

#### Review

# COUNTRY CHECKLIST OF *RHAGOLETIS* LOEW (DIPTERA: TEPHRITIDAE) FOR EUROPE, WITH FOCUS ON *R. BATAVA* AND ITS RECENT RANGE EXPANSION

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This work is intended as a country checklist of fruit flies Rhagoletis Loew, 1862 for Europe (including transcontinental countries — Kazakhstan and Turkey), based on recent records, wherein we recognise 15 Rhagoletis species, including five species occurring in the Asian part of Kazakhstan. During the past 10–15 years, three species, Rhagoletis batava Hering, 1958, R. cingulata (Loew, 1862), and R. completa Cresson, 1929, have rapidly expanded their distribution range in Europe. We traced the potential route of an aggressive R. batava population movement into Europe, and it is postulated that this R. batava race originated from Siberia. R. batava was initially documented outside its natural range in 2001 in the European part of the Russian Federation. Later, this species was recorded in other territories to the west of Russia — Belarus (2010), Latvia (2011), Lithuania (2012), Germany (2013), and Poland (2014). In Germany and Poland, R. batava probably has both native and alien status.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The number of Rhagoletis Loew, 1862 (Tephritidae: Trypetinae) species is relatively large, and more then 60 species are described worldwide (Christian Thompson, 1998). There has been great interest in fruit flies over many years because of their importance as pests. Rhagoletis flies are important, as many species of this genus are harmful to fruit-plant species with economic importance (White and Elson-Harris, 1992; Alford, 2007). Two species, Rhagoletis cingulata (Loew, 1862) and R. completa Cresson, 1929, native to North America, were accidentally introduced into Europe, and rapid expansion of both species has been observed during the last two decades (Anonymous, 2014a, Anoymous, 2014d). At the same time, another important species, Rhagoletis batava Hering, 1958, a pest of seabuckthorn, rapidly expanded in central — eastern European countries, where it has significant economic importance in sea buckthorn production (Höhne and Gießmann, 2013; Höhne, 2014; Rupais et al., 2014; Stalažs, 2014a; Stalažs, 2014b; Brūvelis and Shalkevich 2014, pers. comm.).

The literature on fruit flies is extensive; however there are no compilations on the distribution of European *Rhagoletis* on a per-country basis. European Food Safety Authority (EPSA) published the most recent work with data on the European distribution of Rhagoletis cingulata (Anonymous, 2014d). The Fauna Europaea database project includes data on nine Rhagoletis fruit fly species (Korneyev, 2011), but distribution information for each country is highly incomplete. Some studies dealing with fruit flies, especially the most comprehensive ones, e.g., Hendel (1927), Rihter (1970), and Christian Thompson (1998) in many cases provide insight into species distribution for wider regions, e.g., Europe, central zone of western Europe, western Europe, Palaearctic, etc. This may be acceptable for widely distributed species, for example, for Rhagoletis alternata (Fallen, 1814), R. cerasi (Linnaeus, 1758), and R. meigenii (Loew, 1844), but when it is necessary to complete checklists for specific countries this information is not always useful. This is especially important when there is a need to know confirmed distributions for particular countries or for smaller territories where there may be only a few confirmed localities.

Sometimes wide species range information can be misleading, if precise distribution data is necessary. For example, Rihter (1970) provides European distribution data for *Rhagoletis flavicincta* Enderlein, 1934 as follows: central zone of Western Europe, but in Europe presence of this species has been confirmed only in two countries, e.g., European part of the Russian Federation, and Ukraine (Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009; Korneyev, 2011), where *Rhagoletis flavicincta* has local distribution.

For those studying the biology of species, especially invasion ecology and biodiversity changes, it is important to know species distribution range change over time. This can be especially important for understanding the ecology of an expanding species. For forecasting the species distribution changes in the future, knowledge about the initial distribution range and dispersal possibilities of species are important tools and more precise initial data are needed.

During the international conference EuroWorkS 2014, which took place at Naantali (Finland), *Rhagoletis batava* was described as the most important sea buckthorn pest. As this pest is highly important for the sea buckthorn industry, a special international working group of seven members from six European countries dealing with this pest was created. Before developing strategies to deal with this pest, it was necessary to understand and delineate the exact distribution range and behavioural changes for *Rhagoletis batava*.

The main object of this publication is to provide documented information on *Rhagoletis batava*. The objective of the work is to assess the current situation of *Rhagoletis* fruit fly distribution in European countries, especially for rapidly expanding species, e.g., *Rhagoletis batava*, *Rhagoletis cingulate*, and *Rhagoletis completa*. In this publication we attempted to track the potential route of an aggressive *Rhagoletis batava* population into Europe.

# EXPANSION OF *RHAGOLETIS BATAVA*, A PEST OF SEA BUCKTHORN

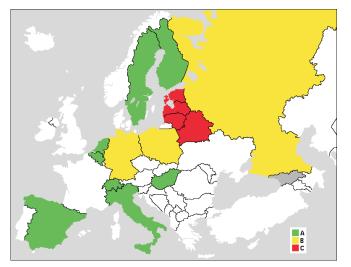
On the basis of available sources of information on *Rhago-letis batava* we tracked the possible route of a population of *Rhagoletis batava*, an aggressive and economically important pest of sea buckthorn, into Europe.

Initially this species was described in The Netherlands (Hering, 1958) and for a long time Rhagoletis batava was known only in a few European countries. For years this species has been a serious pest of common seabuckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoides) in Western Siberia and Altai Region (Kolomiec, 1970; Shamanskaya, 2006) and was not known as an important pest in European countries. Expansion of an aggressive population of *Rhagoletis batava* in Europe was observed starting in 2001 in the European part of the Russian Federation (Drozdovskij, 2002; Dem'ānova et al., 2007; Bogomolova, 2009). Later this species became a serious problem for sea buckthorn growers in Belarus (Shalkevich, 2014, pers. comm.), Latvia and Lithuania (Rupais et al., 2014; Stalažs, 2014a), Germany (Höhne and Gießmann, 2013) and Poland (Brūvelis 2014, pers. comm.) (Fig. 1). In 2015, larvae of Rhagoletis batava were recorded in two sea buckthorn farms in Estonia and Finland (Brūvelis

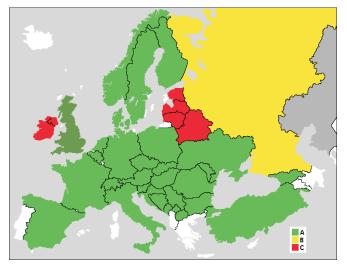
All signs show that this expansive race of *Rhagoletis batava* spread to Europe from Siberia (Fig. 1), but there is no answer to why the Siberian population is more aggressive and harmful to sea buckthorn than the European one. In 1970, Siberian flies were described as a new subspecies, Rhagoletis batava obscuriosa (Kolomiec, 1970 (original spelling of the authors name was Kolomyetz). Kolomiec believed that the Siberian population was a separate subspecies and described several morphological differences between Siberian and European flies. This subspecies name is widely used by Russian sea buckthorn growers and scientists. However, in the world register of fruit flies (Christian Thompson, 1998), this taxon is listed as a separate species - Rhagoletis obscuriosa Kolomietz, 1970, not as a subspecies, as it is in the original description made by Kolomiec. There is no evidence for the acceptance of a separate Siberian subspecies, and future research is necessary, but we suggest that expansion of *Rhagoletis batava* in Europe started from Siberian populations. This means that there are some factors that help the Siberian population to be more aggressive and better adapted for dispersal. It is highly believable that the range expansion of fruit flies during recent years is driven by climate changes. As common sea buckthorn, the R. batava food source, is also distributed in other countries where this fly species has not been previously recorded (see Fig. 2), probably native European populations of R. batava are more widely distributed than currently known. As common sea buckthorn is also native to Germany, it is highly believable that now R. batava has both native and alien status in this country. This also may be the case for Poland.

# IMPORTANCE OF RHAGOLETIS BATAVA IN EUROPE

As it was mentioned above, for a long time there was no important noteworthy damage to sea buckthorn in European countries. In contrast to the situation in Europe, in Western



*Fig. 1.* European distribution of *Rhagoletis batava*: **A**, native, **B**, native and probably also alien, **C**, alien. For other countries no data are available.



*Fig.* 2. European distribution of *Hippophae rhamnoides* — the host plant for *Rhagoletis batava*: A, native, B, native and alien, C, alien. For other countries no data are available.

Siberia and Altai Region problems with Rhagoletis batava are known for long time (Kolomiec, 1970; Shamanskaya, 2006; Shamanskaya, 2014, pers. comm.). Only around 2010, important damage of sea buckthorn fruit was reported from parts of Europe close to Baltic Sea region, e. g. Belarus (Shalkevich, 2014, pers. comm.) and Germany (Höhne and Gießmann, 2013). The amount and nature of damage observed in Germany (Höhne and Gießmann, 2013; also Fig. 3) is identical to that previously reported from Siberia, when larvae of *Rhagoletis batava* can cause up to 100% fruit loss. In Latvia, massively damaged fruit crop has been observed locally, especially in the eastern part of the country (Brūvelis, 2016, pers. comm.) and this is associated with Rhagoletis batava flying dynamics (Balalaikins, Stalažs, 2014–2016, unpublished data) of Rhagoletis batava monitoring results.

As on the basis of published sources, it is possible to track the information on expansion of *Rhagoletis batava* distribution area, with historical data showing migration of *Rhagoletis batava* "problem" from the European east in the Russian Federation to western territories; there is reason to postulate that the more aggressive *Rhagoletis batava* population initially originated from Siberia is expanding in Europe. This could even support the presumption that Siberian flies is a separate subspecies, made by Kolomiec (1970). However, the further molecular and morphological studies are needed to confirm the existence of the separate subspecies within the *Rhagoletis batava*.

In Europe, it was mostly considered that sea buckthorn is not associated with important pests, which caused the opinion that this crop does not need integrated growing management, as was adopted in Latvia. The *Rhagoletis batava* problem most of all is highly important in all European countries where seabuckthorn is cultivated as fruit crop, as there are no officially registered biocides allowed for use against this or other potential pests of sea buckthorn. It is interesting that, despite of importance of sea buckthorn as a highly valuable crop plant, its pests are weakly studied in Europe and Asia. The only exception is in the Altai Region in Siberia, where several pests of sea buckthorn have been studied for a longer time, including on the optimisation of *Rhagoletis batava* elimination (Shamanskaya, 2006; Shamanskaya, 2006, pers. comm.).

# PREPARATION OF COUNTRY CHECKLIST FOR *RHA-GOLETIS* FLIES IN EUROPE

For creating of the country checklist of *Rhagoletis* fruit flies in Europe, we used all available information sources (scientific publications, one database — *Fauna Europaea* (available at http://www.faunaeur.org), and information from personal communication). Sources of information are cited accordingly for each particular species within the checklist part. Only the original publications explored by the authors are cited. All species are grouped in alphabetical order, according the nomenclature of Christian Thompson (1998) and Korneyev (2011). Distribution of *Rhagoletis* fruit flies are reviewed for all European countries, including transcontinental Kazakhstan and Turkey.

A checklist with 15 species of *Rhagoletis* fruit flies was compiled (see Checklist below). Some of the species are distributed only in the Asian part of transcontinental countries, e.g., Kazakhstan, but we decided to also include these species, as we provide a review for the total area of Kazakhstan (not for only a part of the country). Besides the checklist, we prepared also a table (Table 1) that will pro-



*Fig. 3.* Seabuckthorn fruit damaged by *Rhagoletis batava* (photos courtesy from Dr. Jörg-Thomas Mörsel, UBF — Untersuchungs-, Beratungs-, Forschungslaboratorium GmbH, Germany)

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OVERVIEW OF *RHAGOLETIS* DISTRIBUTION IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND COMPARISON WITH DATA FROM THE *FAUNA EUROPAEA* DATABASE

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	R. almatensis	R. alternata	R. batava	R. berberidis	R. cerasi	R. chumsanica	R. cingulata	R. completa	R. flavicincta	R. flavigenualis	R. magniterebra	R. meigenii	R. samojlovitshae	R. turanica	R. zernyi
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\* European part, except Kaliningrad Region

Native distribution:

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distribution information available from Fauna Europaea (Korneyev, 2011)

Alien distribution:

■ confirmed for country

□ no data, but possible in country

vide an overview of all species and their country distributions.

Additionally, we compared distribution information available from the *Fauna Europaea* database (Korneyev, 2011) (see Table 1). The results show highly differing country distribution information for almost all *Rhagoletis* species covered by *Fauna Europaea*. According to this database, the most accurate distribution is provided only for *Rhagoletis cerasi*, which is the most widespread species in the European Continent. The species *Rhagoletis flavigenualis* Hering, 1958 is recognised as a species occurring in Europe, but it is not included in the *Fauna Europaea* list of *Rhagoletis* species.

## CHECKLIST OF SPECIES

#### 1. Rhagoletis almatensis Rohdendorf, 1961

<u>Distribution:</u> Central Asia: South-Eastern Kazakhstan; other countries: Kyrgyzstan.

<u>References:</u> Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998.

Host: Associated with *Lonicera* spp. (Korneyev and Merz, 1997).

#### 2. Rhagoletis alternata (Fallén, 1814)

Distribution: European: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation (European part), Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine, and United Kingdom. Species range: from British Islands and Scandinavia south to France, Slovenia, Bulgaria. Non-European: Kazakhstan, Armenia, Altai, southern Siberia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Far East.

<u>References:</u> Rihter, 1970; Hedström, 1995; Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998; Alexander, 2002; Baugnée, 2006; Pakalniškis *et al.*, 2006; Karpa, 2008; Merz and Kofler, 2008; Korneyev, 2011; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012; Rupais *et al.*, 2014; Stalažs, 2014b.

<u>Host:</u> Rosa spp. (Rosa canina Group, Rosa rugosa, Rosa villosa) (Rihter, 1970; White and Elson-Harris, 1992; Baugnée, 2006). Larvae in fruit.

## 3. Rhagoletis batava Hering, 1958

<u>Distribution:</u> European: Belarus, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation (European part), Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and The Netherlands. Non European: North-Central Caucasus; Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation (West Siberian plain), and South Siberian mountains: Altai, Tuva.

<u>Remarks</u>: Species is not recorded in Ukraine, but it might occur everywhere where its host plant grows (Korneyev, 2015). Although the host plant occurs in Romania, flies

were not detected in this country during monitoring in 2016 (Florin, 2016, pers. comm.). Further monitoring is necessary in all countries where *Hippophae rhamnoides* grow.

<u>References:</u> Hedström, 1995; Christian Thompson, 1998; Drozdovskij, 2002; Smith *et al.*, 2005; Baugnée, 2006; Shamanskaya, 2006; Bogomolova, 2009; Korneyev, 2011; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012; Höhne and Gießmann, 2013; Höhne, 2014; Rupais *et al.*, 2014; Shalkevich *et. al.*, 2014; Stalažs, 2014a, 2014b; Brūvelis, 2014, 2015, pers. comm.; Kauppinen 2015, pers. comm.; Vétek, 2015, unpublished data.

Host: *Hippophae rhamnoides* (Rihter, 1970; Baugnée, 2006). Larvae in fruit.

#### 4. Rhagoletis berberidis Jermy, 1961

<u>Distribution:</u> European: Austria, Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia, Switzerland, and Ukraine. Non European: Caucasus; Armenia, Turkey;

<u>References:</u> Korneyev, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998; Kütük, 2008; Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012.

Host: Berberis vulgaris (Rihter, 1970). Larvae in fruit.

5. Rhagoletis cerasi (Linnaeus, 1758)

Syn.: Trypeta signata Meigen, 1826

<u>Distribution</u>: European: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation (European part), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine, and United Kingdom. Non European: Western Siberia to Caucasus and Central Asia: Armenia, Kazakhstan, north-western Georgia, Turkey, and Iran.

<u>Remarks:</u> The 'Southern' race on cherries is alien in all countries where cherries are non-native plants. During the last 20–30 years, the 'southern' race expanded to the north, e. g. in Baltic countries, where previously problems with flies on cherries were not observed. According to Alford (2007), the 'northern' race is distributed in countries to the north and east of Switzerland.

<u>References:</u> Hedström, 1995; Christian Thompson, 1998; Grichanov and Ovsyannikova, 2003–2009; Korneyev, 2003; Karpa *et al.*, 2005; Baugnée, 2006; Pakalniškis *et al.*, 2006; Alford, 2007; Karpa, 2008; Merz and Kofler, 2008; Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009; Korneyev, 2011; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012; Bandzo *et al.*, 2012; Daniel and Grunder, 2012; Rupais *et al.*, 2014; Stalažs, 2014b; Anonymous, 2014c; Anonymous, 2014e.

Host: *Prunus avium, Prunus cerasus* for 'southern' or 'cherry' race, and *Lonicera tatarica, Lonicera xylosteum,* probably other *Lonicera*, and sometimes also *Symphoricar*-

pos albus for 'northern' race (Rihter, 1970; Alford, 2007). Larvae in fruit.

# 6. Rhagoletis chumsanica (Rohdendorf, 1961)

<u>Distribution:</u> Southern Kazakhstan, other countries: Kyrgyzstan.

<u>References:</u> Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998.

Host: Unknown.

# 7. Rhagoletis cingulata (Loew, 1862)

<u>Distribution:</u> European (introduced): Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Non European: North America: Canada, central Mexico, and United States.

<u>References:</u> Christian Thompson, 1998; Baugnée, 2006; Alford 2007; Skuhravį *et al.*, 2010; Korneyev, 2011; Anonymous, 2014a; 2014d; 2014f.

Host: Prunus avium, Prunus cerasus, Prunus padus, Prunus serotina (Baugnée, 2006; Alford, 2007). Larvae in fruit.

# 8. Rhagoletis completa Cresson, 1929

<u>Distribution</u>: European: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, and Switzerland. Non European: North America: Mexico and United States (native: Minnesota to Nuevo Leon and Mississippi; alien: Washington and Utah to California).

<u>References:</u> Christian Thompson, 1998; Alford, 2007; Korneyev, 2011; Anonymous, 2014b; 2014c.

Host: Juglans spp. (Alford, 2007). Larvae in fruit skin.

9. Rhagoletis flavicincta Enderlein, 1934

<u>Distribution</u>: European: Russian Federation (European part), and Ukraine.

Non European (species range): from Ukraine and Russian Federation (central-southern European Part) to Kazakhstan and Central Asia (Armenia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

<u>References:</u> Christian Thompson, 1998; Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009; Korneyev, 2011; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012.

<u>Host:</u> Lonicera caerulea var. dependens (syn. Lonicera stenantha), Lonicera tatarica (Rihter, 1970). Larvae in fruit.

# 10. Rhagoletis flavigenualis Hering, 1958

<u>Distribution:</u> European: Switzerland, and Turkey. Non European: Armenia, north-western Iran, Kazakhstan, southern Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and southern Turkmenistan.

<u>References:</u> Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Ribera and Blasco-Zumeta, 1998; Smith *et al.*, 2005–2006; Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012.

<u>Host:</u> Juniperus excelsa, Juniperus foetidissima, Juniperus sabina, Juniperus seravschanica, and other Juniperus (Rihter, 1970; White and Elson-Harris, 1992; Ribera and Blasco-Zumeta, 1998; Mohamadzade Namin and Rasoulian, 2009). Larvae in fleshy cones.

11. Rhagoletis magniterebra (Rohdendorf, 1961)

<u>Distribution</u>: Southern Kazakhstan; other: Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan, and northern Tajikistan.

<u>References:</u> Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998.

Host: Larva in *Berberis heteropoda* (Korneyev and Merz, 1997)

# 12. Rhagoletis meigenii (Loew, 1844)

Distribution: European: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine, and United Kingdom. Non European: Caucasus: Armenia, Central Asia; introduced to Canada (Nova Scotia) and United States (Maine, and New Hampshire).

References: Hedström, 1995; Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998; Baugnée, 2006; Pakalniškis *et al.*, 2006; Karpa, 2008; Merz and Kofler, 2008; Korneyev, 2011; Arutûnân and Arutûnân, 2012; Kahanpää and Winqvist, 2014; Rupais *et al.*, 2014; Stalažs, 2014b; Anonymous, 2014f.

Host: Berberis vulgaris (Rihter, 1970; Baugnée, 2006). Larvae feed on fruit seeds.

13. Rhagoletis samojlovitshae (Rohdendorf, 1961)

Distribution: Southern Kazakhstan; other: Kyrgyzstan.

References: Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998.

Host: Larvae in Juniperus (Korneyev and Merz, 1997).

14. Rhagoletis turanica (Rohdendorf, 1961)

Distribution: Southern Kazakhstan; other distribution: Kyr-gyzstan

<u>References:</u> Korneyev and Merz, 1997; Christian Thompson, 1998.

Host: Unknown

15. Rhagoletis zernyi Hendel, 1927

Distribution: Spain.

<u>Remarks:</u> Species is associated with Spain as an "endemic" (Merz and Blasco-Zumeta, 1995; Christian Thompson, 1998; Ribera and Blasco-Zumeta, 1998; Korneyev, 2011) where *Rhagoletis zernyi* is dependent on its host plant *Juniperus thurifera*. Arutûnân and Arutûnân (2012) reported *Rhagoletis zernyi* also for Armenia.

<u>References.</u> Merz and Blasco-Zumeta, 1995; Christian Thompson, 1998; Ribera and Blasco-Zumeta, 1998; Korneyev, 2011

<u>Host.</u> Juniperus thurifera (Merz and Blasco-Zumeta, 1995). Larvae feed on fleshy cones.

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# RHAGOLETIS LOEW (DIPTERA: TEPHRITIDAE) SUGU SARAKSTS EIROPAS VALSTĪM, AR UZSVARU PAR R. BATAVA UN TĀS NESENO AREĀLA EKSPANSIJU

Ņemot vērā jaunākos ziņojumus, šis darbs ir gatavots kā *Rhagoletis* Loew, 1862 raibspārnmušu sugu pārskats Eiropas valstīm, kurā iekļautas 15 *Rhagoletis* sugas, ieskaitot piecas sugas, kas sastopamas Kazahstānas Āzijas daļā. Trim sugām — *Rhagoletis batava* Hering, 1958, *R. cingulata* (Loew, 1862) un *R. completa* Cresson, 1929 pēdējo 10–15 gadu laikā Eiropā ir strauji paplašinājies to izplatības areāls. Esam izsekojuši iespējamo virzienu agresīvās *R. batava* populācijas izplatībai Eiropā, un ir pieņemts, ka šī *R. batava* rase cēlusies Sibīrijā. Ārpus dabiskā areāla *R. batava* sākotnēji dokumentēta 2001. gadā — Krievijas Federācijas Eiropas daļā. Vēlāk šī suga ir reģistrēta arī citās teritorijās uz rietumiem no Krievijas — Baltkrievijā (2010), Latvijā (2011), Lietuvā (2012), Vācijā (2013) un Polijā (2014). Ir iespējams, ka Vācijā un Polijā *R. batava* ir divējāds — vietējs un svešs statuss.