

(Buschinger, pers. com.). Two samples each were taken from site 'a' and 'b'. Surprisingly, one of the former was simultaneously parasitized by both *S. alpinus* and *S. testaceus* which raises interesting questions about the life history of these species. Some years later, one of us detected only one colony in a nearby locality (site 'c') at somewhat lower elevation despite considerable collecting efforts. Electrophoretic results at the *Mdhp* locus from slaves of the latter sample revealed *T. impurum* as host species, which is certainly true for the other samples as well. Investigation of males from a neighbouring colony confirmed this host species determination.

Strongylognathus destefanii Emery, 1915 [Figs. 17, 21, 23, 26]

Strongylognathus huberi subsp. *rehbinderi* var. *cecconii* Emery in Cecconi, 1908 (unavailable name)

Strongylognathus huberi subsp. *cecconii* Emery, 1916: **syn. nov.**

Strongylognathus cecconii Emery: Baroni Urbani, 1969

Strongylognathus emeryi Menozzi, 1921: **syn. nov.**

Strongylognathus huberi st. *cecconii* v. *kutteri* Santschi, 1927 (unavailable name): material referred to *destefanii* by Baroni Urbani, 1964

COLLECTING DATA:

Sicily - Prov. Siracusa, near Lentini, 300-400m, V.1986, A. Schulz leg.; Prov. Messina, Francavilla di Sicilia, ca. 300m, 2.V.1986, A. Schulz leg.; Prov. Siracusa, 5 km NE Canicattini Bagni, ca. 300m, 17.V.1993 & 11.V.1994, M. Sanetra leg.; Prov. Siracusa, ca. 5 km NE Floridia, ca. 100m, 11.V.1994, M. Sanetra leg.;

Calabria - Prov. Crotone, 3 km E Savelli, ca. 700m, 19.V.1994; Prov. Cosenza, Monte Pollino, 1 km NW Frascineto, ca. 500m, 21.V.1994;

Apulia - Prov. Foggia, Gargano, road Monte S. Angelo-Carpino 1,5 km NW intersection to Vico, ca. 700m, 24.V.1994, R. Güsten & M. Sanetra leg.

OTHER INVESTIGATED MATERIAL: Sicily, near Palermo, T. De Stefani leg. ♀ (MCG), holotype of *S. destefanii* Emery; Sicily, Segesta, III.1924, H. Kutter leg. 2♀♀ (NMB), "types" of "*S. huberi* st. *cecconii* v. *kutteri* Santschi"; Apulia, Tremiti Islands, G. Cecconi leg. 3♀♀ (MCG), syntypes of *S. huberi cecconii* Emery; Apulia, Tremiti Islands, Capraia, VI., G. Cecconi leg. 2♀♀ (MCZ), syntypes of *S. huberi cecconii* Emery; Apulia, Gargano Peninsula, San Marco in Lamis, 8.X.1961, C. Baroni Urbani leg. 3♀♀ (MCV), determined as *S. huberi cecconii* by Baroni Urbani; Apulia, Gargano Peninsula, Manfredonia, 10.X.1961, C. Baroni Urbani leg. 6♀♀, 18♀♀ (MCV), determined as *S. huberi cecconii* by Baroni Urbani; Apulia, Gargano Peninsula, Pèschici, 12.X.1961, C. Baroni Urbani leg. 8♀♀, 5♀♀ (MCV), determined as *S. huberi cecconii* by Baroni Urbani.

A single *Strongylognathus* female collected in the environs of Palermo by T. De Stefani around 1885 was the first record of this genus from Italy, on which the description of *S. destefanii* was later founded (Emery, 1915). Later on, the species was discovered at various other localities throughout Sicily (summarized by Baroni Urbani, 1971; see also Fig. 26). Menozzi (1921) erected the taxon *S. emeryi* from mainland southern Italy being based on a lone female from Sambiasi di Calabria. *S. cecconii* Emery, 1916 remained known only from its type locality on the Tremiti Islands (Apulia) and the adjacent Gargano Peninsula (Baroni Urbani, 1962). We here place all three taxa in synonymy. The