CONFIRMATION OF THE PRESENCE OF *TRITHEMIS ANNULATA* (ODONATA, ANISOPTERA) IN ALBANIA

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ABSTRACT

The present paper brings the first records of *Trithemis annulata* (Odonata: Anisoptera: Libellulidae) in Albania. *T. annulata* (Palisot de Beauvois, 1807) is a widespread species in south-western Europe, in Mediterranean countries and Balkan Peninsula. Despite this widespread, this species is reported for the first time for Albania's odonatofauna. *T. annulata* is part of the family Libellulidae, which has the largest number of species in Albania, 19 species, belonging to 5 genera: *Libellula*, *Orthetrum*, *Sympetrum*, *Crocothemis* and *Selysiothemis*. *Trithemis* is the sixth genus to be added to the family Libellulidae and *T. annulata* is the 66-th species in the list of Odonata for Albania (Shkëmbi et al. 2016). Nine male individuals of *T. annulata* were captured in two expeditions conducted in summer-fall 2017, in Belshi Lakes, in the central part of Albania and in Pishë-Poro, the Vjosa River Delta.

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