

A NEW RECORD OF *VERTIGO PUSILLA* FROM TURKEY

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**Abstract:** A specimen of *Vertigo pusilla* from the Kastamonu province of Turkey is the third record of the species for the country.

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*Vertigo pusilla* O.F. Müller 1774 (Pulmonata: Vertiginidae) is widespread throughout most of Europe (Pokryszko, 1990; Fauna Europaea, 2009). Schütt (2001) gave only two records for Turkey, from Istanbul and Sinop, but believed that the species was probably more common in the country.

On 18 October 2008 I searched for terrestrial gastropods along a forestry road by the Gürleyik Creek on the western slopes of the Ilgaz Mountains, Kastamonu, Turkey. I found one live *V. pusilla* (Fig. 1) at a location in a pine forest (41.1657° N, 33.8008° E; elevation ~1.14 km). Also present was one live *Euconulus fulvus* (O.F. Müller 1774) (Fig. 2). The snails were either on the undersides of rocks or among patches of moss near the rocks within about 6 m of the creek. I found another live *E. fulvus* also under a rock 600 m southeast of the first locality (elevation ~1.20 km). I deposited the specimen of *V. pusilla* (CM102744) and one specimen of *E. fulvus* (CM102743) in the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A.



Fig. 1. *Vertigo pusilla*. Shell length = 2 mm.



Fig. 2. *Euconulus fulvus*. Shell diameter = 2.9 mm

The southern border of the distribution range of *V. pusilla* is not known (Pokryszko, 1990). The present record and those in Schütt (2001) establish the definite presence of the species in a relatively narrow region restricted to northwest Turkey. It remains to be determined if the species is present further south and east in the country.

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