

# *Nanophyes brevis* (Coleoptera: Nanophyidae) new for Flanders

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**Samenvatting.** Een geïsoleerde vondst van *Nanophyes brevis* Boheman, 1845 (Coleoptera: Curculionioidea, Nanophyidae) aan de oevers van het Albertkanaal bij Bilzen. Nieuwe soort voor Vlaanderen en de provincie Limburg.

**Résumé.** Découverte d'une population isolée de *Nanophyes brevis* Boheman, 1845 (Coleoptera: Curculionioidea, Nanophyidae) au bord du Canal Albert, près de Bilzen. Espèce nouvelle pour la Flandre et la province de Limbourg.

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An isolated find of *Nanophyes brevis* Boheman, 1845 (Nanophyidae, Nanophyinae, Nanophyini) was made in Bilzen on the steep banks of the Albert Canal near the hamlet of Driebunders (FS8140, 29.iv.2010). At this location the banks of the canal are sun exposed and consist predominantly of dry soil. Near drainage systems moist patches are present. Vegetation is limited to a mixture of grasses, heather, tall shrubland (*Rosa*, *Cytisus*, *Crataegus*, *Salix*) with young tree growth (*Malus*, *Sorbus*, *Betula*, *Quercus*, *Pinus*). The specimen was collected with a beating tray in an open field near a drainage in the vicinity of *Lythrum*. Repeated visits at the location did not result in extra finds.

In the Belgian (Flemish) province of Limburg the family Nanophyidae is represented by *Microon sahlbergi* (Sahlberg, 1835) and *Nanophyes marmoratus* (Goeze, 1777). *M. sahlbergi* is known from two locations. M. Delbol collected the species near Hasselt (Stokrooie, 2003) on *Elatine hexandra* (Delbol 2003). The author collected a specimen from a sieving sample of a dry fishery pond near Genk (Bokrijk, 26.i.2011). *N. marmoratus*, however, is widely distributed and can be considered as the most common *Nanophyes*. *Nanophyes brevis* is new for Flanders (Delbol 2010). This species occurs locally in Belgium. The first written record of *N. brevis* (Farciennes, viii.2007) was published by Lempereur (2008). Further finds were reported from Labuissière (M. Delbol, vi.2008) and Han-sur-Lesse (J.Y. Baugnée, x.2006).

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