

Preimaginal stages and biology of *Bactericera lyrata* (Hemiptera: Psylloidea: Triozidae)

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Abstract. The egg and fifth instar immature of the jumping plant-louse *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008 (Hemiptera: Psylloidea: Triozidae) are described and illustrated for the first time based on material collected in Slovenia and reared on *Potentilla reptans* (Rosaceae) which is confirmed as a host plant. The morphology of the fifth instar immature is compared with closely related species and a key for the identification of the fifth instar immatures of west Palaearctic species of *Bactericera* Puton, 1876 associated with Rosaceae is provided. *Bactericera lyrata* has three generations per year in Slovenia with adults overwintering. It is unknown whether they migrate to conifers. The colour dimorphism of adults of the summer and overwintering generations is illustrated and briefly discussed.

Key words. Sternorrhyncha, *Bactericera*, jumping plant-lice, psyllids, egg, immature morphology, host plant, life cycle, Rosaceae, Slovenia, Palaearctic Region

Introduction

Jumping plant-lice or psyllids (Hemiptera: Sternorrhyncha: Psylloidea) are usually highly host-specific plant-sucking insects. Most species are monophagous or narrowly oligophagous on various perennial dicotyledonous plants. Particularly the immature stages of psyllids are tightly associated with their hosts while the adults are more mobile and can be occasionally found also on other plants, including shelter plants used by many psyllid species for overwintering in north temperate regions (HODKINSON 1974, 2009; BURCKHARDT et al. 2014). Some psyllid taxa show only subtle interspecific morphological differences in the adult stage. Knowledge of the morphology of immature stages and the host plants is often helpful in diagnosing species in such taxonomically critical groups (e.g. OSSIANNILSSON 1972, CONCI & TAMANINI 1985a). It can also provide useful information for analyses of phylogeny at different systematic levels and for tests of evolutionary patterns including coevolution of psyllids with their host plants (WHITE & HODKINSON 1985, BURCKHARDT & BASSET 2000, BURCKHARDT et al. 2014).

The genus *Bactericera* Puton, 1876 is one of the taxonomically problematic groups where closely related species are often morphologically similar. It currently includes 160 species distributed predominantly in the Holarctic Region (BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997, LI 2011, OUVARD 2013). A few of them are polyphagous and major (vectors of phytopathogenic bacteria) or minor pests on cultivated crops, such as *Bactericera cockerelli* (Šulc, 1909) on potato, tomato and capsicum (BURCKHARDT 1995, MUNYANEZA et al. 2007, BUCHMAN et al. 2011, ALVARADO et al. 2012), *B. nigricornis* (Foerster, 1848) on various vegetables (HODKINSON 1981), *B. tremblayi* (Wagner, 1961) on onion and leek (TREMBLAY 1965a,b; OUVARD & BURCKHARDT 2012), and *B. trigonica* Hodkinson, 1981 on carrot (HODKINSON 1981, BURCKHARDT & FREULER 2000, WEINTRAUB & BEANLAND 2006). However, many *Bactericera* species are associated with the families Salicaceae, Rosaceae and Asteraceae (BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997).

One of the presumably Rosaceae-feeding species has been *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008, recently described from Slovenia (SELJAK et al. 2008) and subsequently reported from the Czech Republic and Hungary (MALENOVSKÝ & LAUTERER 2012). The original description was based on adult morphology. SELJAK et al. (2008) suggested a close relationship of *B. lyrata* to a small group of Palaearctic *Bactericera* species associated with Rosaceae and mentioned *Potentilla reptans* and *Sanguisorba officinalis* as possible hosts that occurred on the sites where adults were collected. A small number of specimens available at the time of the description and particularly the absence of immature stages, however, did not allow to identify the host plant. Here we provide more details on the biology of *B. lyrata*: based on rearing we confirm *Potentilla reptans* as its host plant, describe the egg and fifth instar immature for the first time, compare them with related species, and discuss the life cycle.

Material and methods

In mid-September 2012 a series of adult specimens of *B. lyrata* were caught by G. Seljak in an abandoned field in western Slovenia near the village of Vogrsko in the Vipava Valley (the type locality of *B. lyrata*: SELJAK et al. 2008; Fig. 5). The specimens were reddish-coloured showing characteristics of a summer generation (Figs 1, 2). Among the plants growing on the site, *Potentilla reptans* was the most abundant (Fig. 11). As this plant species was suspected to be a potential host plant, more than 200 leaves of *P. reptans* were examined in detail on the site in order to find any preimaginal stages that might belong to *B. lyrata*; this search, however, was not successful. Therefore, a few plants of *P. reptans* from another place where no specimens of *B. lyrata* could be collected were planted in a pot and put in an insect cage. The insect cage was kept outdoors but protected from direct rain. Four adult females and two males of *B. lyrata* from Vogrsko were released in this cage to test if they accept *P. reptans* as a food plant. Within 30 minutes all specimens moved onto the leaves of *P. reptans*. As they were then staying at exactly the same places on the leaves for several hours they probably started to feed. On September 29 leaves in the cage were checked. Two females and one male were still alive and lots of eggs were scattered over both sides of the leaves (Fig. 10), being

more numerous on the upper side. First instar immatures (Fig. 9) hatched in the first days of October and moved onto the lower leaf surface. The first three instars were not conserved for morphological studies to make sure that there was enough material for the development of stages four and five. Two specimens of the fourth and 15 specimens of the fifth instar were later carefully collected from the leaves and put into 70% ethanol. The rest of the immatures were reared to the adult stage.

In 2013, the rearing procedure was repeated in the same way as in the previous year with adults collected at the same locality on July 13. As all adults were light-coloured, it was supposed that they belonged to the first summer generation. The cage was periodically checked for developmental stages. At the very beginning of October, when the first adults of the next generation (all light-coloured) appeared, two fifth instar immatures were collected for slide preparation. Adults and other immatures were left in the cage for further observations. On December 8, when the first overwintering adults (1 ♂ and 2 ♀♀) appeared, further rearing was stopped because the plants of *Potentilla reptans* were almost completely destroyed by co-occurring aphids and mites. All remaining immatures on the leaves were preserved in 70% ethanol for subsequent slide mounting.

Permanent slides from this material were prepared according to the slightly modified procedure by HODKINSON & WHITE (1979) and deposited in the insect collection of the Agriculture and Forestry Institute in Nova Gorica, Slovenia (ANGS). The following numbers of specimens were slide-mounted: 15 fifth instar immatures, 16 fourth instar immatures, 4 second instar immatures and 2 first instar immatures, all reared on *Potentilla reptans* by G. Seljak.

For morphological comparisons, several slide-mounted specimens of fifth instar immatures from the collections of ANGS and the Moravian Museum, Brno, Czech Republic (MMBC) were examined for the following species: *Bactericera acutipennis* (Zetterstedt, 1828) (6 immatures, Czech Republic, western Moravia, Radenice, on *Comarum palustre*, 18.ix.1981, P. Lauterer leg.; 7 immatures, Czech Republic, western Moravia, Budeč near Žďár nad Sázavou, reared on *Comarum palustre*, 18.vii.1980, P. Lauterer leg.; all MMBC); *B. femoralis* (Foerster, 1848) (3 immatures, Czech Republic, western Moravia, Prosetín-Čtyři Dvory, on *Alchemilla* sp., 28.viii.1964, P. Lauterer leg., MMBC), *B. modesta* (Foerster, 1848) (5 immatures, Slovenia, Nova Gorica, 9.x.2011, on *Sanguisorba minor*, G. Seljak leg., ANGS; 1 immature, Czech Republic, southern Moravia, Mikulov, Svatá hora Hill, reared on *Sanguisorba minor*, 11.vii.1970, P. Lauterer leg.), and *B. reuteri* (Šulc, 1913) (5 immatures, Czech Republic, southern Moravia, Velké Němčice, Brodač Nature Reserve, 4.x.1962, on *Potentilla anserina*, P. Lauterer leg., MMBC, ANGS).

The slide-mounted immatures were examined under a compound microscope (Nikon Eclipse Ni-U or Olympus BX-41) and imaged with an attached digital camera (Nikon DS-U3, Olympus 5060WZ). Measurements and counts were performed in the Nikon NIS Elements Documentation or the QuickPHOTO CAMERA 2.3 software. In addition, the examined material was also compared with the descriptions and drawings of the fifth instar immatures of *Bactericera* spp. in OSSIANNILSSON (1992) and BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER (1997). The morphological terminology follows WHITE & HODKINSON (1982) and OSSIANNILSSON (1992). The nomenclature of host plants is based on KURTTO (2009).

Results

Bactericera lyrata Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008

(Figs 1–4, 6–10, 12)

Bactericera lyrata Seljak et al., 2008: 530.

The following sections complement the original description by SELJAK et al. (2008) by providing details about the coloration of the adults, the morphology of the fifth instar immature, egg, the host plant, and the life cycle.

Adult. Coloration. Seasonally dimorphic. General body colour of specimens of the long day (summer) generation(s) almost uniformly reddish to orange brown with dark brown transversal bands on abdominal tergites. Males usually darker than females, red-brownish (Figs 1, 2). Forewings transparent. Short day specimens (late autumn, overwintering generation) markedly dark: males with thoracic dorsum evenly brownish black (Fig. 3; paler longitudinal stripes only visible in fresh specimens, disappearing later with hardening of cuticle); females dark brown to almost black with more or less distinct paler longitudinal stripes on thoracic dorsum (Fig. 4); forewing membrane light straw-yellowish in mature specimens of both sexes.

Fifth instar immature (Figs 6, 12). **Coloration.** Short day immatures (autumn generation) dirty yellowish with diffuse dark brown markings on thorax and abdomen; brown markings concentrated on thorax along midline, in an obtuse V-shaped streak on mesothorax, a less apparent streak on metathorax, and patches on tips of fore- and hindwing-pads; abdomen with diffuse radial brown markings near margins of caudal plate (margins and central area of caudal plate lighter). Apices of tibiae, tarsi and antennae dark brown. Long day (summer) immatures are generally lighter with weakly or hardly pronounced brown markings.

Structure. Body broadly flattened, elliptic ovoid, anterior head and posterior caudal plate margins broadly rounded. Dorsal cuticle densely covered with fine tubercles, caudal plate radially sculptured. Body margin completely bordered with sectasetae present in following numbers: head 58–69; forewing-pad 86–100; hindwing-pad 12–18; abdomen 170–215; poles of all sectasetae truncate, cylindrical, with almost perfectly parallel edges. Head and abdominal sectasetae densely arranged with interspaces of about 0.15 to 0.30 poles width. Forewing-pad sectasetae markedly shorter and more sparsely arranged with interspaces of about 0.5 to 1.1 poles width. Sectasetae completely absent from dorsum. Posterior eye margin with a small lobe lacking sectasetae. Antenna short, three-segmented, apical segment (flagellum) narrowed in middle, indistinctly subdivided, with four rhinaria; terminal setae unequal in length, one truncated at tip, the other seta tapered and almost twice as long as the truncate one. Humeral lobes of forewing-pads large, distinctly surpassing anterior eye margin. Tarsal arolium relatively large (larger than claws), broadly triangular (trapezoidal). Anus situated ventrally, outer circumanal pore ring with one single row of densely arranged elliptic pores.

Measurements and ratios in Table 1.

Egg. Colour. Freshly laid eggs whitish, later becoming orange-yellow, with brownish pedicel.

Structure. Oblong-oval, pedicel straight, about as long as egg or slightly longer (Fig. 8). Eggs are laid on both upper and lower sides of leaves (Fig. 10).

Host plant. *Potentilla reptans* L. (Rosaceae) (Fig. 11) has been confirmed as the host plant of *B. lyrata*. This plant can support all developmental stages. Rearing was successful in obtaining successive new generations of adults.

Life cycle. Observations from outdoor rearing in Slovenia show that *B. lyrata* has three generations per year. Light-coloured adults of the presumably first summer generation were collected on the host plant on July 13. Two successive generations developed in the captivity. The phenology

Table 1. Morphometric characters of fifth instar immatures of west Palaearctic species of *Bactericera* associated with Rosaceae. Data for characters marked with an asterisk (*) were combined with values in OSSIANNILSSON (1992) and are based on higher number of specimens than the given n. Range (minimum-maximum) values are given for body measurements and numbers of setae, mean \pm standard deviation for setae measurements

	<i>lyrata</i>	<i>reuteri</i>	<i>modesta</i>	<i>acutipennis</i>	<i>femorialis</i>	<i>bohémica</i>
Body measurements (mm)	n = 15	n = 5	n = 5	n = 5	n = 3	none
Body length (BL)*	1.99–2.31	2.03–2.23	2.06–2.21	1.86–2.24	2.05–2.52	2.14–2.38
Body breadth (BB)	1.51–1.73	1.49–1.61	1.60–1.75	1.29–1.39	1.53–1.59	
Forewing pad length (WL)	1.18–1.34	1.19–1.26	1.20–1.29	1.10–1.17	1.17–1.27	
Caudal plate length (CL)	0.73–0.89	0.84–0.93	0.80–0.87	0.76–0.86	0.90–0.91	
Caudal plate width (CW)	1.08–1.38	1.08–1.22	1.26–1.36	0.98–1.06	1.21–1.25	
Antenna length (AL)	0.34–0.39	0.35–0.40	0.32–0.35	0.33–0.36	0.33–0.35	
Circumanal ring width (CRW)	0.23–0.26	0.22–0.25	0.26–0.27	0.24–0.26	0.26	
Ratio BL/BB	1.31–1.37	1.34–1.39	1.27–1.30	1.39–1.47	1.30–1.34	
Ratio AL/WL	0.27–0.30	0.28–0.32	0.26–0.28	0.28–0.32	0.27–0.28	
Ratio CW/CL	1.48–1.63	1.21–1.40	1.55–1.58	1.16–1.31	1.34–1.39	
Ratio CW/CRW	4.70–5.50	4.32–5.17	4.90–5.24	4.04–4.24	4.65–4.81	
Number of setae						
Head*	58–69	57–62	70–80	50–62	69–80	60–72
Forewing pads*	86–100	88–103	128–140	68–85	102–124	107–131
Hindwing pads*	12–18	13–17	15–24	9–14	13–20	17–22
Abdomen*	170–215	185–197	216–230	137–158	201–245	192–222
Setae measurements (μm)						
	n = 80	n = 80	n = 40	n = 40	n = 40	none
Head	Pole length (PL)	15.4 \pm 1.73	13.1 \pm 0.73	15.8 \pm 0.73	16.0 \pm 1.64	12.5 \pm 0.83
	Pole base width (PBW)	9.2 \pm 0.53	8.1 \pm 0.44	8.1 \pm 0.38	7.3 \pm 1.15	6.3 \pm 0.70
	Pole apical width (PAW)	8.8 \pm 0.56	6.5 \pm 0.44	7.8 \pm 0.37	5.7 \pm 0.78	5.8 \pm 0.50
	Ratio PAW/PBW	0.95 \pm 0.04	0.80 \pm 0.04	0.96 \pm 0.03	0.79 \pm 0.07	0.93 \pm 0.09
	Ratio PL/PBW	1.68 \pm 0.24	1.63 \pm 0.10	1.96 \pm 0.14	2.24 \pm 0.46	2.03 \pm 0.32
Wingpads	Pole length (PL)	10.7 \pm 1.31	8.6 \pm 0.81	10.9 \pm 1.31	10.9 \pm 1.75	7.9 \pm 0.80
	Pole base width (PBW)	9.3 \pm 0.63	7.6 \pm 0.71	9.1 \pm 0.35	7.2 \pm 0.79	6.8 \pm 0.74
	Pole apical width (PAW)	8.9 \pm 0.80	6.3 \pm 0.76	9.1 \pm 0.37	5.4 \pm 0.68	6.6 \pm 0.59
	Ratio PAW/PBW	0.96 \pm 0.08	0.83 \pm 0.06	1.00 \pm 0.04	0.75 \pm 0.08	0.97 \pm 0.09
	Ratio PL/PBW	1.15 \pm 0.13	1.14 \pm 0.11	1.20 \pm 0.15	1.51 \pm 0.23	1.17 \pm 0.13
Abdomen	Pole length (PL)	14.6 \pm 1.58	13.6 \pm 1.58	15.0 \pm 0.94	14.4 \pm 1.62	10.3 \pm 0.83
	Pole base width (PBW)	8.9 \pm 0.70	7.6 \pm 0.51	7.8 \pm 0.34	7.2 \pm 0.65	6.5 \pm 0.91
	Pole apical width (PAW)	8.6 \pm 0.66	6.0 \pm 0.59	8.0 \pm 0.50	5.6 \pm 0.59	6.3 \pm 0.75
	Ratio PAW/PBW	0.97 \pm 0.05	0.79 \pm 0.06	1.03 \pm 0.06	0.76 \pm 0.08	0.98 \pm 0.12
	Ratio PL/PBW	1.65 \pm 0.19	1.79 \pm 0.19	1.91 \pm 0.16	2.01 \pm 0.28	1.59 \pm 0.19

Table 2. Phenology of *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2009 in outdoor rearing in Slovenia in 2013. Abbreviations: L1–5 = first to fifth instar immatures.

Date	Adults	Eggs	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
13.vii.	+	–	–	–	–	–	–
27.vii.	+	+	–	–	–	–	–
11.viii.	+	+	+	+	–	–	–
25.viii.	–	–	+	+	+	–	–
8.ix.	–	–	–	+	+	+	–
22.ix.	–	–	–	–	+	+	+
5.x.	+	–	–	–	–	+	+
26.x.	+	+	+	+	–	–	–
9.xi.	–	+	+	+	+	–	–
23.xi.	–	–	+	+	+	+	+
8.xii.	+	–	–	+	+	+	+

of the second and third generations is shown in Table 2. Adults of the second generation appeared at the very beginning of October in rearing (2013), which is about the same time when they were collected in the field (end of September, 2012). The fifth instar immatures of the third (short day) generation appeared in the last decade of November and the first adults of this generation were found at the beginning of December. At that time, the majority of immatures were still in the third, fourth and fifth instars. In our rearing conditions the mortality of immature stages of the third generation was relatively high, apparently due to a strong competition of co-occurring aphids (*Aphis* sp.) and mites (*Tetranychus urticae* Koch, 1836). However, it was observed that at least the later immature instars were able to move from badly damaged leaves to fresh or less damaged ones. Even the late season immatures can achieve the adult stage, which was confirmed also by a finding in the field: several overwintering adults of *B. lyrata* (7 ♂♂ and 5 ♀♀) were swept on the type locality on January 1, 2014 from the partly wilted leaves of *Potentilla reptans*. It remains unknown whether the adults of the overwintering generation migrate to shelter plants and when they return to the primary host in spring.

Discussion

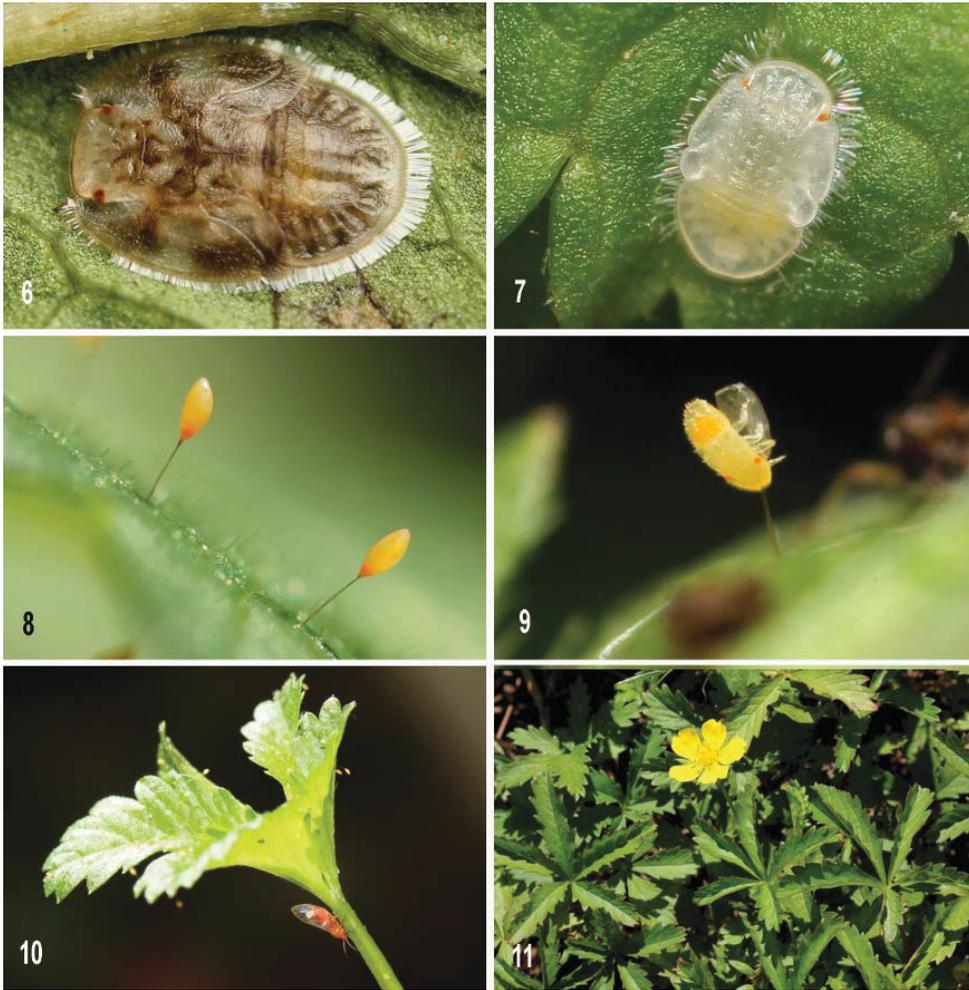
The preimaginal stages of *Bactericera lyrata* show the typical morphology of the genus. The long pedicel of the egg is a synapomorphy shared by all species of *Bactericera* with known eggs (BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997, CONCI & TAMANINI 2000, OUVARD & BURCKHARDT 2012). The fifth instar immature closely resembles many other *Bactericera* species (OSSIANNILSSON 1992, BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997, BOLZERN & BURCKHARDT 2004). Based on adult morphology, SELJAK et al. (2008) suggested that *B. lyrata* belongs to a group of several Palaearctic *Bactericera* species associated with plants of the family Rosaceae (more specifically some perennial herbs of the clade Rosoideae *sensu* ERIKSSON et al. 2003 and POTTER et al. 2007) which includes *B. acutipennis* (Zetterstedt, 1828), *B. bohémica* (Šulc, 1913), *B. femoralis* (Foerster, 1848), *B. harrisoni* (Wagner, 1955), *B. modesta* (Foerster, 1848), and *B. reuteri* (Šulc, 1913). These species and *B. lyrata* share the light colour of a large part of the antennal flagellum, and long and apically narrow posterior lobes on the male proctiger, which are possibly apomorphic characters within *Bactericera*. Both characters are also present in at least two additional



Figs 1–5. *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008. 1 – adult male of the summer generation; 2 – adult female of the summer generation; 3 – adult male of the overwintering generation; 4 – adult female of the overwintering generation; 5 – abandoned field near Vogrsko village, Vipava Valley, western Slovenia: the type locality of *B. lyrata*.

species described from China which lack reliable host plant data: *Bactericera cuspidata* (Li & Yang, 1994) and *B. stonyophylla* Li, 2011; based on illustrations of adult males provided by LI et al. (1994) and LI (2011), both species are very similar to *B. reuteri*.

The hypothesized rosaceous host of *B. lyrata* is confirmed here based on observations of a complete life cycle on *Potentilla reptans*. The adults of *B. lyrata* are most similar to *B. reuteri* (living on *Potentilla anserina*) and *B. modesta* (on *Sanguisorba* spp.) (see SELJAK et al. 2008 for a detailed account of the shared and diagnostic characters of the adults). The fifth instar immature of *B. modesta* clearly differs from those of *B. lyrata* as well as *B. reuteri* in the significantly higher number of marginal sectasetae on all body parts (Table 1) which are also more densely arranged (almost touching one another). The fifth instar immatures of *B. lyrata* and *B. reuteri* are similar and the number of sectasetae itself does not allow to



Figs 6–11. *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008. 6 – fifth instar immature; 7 – fourth instar immature; 8 – egg; 9 – freshly hatched first instar immature; 10 – adult female and eggs on a leaf of *Potentilla reptans*; 11 – *Potentilla reptans*, the host plant.

distinguish between the two. Nevertheless, there are differences in the shape and size of the sectasetae poles, although not always easy to notice. In the examined material of *B. lyrata* the sectasetae poles are almost perfectly parallel-sided (similar to *B. modesta* in which some sectasetae may even appear slightly broadened apically): the ratio of pole apical/base width (PAW/PBW) is approximately 1.0 on all body parts. *Bactericera reuteri*, however, exhibits shorter and narrower poles of sectasetae that slightly taper towards the apex; the PAW/PBW mean value is only around 0.8 (Table 1). The interspaces between sectasetae of *B. reuteri* are also slightly larger (the sectasetae appear more sparsely arranged) than in *B. lyrata*.

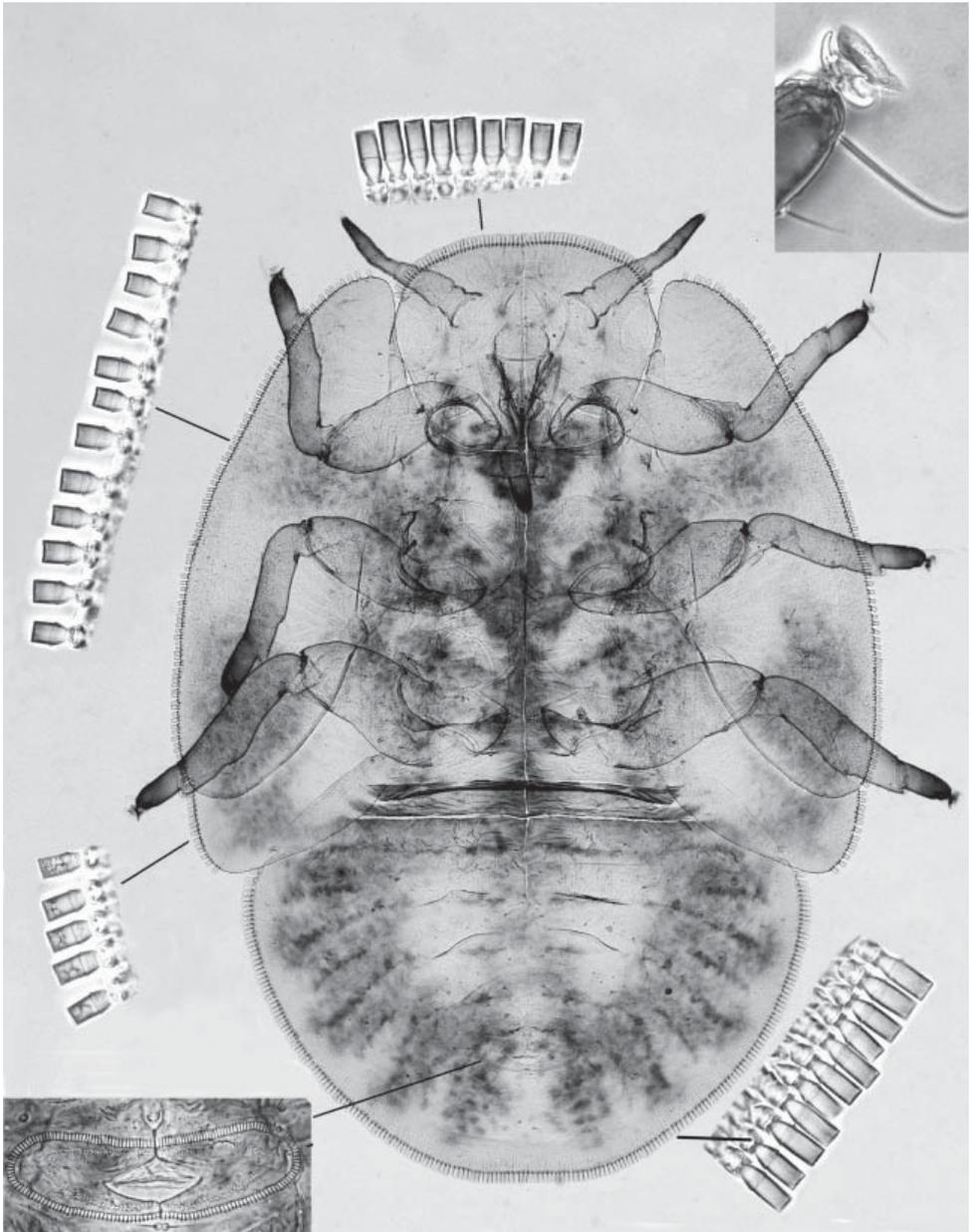


Fig. 12. Fifth instar immature of *Bactericera lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008 with details of sectasetae, the circumanal pore ring and tarsal arolium.

The following key is proposed for the identification of the fifth instar immatures of the west Palaearctic *Bactericera* spp. associated with Rosaceae (see OSSIANNILSSON 1992 for descriptions and illustrations of immatures of *B. acutipennis*, *B. bohémica*, *B. femoralis* and *B. reuteri*, and BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997 for *B. acutipennis*, *B. femoralis* and *B. modesta*; immatures of *B. harrisoni* are not known, cf. CONCI & TAMANINI 1985b). For a reliable identification we recommend to examine several specimens.

- 1 Each forewing-pad usually with less than 100 marginal sectasetae which are sparsely arranged (interspaces usually almost as large as width of poles or larger). 2
- Each forewing-pad usually with more than 100 marginal sectasetae which are densely arranged (interspaces usually distinctly smaller than width of poles). 4
- 2 Abdomen with less than 165 marginal sectasetae. Poles of sectasetae on all body parts slender (mean PL/PBW > 1.9 on head and abdomen, > 1.3 on forewing-pads). Body narrow, BL/BB ≥ 1.4, CW/CRW < 4.3. On *Comarum palustre*. *B. acutipennis* (Zetterstedt, 1828)
- Abdomen with more than 165 marginal sectasetae. Poles of sectasetae on all body parts robust (mean PL/PBW < 1.9 on head and abdomen, < 1.3 on forewing-pads). Body broad, BL/BB < 1.4, CW/CRW > 4.3. On *Potentilla*. 3
- 3 Poles of sectasetae on all body parts slightly tapering to apex (mean PAW/PBW < 0.85), most of them less than 7 µm wide at apex. On *Potentilla anserina*. *B. reuteri* (Šulc, 1913)
- Poles of sectasetae on all body parts almost perfectly cylindrical (mean PAW/PBW > 0.90), most of them more than 8 µm wide at apex. On *Potentilla reptans*. *B. lyrata* Seljak, Malenovský & Lauterer, 2008
- 4 Antennal flagellum laterally in basal quarter with a group of several adjacent smaller sensilla (rhinaria) often arranged in a transverse row or irregular cluster, medially with one or two larger, adjacent sensilla, and in apical third with two large, separated sensilla. On *Alchemilla* spp. *B. femoralis* (Foerster, 1848)
- Antennal flagellum laterally with only four large separated sensilla (rhinaria) along its length. 5
- 5 Body dorsum yellowish with apices of antennae and legs darker. Humeral lobes of forewing pads broad. Each forewing-pad with 128–140 marginal sectasetae. On *Sanguisorba minor* and *S. officinalis*. *B. modesta* (Foerster, 1848)
- Body dorsum with extended dark brown pattern. Humeral lobes of forewing-pads narrow. Each forewing-pad with 107–131 marginal sectasetae. On *Geum montanum* and *G. rivale*. *B. bohémica* (Šulc, 1913)

In Europe, *Bactericera* species associated with Rosaceae are mostly bivoltine (BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997, HODKINSON 2009), although the number of generations may perhaps vary depending on climatic conditions: LAUTERER (1991) reported up to three generations for *B. modesta* in xerothermic habitats in southern Moravia (Czech Republic) while only one generation is supposed for *B. bohémica* and *B. harrisoni* in the Alps by CONCI et al. (1996). The overwintering stage is always the adult which disperses onto conifers as shelter plants (HODKINSON 2009). A similar life cycle has been observed also for *B. lyrata*. Rearing in outdoor conditions in 2013 showed that there are three generations per year in the lowlands of Slovenia with adults overwintering (they

have, however, not been collected on conifers or other shelter plants). The adults of the summer and overwintering generations of *B. lyrata* show a conspicuous colour dimorphism which is also known in *B. acutipennis* and *B. modesta* (LAUTERER 1982, 1991) as well as in some other *Bactericera* species on other than rosaceous host plants, e.g. *B. cockerelli* and *B. perrisii* Puton, 1876, and some other, unrelated psyllid taxa; the dimorphism is probably induced by photoperiod and/or temperature (BURCKHARDT & LAUTERER 1997, HODKINSON 2009).

Bactericera lyrata has been known so far only from occasional findings of quite low numbers of specimens in Slovenia, Czech Republic and Hungary (SELJAK et al. 2008, MALENOVSKÝ & LAUTERER 2012). Given the wide distribution of its host plant, *Potentilla reptans*, which is native to most parts of Europe, northern Africa, Near and Middle East, central Asia, China, and naturalized in North and South Americas and New Zealand (SOJÁK 1995, KURTTO 2009), *B. lyrata* can be expected also in other countries where it may have been overlooked or misidentified previously. In Slovenia and the Czech Republic, *B. lyrata* occurs in mesophilous to moderately wet ruderal grassland on heavy soils, typically along drainage canals, in abandoned fields (Fig. 5) and on field margins, and seems to be restricted to low elevations (5 to 150 m in Slovenia and 260 m in the Czech Republic) in warm areas (SELJAK et al. 2008, MALENOVSKÝ & LAUTERER 2012).

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