

A NEW DUTCH RECORD OF *PSILOCHORUS SIMONI* (BERLAND, 1911) (ARANEAE, PHOLCIDAE)

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ABSTRACT

A new Dutch record of *Psilochorus simoni* (Berland, 1911) (Araneae, Pholcidae).

A new record and possible case of import of *Psilochorus simony* (Berland) is described.

Key words: faunal record, *Psilochorus simoni*

Dutch records of *Psilochorus simoni* are sparse and I therefore consider a new observation of this species worth mentioning.

A specimen of *Psilochorus simoni* was observed by Jan Westgeest in his house in Voorschoten. Since he had never seen a specimen like this before he reflected on the possibility of having brought the specimen in his house himself. He came to the likely conclusion that it came into the house when he had bought a piece of garden furniture at a garden centre on the border of Voorschoten and neighbouring Leiden and had unpacked it at home. He published a picture of the specimen on the site of “www.nederlandsesoorten.nl” where I found it. He kindly provided me with the above description of the events. We consider it very likely that the specimen was imported in the house in Voorschoten and was imported into the garden centre as well.

Earlier published Dutch records (see Van Helsdingen 2009a) came from Wageningen (in greenhouse) (Prinsen 1989), Amstelveen (in greenhouse) (Heuts 2003), Leiden (inside house) (Koomen 1988) en Echt (in cave) (Vossen 1983). All come from unnatural, man-made habitats and clearly concern cases of import.

The species is distributed over most parts of Europe (Van Helsdingen 2009b) but rather sparsely and it is not quite clear where the species originally came from. It is obvious that it is easily transported.

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