in Poland. It differs from the latter by having most of the meshes of reticulum between the trichobothria longitudinally elongate rather than all meshes as long as broad in that area as in *L. varsoviensis*. It can be separated also by having seta *k* on tibia I forked, eupathidium on palp bidentate distally and seta *d* on palp tarsus forked, opposed to having seta *k* on tibia I, eupathidium on palp tarsus and seta *d* on palp all simple as in *L. varsoviensis*.

*Tydeus filiformis* n.sp.

(Figs. 19-28)

**ADULT FEMALE** (Fig. 19). Length of body 345-357 μm; width 212-222 μm. Dorsum with four pairs of rosette-like areas marking muscle attachments between setae *d* 1 and *d* 2, *d* 3 and *d* 4. A few reticulated elements scattered on the anterior portion of the prodorsum. Dorsal body striae with transverse lobes (Fig. 28). Dorsal body setae strong and serrate except the tricobothrium which is filiform and smooth.

Setal measurements: *p* 1- *p* 3 subequal 29 μm; *s* 67 μm, *d* 1-*d* 3 subequal 27 μm; *d* 4 and *d* 5 subequal 25 μm, *h* 2 27 μm, *l* 1 26 μm; *l* 4 30 μm; *l* 5 27 μm; *ps* 19 μm.

All legs terminate in two claws and a hairy empodium with a claw (Figs 20-23). Solenidion on tarsus I long and slender (10 μm), solenidion on tarsus II short (3 μm); seta *k* on tibia I strong and simple (Figs 20-21).

Setal pattern of palpus: 6(1)-2-2. Terminal eupathidium thick and elongate; seta *d* simple and slender (Fig. 24). Moveable digit of chelicera (Fig. 25) longer (36 μm) than palp tarsus (21 μm).

Aggenital and genital setae setiform (Fig. 26).

**ADULT MALE.** Similar to female except for the genital area (Fig. 27).

**Type Data.** Holotype, female, slide no. 5660: Vomb (Loc. 10), ex moss on soil surface, collected April 28, 1992, leg. LUNDQVIST; allotype, male, slide no. 5743; 7 females and 6 males paratypes, Kullaberg (Loc. 4), ex bark of tree, *Pinus* sp., collected May 14, 1992; leg. LUNDQVIST; 3 females, paratypes, Linnebjer (Loc. 5), collected June 9, 1993, ex moss on fallen tree, leg. LUNDQVIST. Distribution of paratypes: 4 females, 3 males [ZML], 3 females, 3 males [BM(NH)], 3 females, 1 male [NRCE].

**ETYMOLOGY.** The species name refers to the long trichobothria (filiformis Lat. = thread-like).

**REMARKS.** The new species is similar to *Paralorr­yia mansoni* Baker, 1968b, collected at Pohutakawa, Orera, New Zealand. It can be distinguished by having few reticulated elements on the anterior portion of prodorsum, and by having transverse lobes on striae, as opposed to round lobes in *P. mansoni*. The species can also be distinguished by the long trichobothrium, which is more than 2 times longer than other dorsal body setae; the trichobothrium in *P. mansoni* is relatively shorter.

*Tydeus penicillatus* n.sp.

(Figs. 29-37)

**ADULT FEMALE** (Fig. 29). Length of body 248-260 μm, width 121-127 μm. Dorsum of body without reticulate pattern. Dorsal body striae with round lobes (Fig. 37). Dorsal body setae *p* 1 and *p* 2 thin and smooth; proximal half of setae *p* 3 serrated, other dorsal body setae strongly serrate except the trichobothrium, which is filiform and smooth.
Setal measurements: $p_1$ and $p_2$ subequal 7 μm; $d_1$ and $d_2$ subequal 10 μm; $d_3$ and $d_4$ subequal 12 μm; $d_5$ 17 μm; $h_2$ 15 μm; $l_1$ 11 μm; $l_4$ 14 μm; $l_5$ 16 μm; $p_5$ 9 μm; $s$ 38 μm.

Each apotele with two claws and an empodial hook (Figs 30-33). Solenidion on tarsus I slender and relatively short (5 μm); seta $k$ on tibia I divided (Fig. 30).

Setal pattern of palpus: 6(1)-2-2. Terminal eupathidium bidentate distally; seta $d$ simple and seta $b a$ short and slender (Fig. 34). Moveable digit of chelicera as long as palptarsus (11 μm).

**ADULT MALE.** Similar to female except genital area (Fig. 36).
Figs 30-37. *Tydeus penicillatus* n.sp.


**TYPE DATA.** Holotype, female, slide no. 5626, allotype, male, slide no. 5625; 1 female paratype: Prasttorpasjon (Loc. 7), ex lichens on twigs on soil surface, collected April 14, 1992, leg. LUNDQVIST. Distribution of paratypes: 1 female [ZML].

**ETYMOLOGY.** The species is named *penicillatus* (Lat. = like a brush) referring to the shape of setae *p3*.

**REMARKS.** *Tydeus penicillatus* n.sp. is distinct in having dorsal setae *p1* and *p2* short, thin and smooth, setae *p3* long and proximally serrated, all other dorsal setae robust and strongly serrate. This combination of characters separates the species from all congeners.
Redescriptions, New Combinations and Distributional Data for Previously Known Species

Tydeus carya (Baker, 1968) new combination
(Figs. 38-47)

Paralorryia carya Baker, 1968b.

Adult female (Fig. 38). Length of body 345-357 μm; width 212-224 μm. Dorsum of body without reticulate pattern; dorsum with three pairs of lateral dimples formed by the striae, striae with transverse lobes (Fig. 47). Dorsal body setae strong and serrate except the trichobothrium, which is filiform and smooth.

Setal measurements: $p_1$ 16 μm; $p_2$ 17 μm; $p_3$ 19 μm; $d_1$ — $d_5$ subequal 18 μm; $h_2$ 16 μm; $l_1$ and $l_4$ subequal 18 μm; $l_5$ 19 μm; $ps$ 17 μm; $s$ 42 μm.

All legs terminate in two claws and a hairy empodium with a claw (Figs 39-42). Solenidion on tarsus I long (9 μm) and slender. Solenidion on
tarsus II short (3 μm); seta k and tibia I forked (Figs 39-40).

Setal pattern of palp: 6(1)-2-2. Terminal eupathidium thick and elongate; seta d simple and slender, seta ba very short (Fig. 43). Moveable digit of chelicera (Fig. 44) longer (30 μm) than palptarsus (20 μm).

Aggenital and genital setae setiform (Fig. 45).

ADULT MALE. Similar to female except genital area (Fig. 46).

COLLECTION DATA. 13 females and 15 males: Kullaberg (Loc. 4), ex bark of dead tree (Pinus sp.), collected April 14, 1992, leg. LUNDQVIST.

REMARKS. BAKER (1968b) described the male of T. carya from specimens collected on carya bark, Pennsylvania. The female is until now undescribed. According to ANDRE’S (1980) definition of the genus, P. carya should be moved to Tydeus.

Our specimens collected on bark in southern Sweden agree fairly well with BAKER’s description with the exception of the length of some dorsal setae (especially p2 and d2) and possibly the striation. However, since the type is not available for study, we do not have support to establish a new taxa for the Swedish material.

Tydeus funki (Baker, 1968) new combination
(Figs. 48-56)


ADULT FEMALE (redescription of holotype, Fig. 48): Opisthosoma: reticulated ill-defined areas around the base of the dorsal setae, plus a few more areas, striation with square lobes; cells of reticulated areas connected with square (X-shaped) cross- ties (Fig. 53). All dorsal setae plumose except the trichobothria, which are filiform and smooth. Setal measurements: see table 1. Ventral: Only five genital setae could be observed on one side, no genititals at all on the other side (Fig. 54). Epimeral formula as for the genus. Leg chaetotaxy as for the genus (Figs 49-52); dorsal setae on femur, genu and tibia plumose. Each apotele of the legs has two claws and an empodial hook, solenidion on tarsus I (8 μm, Fig. 49) is almost three times longer than that on tarsus II (3 μm, Fig. 50). Terminal setae on palptarsus difficult to see. Moveable digit of chelicera (14 μm) slightly shorter than palptarsus (16 μm).

No female was found in our samples from Sweden.

ADULT MALE (Swedish material). Similar to female except genital area (Fig. 56). Setal measurements: see table 1. Solenidion on tarsus I (7 μm) slender, seta k on tibia I simple. Setal pattern of palpus 6(1)-2-2. Terminal eupathidium bidentate distally; seta d simple and slender; seta ba short (Fig. 55). Moveable digit of chelicera slightly longer (15 μm) than palptarsus (12 μm).

Aggenital and genital setae setiform (Fig. 56).

TYPE DATA. Holotype, female, USNM no. 3193, ex debris in Asyndesmus lewisi (Gray) [=Melanerpes lewis, Lewis’ Woodpecker] nest, 2 miles S of Fort Collins, Colorado, March 7, 1959; leg. R.C. FUNK.

COLLECTING DATA (SWEDEN): One male; Dörröd (Loc. 2), ex tree hole, Salix fragilis, collected July 13, 1993, leg. LUNDQVIST.

REMARKS. The male of this species has not been previously described.

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TABLE 1: Measurements (in μm) for two specimens of T. funki. Left and right refer to how the specimens are orientated on the slide. Accuracy: ± 0.65 μm for setae, ± 3.16 μm for body measurements.
There are noteworthy differences between the two specimens from USA and Sweden, especially the length of some of the dorsal setae (which might be sex related) and the relative length of the moveable digit compared to the palptarsus. The reticulated areas of the opisthosoma are not distinct and difficult to compare from one specimen to another. Considering the limited material we have at hand, these differences do not justify the naming of a new taxa based on the Swedish material.
Tydeus insignia (Livshitz), 1973 new combination


**Collection Data:** One female, and five tritonymphs from Norrekås (Loc. 6), ex moss and lichens on pine tree (Pinus sp.), collected July 20, 1993.

*Tydeus jaculus*, Kuznetzov, 1973

**Collection Data:** One male from Södra Åreda (Loc. 9), ex moss on soil surface.

*Tydeus maturus* Livshitz, 1973

**Collection Data:** Two females and two males from Vomb (Loc. 10), ex Lichens, Cladonia sp., on ground, collected April 28, 1992.

*Tydeus obstinatus* Livshitz, 1973

**Collection Data:** One female from Alnarp (Loc. 1), ex bark of apple tree, collected May 11, 1992.

*Tydeus polygonata* (Kulczycki, 1992), new combination


**Collection Data:** Two females, one male, and five tritonymphs from Prästtorpasjön (Loc. 7), ex lichens on twigs on ground, collected April 14, 1992.

**Remarks:** Kulczycki (1992) described *T. polygonata* from fruit orchards in the Ternopol region, Ukraine. Our specimens agree with his description, except for seta *d* on the palp, which is divided in our specimens as opposed to slender in Kulczycki's description.

*Tydeus unguis* Karg, 1975

**Collection Data:** Two females from Vomb (Loc. 10), ex Lichens on pine twigs on ground, collected April 28, 1992.

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