

**NEW RECORDS OF TRICHOPTERA IN REFERENCE  
MEDITERRANEAN-CLIMATE RIVERS OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA  
AND NORTH OF AFRICA: TAXONOMICAL, FAUNISTICAL AND  
ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS**

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**ABSTRACT**

Trichoptera is a very rich order in the Western Mediterranean, but knowledge of caddisflies in the Iberian Peninsula and northern Africa is still not complete. We present records of caddisflies collected in 114 sites of the Mediterranean climate region of the Iberian Peninsula and the western Rif. We also provide notes on ecological aspects and taxonomical remarks on some species. A total of 86 species were identified and 8 species extended their distribution range. Considering the four differentiated geological regions in the western Mediterranean Basin during the Tertiary, 60 species were collected in the Iberian plate region, 29 in the Transition, 30 in the Betic and 18 in the Rif. Local richness was not significantly different between the four regions but significant differences were found among several river ecotypes within regions. Temporary sites had lower local richness than other ecotypes in all regions except in the Rif, whereas headwaters had similar richness in any region regardless of their geology. The Rif region had the lowest Trichoptera richness, which is not only the result of the scarcity of faunistic studies in the area but also of the high frequency of temporary rivers and the isolation of the area. Our results suggest that conservation measures addressed to preserve the biodiversity of the Western Mediterranean should be enforced, especially in the Rif region.

**Key words:** Trichoptera, Mediterranean rivers, Iberian Peninsula, Morocco, Faunistic, Taxonomy, Ecology.

**RESUMEN**

**Nuevos datos de tricópteros en ríos de referencia de clima mediterráneo  
en la Península Ibérica y norte de África: aspectos taxonómicos,  
faunísticos y ecológicos**

El orden Trichoptera es rico en especies en la zona del Mediterráneo Occidental, pero el conocimiento de este grupo en la Península Ibérica y el norte de África resta aún de ser completo. Presentamos datos de tricópteros recolectados en 114 localidades de la región Mediterránea de la Península Ibérica y del Rif occidental. Además, proporcionamos datos sobre la ecología de algunas especies así como notas taxonómicas. Se identificaron un total de 86 especies y el rango de distribución aumentó para 8 de ellas.

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Sesenta especies se recolectaron en la región de la placa Ibérica, 29 en la de Transición, 30 en la Bética y 18 en el Rif, las cuatro regiones geológicas diferenciadas durante el Terciario en el Mediterráneo Occidental. La riqueza local no fue significativamente diferente entre regiones geológicas, pero sí entre varios ecosistemas fluviales. Los tramos temporales presentaron una riqueza local menor que los demás ecosistemas, excepto en el Rif, mientras que las cabeceras presentaban una riqueza similar en cada región independientemente de su geología. Globalmente el Rif presentó una menor riqueza de tricópteros, lo que se explica no sólo por la escasez de estudios faunísticos en la zona sino también por la elevada frecuencia de ríos temporales y su aislamiento geográfico. Nuestros resultados sugieren que en la zona del Mediterráneo Occidental se deben de llevar a cabo medidas de conservación urgentes para preservar su biodiversidad, especialmente en la región del Rif.

**Palabras clave:** Trichoptera, ríos Mediterráneos, Península Ibérica, Marruecos, Faunística, Taxonomía, Ecología.

## Introduction

The Mediterranean Basin has been considered a hotspot of biodiversity, at least when looking at plants and vertebrates (Myers *et al.*, 2000). Insects are also diverse in the area especially when considering the reduced dimensions of the emerged land (Balleto & Casale, 1989). In particular, the western Mediterranean, and specially the south of the Iberian Peninsula and the north of Morocco (i.e. Betic-Rif ranges), is one of the two main centres of biodiversity within the Mediterranean Basin (Médail & Quézel, 1997). Likewise, Trichoptera is a very rich order in the Western Mediterranean, with about 390 species in the Iberian Peninsula (González, 2007) and 72 in Morocco (Dakki, 1980). In spite of having a high caddisfly richness, the knowledge of caddisflies in the Iberian Peninsula and north of Africa is still incomplete, new species are still recorded and many larval stages are not yet described (e.g. González & Ruiz, 2001; Zamora-Muñoz *et al.*, 2002, 2006). Consequently, general studies providing information about caddisflies are required in both areas to have a consistent taxonomy of the group which will help to carry out proper ecological studies or to promote specific conservation measures.

Thus, our main aim was to complement the existing information (e.g. Dakki, 1980; González *et al.*, 1992; Vieira-Lanero, 2000; Ruiz *et al.*, 2001; Bonada *et al.*, 2004b) with new records. The study area broadly corresponds to that studied in Bonada *et al.* (2004b) but with new sites and basins, including those found in the western Rif. The caddisfly records presented follow the taxonomical

classification described in Wiggins (1996) and are updated using Fauna Iberica ([www.fauna-iberica.mncn.csic.es](http://www.fauna-iberica.mncn.csic.es)) and Fauna Europaea ([www.fau-naeur.org](http://www.fau-naeur.org)) web services. In addition, we follow the traditional species terminology and escape from recent synonyms without a consistent study of the species implied (Botosaneanu, in letter to C. Zamora-Muñoz, 2005). In some cases, we also provide taxonomical notes. Notes on ecological aspects of the species not already included in Bonada *et al.* (2004b) are given by using information compiled by the Guadalmed project (see [www.ecostrimed.net](http://www.ecostrimed.net)) or by using references provided in Table 1.

Several authors have suggested that a mixture of complex past historical processes occurring during the Tertiary and Quaternary with current heterogeneous environmental conditions are responsible for the high biodiversity found in the Mediterranean Basin (Balleto & Casale, 1989; Hewitt, 2004; Bonada *et al.*, 2005). Among historical factors, those that occurred during the Tertiary in the western Mediterranean Basin resulted in four differentiated geological regions: Iberian Plate, Transition, Betic and Rif. Among ecological factors, basin geology, river zonation and seasonal variability are the most relevant to understand caddisfly distribution (Bonada *et al.*, 2005). Both groups of factors have implications on regional richness which in turn influences local richness (Vinson & Hawkins, 2003). We will analyze Trichoptera from these geological regions in terms of regional (i.e. richness in each geological region) and local richness (i.e. richness in each site). Given that basin geology and river zonation are the main environmental factors constraining caddisflies

(Bonada *et al.*, 2005), we will analyze local caddisfly richness between five river ecotypes based on these factors and described by Sánchez-Montoya *et al.* (2007) within geological regions: (1) temporary streams, (2) evaporite calcareous streams at medium altitude, (3) siliceous headwaters at high altitude, (4) calcareous headwaters at medium and high altitude and (5) large watercourses. By examining this, we will explore how main historical and environmental factors constrain local richness at two nested spatial scales (i.e. geological region and ecotype).

## Material and methods

We collected Trichoptera specimens from 114 sites belonging to 28 basins. All sites were considered as reference regarding their ecological quality (Bonada *et al.*, 2004a) and located in different river sections (i.e. headwaters, midstreams and lowland reaches) with different basin geology (i.e. calcareous, siliceous or sedimentary) and at different altitudes (from 20 to 1940 m.a.s.l., Appendix). Our study was focused within the limits of the Mediterranean climate established by Köppen (1931) and covered a sampled area of 70854.12 km<sup>2</sup>, from the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula to the western Rif zone in Morocco (Fig. 1). The sampled area was divided into 4 different geological regions: the Iberian Plate (42 sites), the Transition zone (9 sites), the Betic (43 sites) and the Rif zones (20 sites). The Iberian Plate comprises the area of the Iberian Peninsula which includes the Hesperic Massif (west of the Iberian Peninsula which originated in the hercynic orogeny during the Carboniferous), the Iberian Ranges (east of the Hesperic Massif with a hercynic base and a sedimentary cover) and the Catalan Ranges (northeast of the Hesperic Massif with a hercynic and alpine orogeny origin and a sedimentary cover). The Transition zone is equivalent to the Prebetic area, located in the external zone of the Betic Ranges and originated, before the collision of the Betic-Rif microplate, by marine deposits or terrestrial sediments from the Iberian Plate. The Betic zone encloses the Internal Zone of the Betic Ranges (also called Betic s.s.), which was part of the Betic-Rif microplate, and the flysch deposits, coming from eastern areas and reached the Strait of Gibraltar with the migration of the Betic-Rif microplate (Sanz de Galdeano & Vera, 1991). Likewise, the Rif zone comprises the Internal zone and the flysch deposits of the Rif Ranges (Fig. 1).

In each site, we sampled all available habitats with a kick net of 250–300 µm mesh size depending on the survey, until no new caddisfly families were observed in the field. Samples were preserved in formalin (4%) or alcohol (96%) and identified to the species level in the laboratory. In addition, last-instar larvae and pupa were collected in the field and reared in the laboratory to obtain adults for ensuring larval identifications (for the method used see Bonada *et al.*, 2004b). When possible, adults were also obtained in the field by sweeping riparian vegetation with an entomological net or by using a UV-light trap.

Local richness referred to the number of species collected at each site. In order to check local richness of caddisflies between ecotypes within geological regions we performed a nested ANOVA. Residuals were checked for normality and homogeneity of variances using Shapiro-Wilk and Bartlett tests, respectively. The nested design included 2 fixed factors nested as follows: ecotype nested to geological region. Although nested ANOVA designs usually use random nested factors, fixed factors can also be used (Quinn & Keough, 2002). As mentioned, the geological region factor includes: Iberian Plate, Transition, Betic and Rif. Regarding ecotypes, we used those developed for Mediterranean Basin rivers in Sánchez-Montoya *et al.* (2007): (1) temporary streams, (2) evaporite calcareous streams at medium altitude, (3) siliceous headwaters at high altitude, (4) calcareous headwaters at medium and high altitude and (5) large watercourses (Appendix). These statistical analyses were performed using the R freeware (<http://www.r-project.org/>).

## Results

A total of 4041 larvae, 25 pupae and 131 adults were collected in the sampled area. Most of them were identified at species level, resulting in 86 different species. For each species, information of number of larva (L), pupae (P) and adults (♂ and ♀) collected are provided. For mature pupae and adults, the months of capture are presented in brackets after the locality. When the identity of the identification was not clear, a question mark (?) is added before some sampling sites or number of specimens. Sites are arranged by latitude of the whole basin (Fig. 1) and information about geographical position and general environmental characteristics of each locality is found in the Appendix.

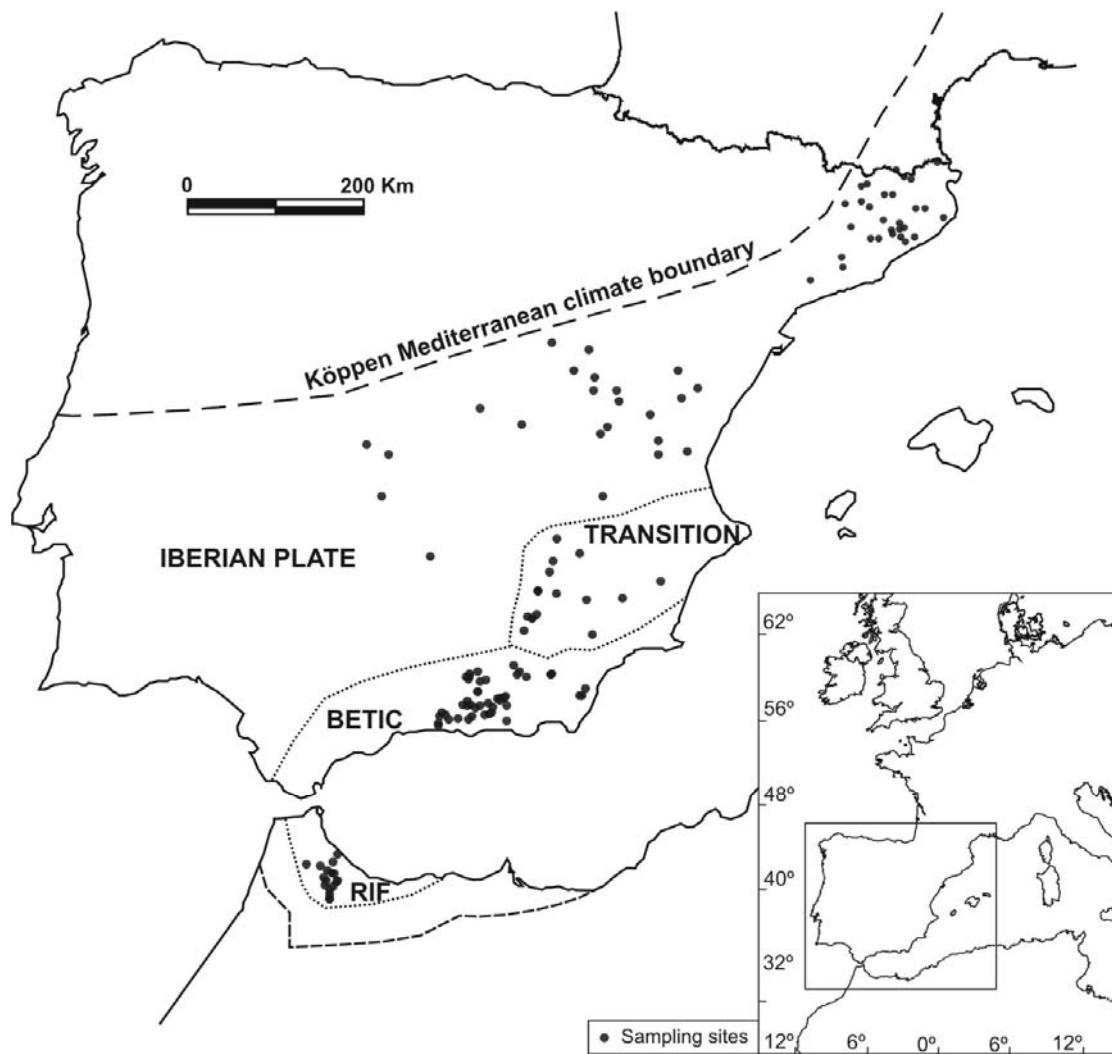


Fig. 1.— Site location and sampling area grouped by geological regions: Iberian Plate, Transitional, Betic and Rif zones. The boundary of the Mediterranean climate according to Köppen (1931) is also shown. See Appendix for detailed information on site location.

Fig. 1.— Localización de las estaciones de muestreo y de la zona muestreada agrupadas por regiones geológicas: Placa Ibérica, Transición, Béticas y Rif. Se muestra también el límite del clima Mediterráneo según Köppen (1931). Ver el Apéndice para obtener información detallada sobre la localización de las estaciones.

#### Faunistic list

##### Suborder SPICIPALPIA

##### Family RHYACOPHILIDAE Stephens, 1836

##### Subfamily Rhyacophilinae Stephens, 1836

##### *Rhyacophila* Pictet, 1834

##### *Rhyacophila dorsalis* (Curtis, 1834)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 18L. Fluvia: H18; Ter: H27, H29; Llobregat: H22, H32; Tajo: H9, H12

##### *Rhyacophila evoluta* McLachlan, 1879

MATERIAL STUDIED: 16L. Ter: H24, H25

##### *Rhyacophila fasciata* Hagen, 1859

MATERIAL STUDIED: ?3L. Fluvia: H18, H19

Larvae found corresponded to this species but there is controversy about the presence of this species in the Iberian Peninsula (see Bonada *et al.*, 2004b).

***Rhyacophila fonticola*** Giudicelli & Dakki, 1984

MATERIAL STUDIED: 10L. Martil: R14; Laou: R3, R4, R8

See comments for *Rhyacophila munda*.***Rhyacophila meridionalis*** E. Pictet, 1865

MATERIAL STUDIED: 30L. Tordera: H14; Tajo: H5; Júcar: H4; Guadiana: H11; Segura: T1; Guadiana Menor: T5; Adra: B1, B2, B3

***Rhyacophila munda*** McLachlan, 1862

MATERIAL STUDIED: 56L, 1P. Tajo: H8; Júcar: H4, H13, T3; Guadiana: H1; Segura: T4; Guadalquivir: H6; Guadiana Menor: ?B27, ?B31, ?B32, T6, ?T8; Genil: B10, ?B12, ?B15, B19, ?B19; Guadafleo: B24; Chilla: B7; Verde: B35; Laou: R1, R2, R7, R8 (1P♂: V-2005); R13; Sebou: R18; Adelmane: R15

Larvae found in some sampled sites of Genil and Guadiana Menor basins, marked with “?”, were provisionally assigned to this species, but they presented an atypical dark coloration in the head. The recent description of the larva of *R. fonticola* (Vieira-Lanero *et al.*, 2008) make us think that they could belong to this species. Adult material should be collected to clarify the identity of these specimens.

***Rhyacophila nevada*** Schmid, 1952

MATERIAL STUDIED: 19L, 22A. Guadiana Menor: T9; Genil: B9, B11 (15♂♂, 7♀♀: VIII-2007); Guadafleo: B22, B26

Although Malicky (2002; 2005b) considered this species as a subspecies of *R. dorsalis*, we believe that it should be kept as a distinct species because of larval morphology and ecological requirements (see more details in Bonada *et al.*, 2004b).

***Rhyacophila occidentalis*** McLachlan, 1879

MATERIAL STUDIED: 12L, 1A. Genil: B9, B11 (1♂: VIII-2007); Guadafleo: B20, B23

With the adults collected in the Genil Basin, specimens from other sites in Sierra Nevada mountains (from Adra and Guadafleo basins), identified as *R. cf. occidentalis* in Bonada *et al.* (2004b), correspond, probably, to this species.

***Rhyacophila rupta*** McLachlan, 1879

MATERIAL STUDIED: 1L. Llobregat: H32

***Rhyacophila cf. tristis*** Pictet, 1834

MATERIAL STUDIED: 9L. Ter: H24, H25, H26; Llobregat: H23

See Bonada *et al.* (2004b) for comments on the difficulty of identifying the *tristis* group.

## Family GLOSSOSOMATIDAE Wallengren, 1891

Subfamily Agapetinae Martynov, 1913

***Agapetus*** Curtis, 1834

As reported before (Bonada *et al.* 2004b) this genus contains one species with undescribed larvae present in our sampled area (*Agapetus theischingeri* Malicky, 1980). In addition, most of the morphological characters used to distinguish species use lateral and ventral abdominal setae patterns (e.g. see Pitsch, 1993). This may yield misidentifications because these setae may be broken or not clearly visible. For example, two specimens found in Tajo Basin (H5) had only one lateral seta in the first abdominal segment and very few dorsal setae in the ninth abdominal sclerite. Given this difficulty, here we only present specimens with larvae that fit in the known species and from sites where pupae or adults have been collected previously (Bonada *et al.*, 2004b).

***Agapetus fuscipes*** Curtis, 1834

MATERIAL STUDIED: 114L, 2P. Ter: H25; Guadiana: H1; Guadiana Menor: B28 (1P♂: IV-2003); Genil: B14 (1P♀: I-2004); Adra: B2, B4

***Agapetus delicatulus*** McLachlan, 1884

MATERIAL STUDIED: 2L. Ter: H25

***Agapetus beredensis*** Dakki & Malicky, 1980

MATERIAL STUDIED: 16L, 1P. Laou: R13; Adelmane: R15 (1P♂: VI-2003), R16

***Agapetus incertulus*** McLachlan, 1884

MATERIAL STUDIED: 33L, 1P. Laou: R13 (1P♂: V-2005). Genil: B10, B12, B13, B15, B18, B19; Verde: B35; Martil: R14; Adelmane: R15, R16

Ruiz *et al.* (2004) reported that larva of *A. incertulus* does not have ventral setae in the sixth and seventh segments. Although most of our specimens followed this character (as well as the others characteristics of this species), some specimens in B13 and B15 had ventral setae in at least one of these segments.

***Agapetus nimbulus*** McLachlan, 1879

MATERIAL STUDIED: 29L, 3P, 1A. Guadiana Menor: B29, T8 (1P♂, 1P♀: IV-2003; 1P♂, 1♂: X-2005)

This species was recently cited from the Iberian Peninsula (Zamora-Muñoz *et al.*, 2006). The larvae are similar to those of *Agapetus segovicus* Schmid, 1952. Thus, the intention of building a key with the described species of the Iberian Peninsula was resulted unsuccessful, at least with the characters used until now for the step-keys.

***Synagapetus*** McLachlan, 1879

Nineteen larvae of this genus have been found in Ter (H17 and H25), Tordera (H14) and Segura (T2 and T4)









***Halesus tesellatus*** (Curtis, 1834)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 33L. Adra: B1, B2, B3, B4, B5; Guadaleo: B20, B22, B26

***Stenophylax*** Kolenati, 1848

Larval description of all the species of this genus recorded in the study area (11 species) are not provided in the literature, and species level can only be reached with reliability using pupae or adults. Following the available keys for the described species (Wallace *et al.*, 1990; Waringer & Graf, 1997; Vieira-Lanero, 2000), we have identified 22 larvae from Ter (H28), Llobregat (H23) and Sebou (R19) basins as *Stenophylax sequax* (McLachlan, 1875). However, this species has not been cited in North Africa (Dakki, 1980; Tobias & Tobias, 2007). Six larvae in the Guadiana Menor (T6) and Genil (B8) basins were identified as *Stenophylax nycterobius* (McLachlan, 1875), confirmed in the B8 site by larval rearing in the laboratory. On the other hand, 13 larvae in the Guadiana Menor (B30, B33 and B34) and Genil basins (B8, B10, B12 and B14) may fit with *Stenophylax crossotus* McLachlan, 1884 following the recent description by Ruiz-García & Ferreras-Romero (2007).

***Mesophylax*** McLachlan, 1882***Mesophylax aspersus*** (Rambur, 1842)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 1L. Llobregat: H23

***Allogamus*** Schmid, 1955***Allogamus auricollis*** (Pictet, 1834)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 120L. Ter: H24

***Allogamus ligonifer*** (McLachlan, 1876)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 10L. Tajo: H12; Júcar: H4; Segura: T2, T4

***Allogamus mortoni*** (Navás, 1907)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 220L, 31A. Guadiana Menor: B32, B33, B40 (2 ♀♀: X-1996; 1 ♂: XI-1996; 2 ♀♀, 10 ♂♂: X-2007); Genil: B12, B13 (2 ♂♂: X-1996; 1 ♂: XI-1996), B14 (1 ♂: X-2005), B16, B17 (12 ♂♂: X-2007), B19; Laou: R2, R4, R5, R13, R15; Sebou: R17; Adelmane: R16

Larvae of this species were identified using the key of Ruiz-García *et al.* (2004) which includes all known *Allogamus* species of the Iberian Peninsula. In addition, some specimens from North Africa and Genil Basin were confirmed by the author of the key (Ruiz, pers. comm.) and in Guadiana Menor (B40) and Genil basins (B13, B14 and B17) we collected adults of this species. Therefore, our records would extend the distribution of this Iberian species to North Africa. The study of the male genitalia of individuals from B17

and B40 revealed certain variability in the number (from 2 to 4) and the length of the spines of the parameres. In each locality we could distinguish three morphotypes in relation to this character and in two of them the length of one of the spines was longer than in the original description of *A. mortoni* (see Malicky, 2004). Nevertheless, after comparing the individuals with specimens of *Allogamus antennatus* McLachlan, 1876 and *Allogamus antennatus ausoniae* (Moretti, 1991), our individuals never had the parameres as long as the aedeagus, like these have. The parameres of *A. mortoni* thus show a high morphological variability as noticed for *A. auricollis* Pictet, 1834 (see Malicky, 2004).

## Family GOERIDAE Ulmer, 1903

## Subfamily Goerinae Ulmer, 1903

***Silo*** Curtis, 1830***Silo graellsii*** E. Pictet, 1865

MATERIAL STUDIED: 2L. Ter: H25

***Silonella*** Fischer 1966***Silonella aurata*** (Hagen, 1864)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 61L. Genil: B19; Laou: R2; Adelmane: R16

***Larcasia*** Navás, 1917***Larcasia partita*** Navás, 1917

MATERIAL STUDIED: 3L. Guadiana: H1

## Superfamily LEPTOCEROIDEA Leach, 1815

## Family LEPTOCERIDAE Leach, 1815

## Subfamily Leptocerinae Leach, 1815

## Tribe Athripsodini Morse &amp; Wallace, 1976

***Athripsodes*** Billberg, 1820

Some species of this genus (e.g. *A. taounate* Dakki & Malicky, 1980) have been recorded in the study area but are not yet described (González *et al.*, 1992). We found 36 larvae of this genus in Fluvia (H18), Ter (H29), Tajo (H5), Júcar (H4), Guadiana Menor (B29, B33), Genil (B10, B11, B12, B16), Guadaleo (B20, B22, B26), Martil (R14) and Laou (R1) basins. Larvae found in H18 were similar to *Athripsodes albifrons* (Linnaeus, 1758).

## Tribe Leptocerini Leach, 1815

***Leptocerus*** Leach, 1815***Leptocerus lusitanicus*** McLachlan, 1884

MATERIAL STUDIED: 1L. Fluvia: H20

Tribe *Mystacidini* Burmeister, 1839

***Mystacides*** Berthold, 1827

***Mystacides azurea*** (Linnaeus, 1761)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 25L. Muga: H33; Fluvia: H20; Ter: H27, H29; Llobregat: H23; Francolí: H35; Tajo: H10; Segura: T4

Tribe *Oecetini* Silfvenius, 1905

***Oecetis*** McLachlan, 1877

We found 4 larvae of this genus in Muga (H33), Ter (H27, H29) and Tordera (H16) similar to *Oecetis testacea* Curtis, 1834.

Tribe *Setodini* Morse, 1981

***Setodes*** Rambur, 1842

Eleven specimens of this genus were found in the Laou Basin (R4, R13) but given that some species remain undescribed (e.g. *Setodes zerroukii* Dakki, 1981), it was not possible to reach the species level.

***Setodes argentipunctellus*** McLachlan, 1877

MATERIAL STUDIED: 47L. Fluvia: H18, H20; Francolí: H35; Tajo: H8, H9; Guadiana: H1; Segura: T2, T4; Guadalquivir: H6; Genil: B18; Guadafleo: ?B24, ?B25; Chillar: ?B7; Verde: ?B35

Tribe *Triaenodini* Morse, 1981

***Adicella*** McLachlan, 1877

***Adicella reducta*** (McLachlan, 1865)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 20L, 1A. Tordera: H14, Guadiana Menor: B29, T8; Genil: B10, B14 (1♂: X-2005), B16, B17, B18; Adra: B5; Guadafleo: B20

The genus has some species with undescribed larvae (e.g. *Adicella melanella* (McLachlan, 1884)) but the presence of *A. reducta* in the study area has been confirmed by adults previously collected in the sites from Tordera, Guadiana Menor and Guadafleo basins (Zamora-Muñoz, unpubl. data and see also Zamora-Muñoz *et al.*, 2002; Bonada *et al.*, 2004b) and now in the Genil Basin.

Family CALAMOCERATIDAE Ulmer, 1905

Subfamily Calamoceratinæ Ulmer, 1905

***Calamoceras*** Brauer, 1865

***Calamoceras marsupus*** Brauer, 1865

MATERIAL STUDIED: 14L. Tordera: H16; Guadiana: H1; Segura: T2, T4; Guadalquivir: H6

***Calamoceras gr. marsupus*** Brauer, 1865

MATERIAL STUDIED: 150L, 3P. Martil: R14; Adelmane: R15, R16 (1P♂, 1P♀: VI-2003); Laou: R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, R13 (1P♂: XII-2003); Sebou: R18

In spite of larvae of *C. marsupus* building their cases with vegetable material (García de Jalón *et al.*, 1987), some larval specimens in R8 presented a stony case. Adults collected did not fit clearly under the male genitalia description of *C. marsupus* or *Calamoceras illiesi* Malicky & Kumanski, 1974, another species present in the Mediterranean Basin (Malicky, 2005a), and in some features our specimens present intermediate characteristics (González, pers. comm.). In ventral view, the IXth segment is shorter in our specimens than in *C. marsupus*, with the lateral edges more developed, particularly in the distal end. In lateral view, the ventral lobes of Xth segment present a small blunted tooth, as in *C. illiesi*. Gonopods of our specimens resemble those of *C. marsupus*, but they have the basal segment more slender and the distal segment (harpago) longer (about as long as basal segment) than this species. Considering that *C. marsupus* and *C. illiesi* have small differences in the genitalia and there is some morphological variability in the Mediterranean Basin (Malicky, in letter to N. Bonada), we can not ensure the identification of these specimens until more adults are collected.

Family ODONTOCERIDAE Wallengren, 1891

Subfamily Odontocerinae Wallengren, 1891

***Odontocerum*** Leach, 1815

***Odontocerum albicone*** (Scopoli, 1763)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 37L. Ter: H25, H26; Tordera: H15, H16

Superfamily SERICOSTOMATOIDEA Stephens, 1836

Family SERICOSTOMATIDAE Stephens, 1836

***Sericostoma*** Latreville, 1825

Larvae within this genus are very difficult to identify at species level. We provide specimens of this genus collected in the sampled area.

MATERIAL STUDIED: 68L. Muga: H33; Fluvia: H18; Ter: H17; Tordera: H4; Foix: ?H31; Tajo: H12; Júcar: H4, T3; Segura: T2; Guadiana Menor: B27, B28, B29, B31, B33, T5, T8; Genil: B10, B12, B13, B16, B17, B18; Adra: B3, B4, B5; Guadafleo: B20, B22, B23; Laou: ?R2, ?R13

Specimens collected in T8 may correspond to *Sericostoma vittatum* Rambur, 1842, a species collected in this site in previous studies (Zamora-Muñoz *et al.*, 2002). Specimens from R2 and R13 were classified as *Sericostoma* according to Vieira-Lanero (2000), but this genus has not been recorded from North Africa (Dakki, 1980; Tobias & Tobias, 2007).

***Schizopelex*** McLachlan, 1876

***Schizopelex festiva*** (Rambur, 1842)

MATERIAL STUDIED: 83L. Martil: R14; Laou: R2, R13; Adelmane: R15, R16

Table 1.— Global and local distribution, ecological characteristics and water quality preferences of the caddisfly species collected in the sampled area and not recorded in Bonada *et al.* (2004b).

Tabla 1.— Distribución global y local, características ecológicas y tolerancia a la calidad del agua de las especies de tricópteros recolectadas en la zona muestreada y no incluidas en Bonada *et al.* (2004b).

	WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION <sup>1</sup>	DISTRIBUTION IBERIAN PENINSULA AND NORTH AFRICA <sup>1</sup>	DISTRIBUTION IN SAMPLED MEDITERRANEAN BASIN <sup>2</sup>	LONGITUDINAL ZONATION <sup>3</sup>	GEOLOGICAL PREFERENCES <sup>3</sup>	WATER QUALITY PREFERENCES <sup>4</sup>
<i>Rhyacophila fonticola</i> Giudicelli & Dakki, 1984	Iberian Peninsula and north of Africa	Southern basins of the IP and the Rif	Rif	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Rhyacophila rupia</i> McLachlan, 1879	Iberian Peninsula and Pyrenees	Northern basins of the IP	Northern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Agapetus delicatulus</i> McLachlan, 1884	Central and southern Europe and Anatolia	Northern and central basins of the IP except northwest	Northern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Siliceous	Very good
<i>Agapetus nimbulus</i> McLachlan, 1879	Central and southern Europe	Southern basins of the IP	Southern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Siliceous Calcareous	Very good
<i>Agapetus heredensis</i> Dakki & Malicky, 1980	Rif	Rif	Rif	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good to moderate
<i>Hydropsyche cf. angustipennis</i> (Curtis 1834)	Europe and Anatolia	Northern and central basins of the IP*	Northern and central basins of the IP*	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good to good
<i>Hydropsyche lezana</i> Navás, 1935	North of Africa	North Africa	Rif	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good to good
<i>Hydropsyche lobata</i> McLachlan, 1884	Iberian Peninsula and north Africa	Widespread in the IP except northeast and North of Africa	Southern basins of the IP and the Rif	Headwaters to lowland reaches	Calcareous	Very good to moderate
<i>Hydropsyche marociana</i> Navás, 1935	North Africa and Canary Islands	North Africa	Rif	Headwaters to lowland reaches	Calcareous	Good to moderate
<i>Chumatopsyche atlantis</i> (Navás, 1930)	North of Africa	North Africa	Rif	Midstream to lowland reaches	Calcareous	Good to moderate
<i>Lype phœnopa</i> Stephens, 1836	Europe and Iran	Widespread in the IP	Northern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Siliceous	Very good
<i>Tinodes brenni</i> González & Otero, 1984	Iberian Peninsula	Southern basins of the IP	Southern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Tinodes unicolor</i> Pictet, 1834	Europe	Northern basins of the IP	Northern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Siliceous	Very good
<i>Polycentropus corniger</i> McLachlan, 1884	Iberian Peninsula and Pyrenees	Central and western basins of the IP	Northern and southern basins of the IP*	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good

Table 1.— *Cont.*

	WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION <sup>1</sup>	DISTRIBUTION IBERIAN PENINSULA AND NORTH AFRICA <sup>1</sup>	DISTRIBUTION IN SAMPLED MEDITERRANEAN BASIN <sup>2</sup>	LONGITUDINAL ZONATION <sup>3</sup>	GEOLOGICAL PREFERENCES <sup>3</sup>	WATER QUALITY PREFERENCES <sup>3</sup>
<i>Brachycentrus (B.) montanus</i> Klapalek, 1892	Central and southern Europe	Northern basins of the IP	Central basins of the IP*	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Brachycentrus (B.) subnubilus</i> Curtis, 1834	Palearctic	Northern and central basins of the IP	Central basins of the IP	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Anniella esparaguera</i> Schmid, 1952	Iberian Peninsula	Southern basins of the IP	Southern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Allogamus ligonifer</i> (McLachlan, 1876)	Southwestern Europe	Widespread in the IP except in northeast	Central and southern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Calcareous Sedimentary	Very good
<i>Silonella aurata</i> (Hagen, 1864)	Iberian Peninsula, Corse, Sardinia and North of Africa	Southern basins of the IP and North Africa	Southern basins of the IP and the Rif	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good
<i>Lacarsia partita</i> Navás, 1917	Iberian Peninsula	Widespread in the IP except in northeast	Southern basins of the IP	Headwaters	Siliceous	Very good
<i>Leptocerus lusitanicus</i> McLachlan, 1884	Western Europe	Widespread in the IP	Northern basins of the IP	Headwaters to midstream reaches	Calcareous	Good to moderate
<i>Schizopelex festiva</i> (Rambur, 1842)	Iberian Peninsula and north of Africa	Widespread in the IP except in southern basins and North Africa	Rif	Headwaters	Calcareous	Very good

\* Adult material is needed to confirm the presence of this species in the sampled area.

<sup>1</sup> Information was obtained from our records and the following references: Dakki (1980); Dakki & Malicky (1980); El Alami & Dakki (1998); González *et al.* (1992); Tayoub (1989); Vieira-Lanero (2000); Ruiz-García *et al.* (2006); Zamora-Muñoz (2006); Valladolid (2007). “IP” refers to Iberian Peninsula and “North Africa” includes Magreb, Libya and Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> Information in this column was obtained from our records. Northern basins go from Muga to Ebre basins; Central basins go from Mijares to Guadiana basins; Southern basins go from Segura to Guadalquivir basins.

<sup>3</sup> Ecological information was obtained from our records using the same criteria of Bonada *et al.* (2004b) and Guadalmel typology (Sánchez-Montoya *et al.* 2007).

## Family BERAEIDAE Wallengren, 1891

*Beraea* Stephens, 1833

Eight larvae of this genus were found in Tajo (H8), Guadiana (H1) and Guadalquivir (H6) basins, and resembled *Beraea terrai* Malicky, 1975. However, species level was not reached because the larva of *Beraea dira* McLachlan, 1875 is not described and could be present in the area (González *et al.*, 1992).

*Beraea maurus* (Curtis, 1834)

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*Local richness*

From the 86 species identified with certainty in this study, 60 species were present in the Iberian plate region, 29 in the Transition, 30 in the Betic and 18 in the Rif. Although Rif showed the lowest regional species richness, local richness was not significantly different between geological regions ( $F$ -value = 2.457,  $p$  = 0.068). Significant differences were however found between ecotypes within regions ( $F$ -value = 4.097,  $p$  = 0.004). Residuals did not significantly differ from normality ( $p$  = 0.70) and from homogeneity of variances ( $p$  > 0.160). Box-plots indicated that temporary sites (Fig. 2) had lower local richness than other ecotypes in all regions except in the Rif. Headwaters, regardless of their geology, had similar richness and, when present, richness in lowland sites was also similar to that present in headwaters.

**Discussion**

Our work complements records reported in previous studies in the Mediterranean climate region of the Iberian Peninsula and north Africa (e.g. Dakki, 1980; Ruiz *et al.*, 2001; Bonada *et al.*, 2004b) with information from several not previously studied sites. We have found 22 species not recorded in Bonada *et al.* (2004b), 4 of them only found in the Rif. Information about the distribution of these species and their ecological requirements is provided in Table 1. In addition, comparing with González *et al.* (1992) and Bonada *et al.* (2004b) we provide records that extend the distribution of several species in the Mediterranean area of the Iberian Peninsula. *Glossosoma boltoni*, *Allogamus ligonifer*, *Lepidostoma hirtum* and *Lacarsia partita* were recorded in the southern basins. *Brachycen-*

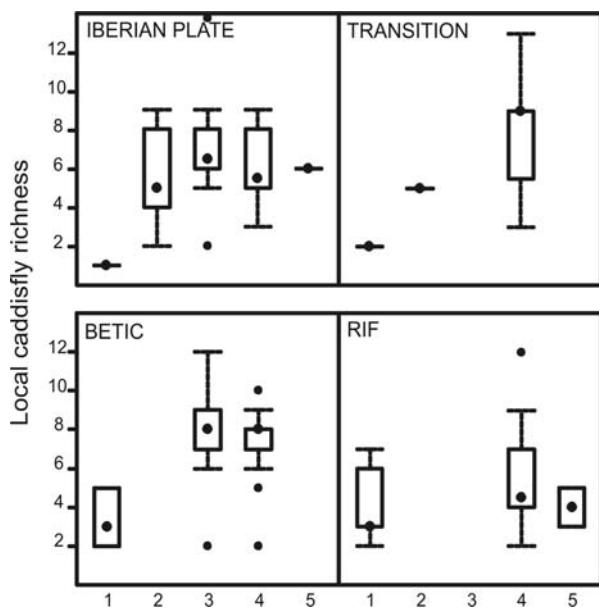


Fig. 2.— Box-plots indicating local species richness in each geological region separated by ecotypes, according to Sánchez-Montoya *et al.* (2007): (1) temporary streams, (2) evaporite calcareous streams at medium altitude, (3) siliceous headwaters at high altitude, (4) calcareous headwaters at medium and high altitude and (5) large watercourses. Each box-plot shows the medians (horizontal bars) and the 25th and 75th percentiles (boxes).

Fig. 2.— Diagramas de cajas indicando la riqueza local de especies en cada región geológica separada por ecotipos, según Sánchez-Montoya *et al.* (2007): (1) ríos temporales, (2) ríos calcáreos y evaporíticos de mediana altitud, (3) cabeceras silíceas de elevada altitud, (4) cabeceras calcáreas de mediana y elevada altitud y (5) grandes cursos de agua. Cada diagrama muestra las medianas (líneas horizontales) y los percentiles 25 y 75 (cajas).

*trus (B.) montanus*, *Rhyacophila meridionalis* and *Limnephilus lunatus* were also present in central basins. *Calamoceras marsupus* was also collected in northern basins.

Regional species richness differed between geological regions, with Rif having the lowest number. This observation contrasts in part with results on terrestrial plants and mammals which revealed high taxa richness in the southern Iberian Peninsula and North Africa (e.g. see Cheylan, 1991; Médail & Quézel, 1997). This value is partially biased because the geological regions occupy different areas, (i.e. richness increases with the area considered, Gaston & Blackburn, 2000) and because faunistic studies are scarce in the Rif (e.g. for

Coleoptera, Bennás *et al.*, 1992; Ribera, 2000). However, the Rif has been considered an isolated area (Jolly *et al.*, 1998; Cosson *et al.*, 2005), which makes the maintenance of a diverse freshwater fauna more difficult. This is even more problematic for caddisflies, which are not equipped with biological strategies to cope with the frequent summer droughts of the region (Littmann, 2000; Williams, 2006). This observation is in accordance with the lowest local caddisfly richness recorded in the eco-type 1 that we found in all geological regions except in the Rif. All this suggests that conservation measures have to be enforced in this area to preserve its biodiversity.

Several authors have pointed out the importance of large-scale characteristics on macroinvertebrate distributions (e.g. Sandin & Johnson, 2004). In particular, basin geology and river zonation were considered, among several environmental variables, the most important to explain caddisfly distribution in the Mediterranean climate rivers of the Iberian Peninsula (Bonada *et al.*, 2005). Basin geology determines mineralization of water and river zonation results in changes in the hydraulic forces, the terrestrial influence and the resources available among others (Hawkins & Sedell, 1981; Statzner *et al.*, 1988; Leland & Porter, 2000). However, although these parameters constrain caddisfly distribution, our results show that taxa richness is maintained between ecotypes with permanent flow conditions. This observation contrasts with other studies in temperate Europe using caddisflies that recorded an increase of species with surrogates of river zonation, such as stream width and slope (Wiberg-Larsen *et al.*, 2000). The higher biodiversity of caddisflies in the Western Mediterranean compared to temperate Europe (e.g. around 200 species in Denmark and England, but almost double in the Iberian Peninsula, Wallace *et al.*, 1990; González *et al.*, 1992; Edington & Hildrew, 1995; Wiberg-Larsen *et al.*, 2000) is probably accountable to this observation.

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Basin</b>	<b>LongitudeX_UTM</b>	<b>Latitude Y_UTM</b>	<b>Altitude m.a.s.l.</b>	<b>River/Stream</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Ectype</b>
R1	Laou	286042	3910209	560	Boumarouil	Tétouan	1
R10	Laou	291725	3887981	360	Laou	Chefchaouen	4
R11	Laou	306906	3923220	20	Laou	Chefchaouen	5
R12	Laou	300313	3903040	340	Talembote	Chefchaouen	4
R13	Laou	302031	3901801	400	Kelâa	Chefchaouen	4
R14	Martil	271037	3911225	1220	Taida	Larache	1
R15	Adelmane	306148	3893546	1330	Beni M'Hammed	Chefchaouen	1
R16	Adelmane	304607	3893702	1530	Madissouka	Chefchaouen	4
R17	Sebou	305617	3891831	1500	Guiness	Chefchaouen	1
R18	Sebou	297030	3871776	1000	Zebzar	Chefchaouen	4
R19	Sebou	297030	3871776	1000	Zebzar	Chefchaouen	1
R20	Martil	279943	3925927	80	Nakhla	Tétouan	2
R2	Laou	301299	3887273	777	Maggo	Chefchaouen	4
R3	Laou	296827	3882350	680	Ouara	Chefchaouen	4
R4	Laou	296928	3877232	930	Ouara	Chefchaouen	4
R5	Laou	300818	3887868	905	Maggo	Chefchaouen	4
R6	Laou	290210	3897138	280	Laou	Chefchaouen	4
R7	Laou	293923	3905033	235	Laou	Chefchaouen	4
R8	Laou	293417	3893940	457	Ras El Ma	Chefchaouen	4
R9	Laou	301046	3913994	56	Laou	Chefchaouen	5
T1	Segura	593334	4250158	437	Segura	Albacete	4
T2	Segura	551125	4259314	940	Mundo	Albacete	4
T3	Júcar	555400	4289600	990	Arquillo	Albacete	4
T4	Segura	548400	4247100	840	Tus	Albacete	4
T5	Guadiana Menor	522319	4195673	1220	Castril	Granada	2
T6	Guadiana Menor	533413	4198285	1150	Rraigadas	Granada	1
T7	Guadiana Menor	528195	4193605	1110	Buitre	Granada	4
T8	Guadiana Menor	528671	4194040	1090	Guardal	Granada	4
T9	Guadiana Menor	519225	4180285	780	Castril	Granada	4