

**Preliminary note on the occurrence of *Carychium tridentatum* Risso
in the Netherlands**

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Among my rather extensive material of *Carychia* from various countries in Europe, recently kindly examined by Mr. Hugh Watson (Cambridge), *Carychium tridentatum* Risso was found in 3 specimens from Vogelenzang, province of Zuid-Holland, leg. P. P. de Koning, 18-VIII-1931 (Rijksmus. Natuurl. Hist., Leiden). As far as I know this is the first record for the Netherlands.

Carychium tridentatum Risso (an auctorum?) seems to be widely distributed in Europe, but appears to live exclusively in woods, contrary to *C. minimum* O. F. Müll., which occurs in open country, along lake-shores, in moors, etc. As my researches for minute species have hitherto mainly been devoted to the fauna of woods, it is clear why I found *C. tridentatum* already in 45 localities in Denmark. In some of our dark beech-woods 100% of the *Carychia* belong to this species. *C. tridentatum*

is also present in my material from Northern France, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Latvia and Lithuania.

Unfortunately the types of *C. tridentatum* Risso from the neighbourhood of Nice do no more exist in the Natural History Museum in Paris, as Prof. E. Fischer—Piette kindly informs me. My collection further contains samples from Carniola and Yougoslavia which differ from the normal „tridentatum” as well as from *minimum* O. F. Müll. I doubt whether they will prove to be a variety of „tridentatum” or a third species. If the latter will be the case, this may be the true *C. tridentatum* Risso, though I do not think it likely.

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