# **Endemism in Italian Orthoptera**

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#### ABSTRACT

The present paper discusses about the distribution of orthopterans endemic to Italy. This country is located in the centre of the Mediterranean Basin and its palaeo-geographical origins are owed to complex natural phenomena, as well as to a multitude of centres-of-origin, where colonization of fauna and flora concerned. Out of 382 Orthoptera taxa (i.e., species and subspecies) known to occur in Italy, 160 (41.9%) are endemic. Most of them are restricted to the Alps, the Apennines or the two principal islands of Italy (i.e., Sardinia and Sicily). In addition, lowland areas in central-southern Italy host many endemic taxa, which probably originate from the Balkan Peninsula. In Italy, the following 8 genera are considered endemic: Sardoplatycleis, Acroneuroptila, Italopodisma, Epipodisma, Nadigella, Pseudoprumna, Chorthopodisma and Italohippus. Moreover, the subgenus Italoptila is endemic to Italy. For research regarding endemism, Orthoptera are particularly interesting because this order comprises species characterized by different ecological traits; e.g., different dispersal abilities, contrasting thermal requirements or specific demands on their habitats. The highest percentage of apterous or micropterous (35.3%) and brachypterous (16.2%) endemic taxa live in the Apennines, which are among the most isolated mountains of the Italian Peninsula. Finally, some endemic species are endangered at the European scale.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

In Europe, the degree of endemism in Orthoptera is generally high (68.3% according to Hochkirch et al., 2016). In Italy, according to the most recent contributions to the Italian Orthoptera (Massa et al., 2012; Baroni et al., 2018), overall 160 of 382 (i.e, 41.9%) taxa are endemic. The origin of these taxa may be mainly due to ancient geographic isolation, which occurred at different stages during earth's history. As a consequence, novel species may have evolved from separated sub-populations which were isolated from other populations for a long time period. High mountains (Alps, Apennines and other isolated areas of high elevation) as well as islands have thus frequently contributed considerably to the evolution of endemic species among Italian Orthoptera. The geodynamic development and rapid paleo-biological changes occurring in the Oligocene played an important role in the evolution of endemic taxa (Steininger & Wessely, 2000). In the early Pliocene, the Mediterranean region was dominated by arid and semi-arid habitats (Suc et al., 1995). These conditions have likely contributed to the evolution of endemic taxa adapted to arid conditions (Verdú & Galante, 2002). During the Pleistocene, thermophilous and psychrophilous species were able to survive in different parts of the Mediterranean in disjunct populations that underwent genetic isolation (Vargas et al., 1998; Baquero & Telleria, 2001; Battisti, 2014). In the Quaternary, the southern Mediterranean peninsulas included hotspots of species richness and endemism. Sea level oscillations and glaciations have been suggested as the main factors of many range disjunctions in Italian butterflies (Racheli & Zilli, 1985). Northern Orthoptera species that remained in isolated populations in southern Italy during the last glacial period (approxiamtely 18,000 years ago) are now recognized as glacial relicts (e.g., *Gomphocerus sibiricus*, which in Italy, currently occurs only in the Alps and Apennines, but which is widespread in the Palaearctic).

The Italian Peninsula is characterized by unique physiographic conditions, which includes the presence of high mountains (Apennines) along the main North-South orientation of the peninsula. The unique shape of the Italian peninsula has been the subject of biogeographical interest by different authors, especially concerning the North-South gradient of impoverishment (e.g., Massa, 1982; Battisti 2006, 2014). The Italian peninsula has two distinct southern tips, in Apulia and in Calabria, respectively, each with very different landscapes (mainly lowlands in Apulia and mountain systems in Calabria). This heterogeneity has probably contributed to the increase of taxonomical diversity in the area. Orthoptera are interesting model organisms as this order includes species with very different dispersal abilities, due to differences in wing development, contrasting habitat preferences, thermophily (Marini et al., 2008). Concerning wing length, many taxa among Italian Orthoptera are wingless, micropterous or brachypterous (158 among the endemic taxa) and this may have increased the degree of geographic isolation during their evolution.

Italy is located in the centre of the Mediterranean Basin and its palaeo-geographical origins are owed to complex natural phenomena, as well as to the close proximity to a multitude of centres-oforigin, where colonization of fauna and flora concerned. Moreover, the Mediterranean Sea in the east and west of the Italian Peninsula represents a natural barrier for Orthoptera species, which may have limited species' dispersal. Italian Orthoptera can be classified by their frequency and range size: (i) abundant and widespread all over the country (e.g., *Tettigonia viridissima* or *Anacridium aegyptium*); (ii) scattered occurrence in particular habitats, but not differentiated compared to other European populations (e.g., *Gomphocerus sibiricus* or *Chorthip*- pus pullus); (iii) endemic species, which are restricted to particular areas of Italy (e.g., Decticus loudoni or Italopodisma samnitica). Some of the endemic taxa are represented by allopatric populations, which have been classified as species or subspecies, characterized by one of the following conditions: (i) a unique geographic range or habitat, (ii) a group of phylogenetically concordant arrays of phenotypic and genetic characters, (iii) a unique natural history but low genetic divergence (cf. O'Brien & Mayr, 1991). The absence of gene flow in these allopatric populations have increased genetic differences to other related species. Especially, gene-flow between island and continental populations is strongly reduced (e.g., Fontana & Odé, 1999; Allegrucci et al., 2013). Consequently, we expect that they diverge genetically at a faster rate than continental populations. The same applies to isolated populations on mountain tops (e.g., Fontana & La Greca, 1999b).

In the present paper, we present a review of endemic Italian orthopterans (see also Massa et al., 2001).

#### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

According to Minelli (1974) and Anderson (1994), endemism describes a taxon whose distribution is limited to a geographically confined territory, often small and localized. Thus, a species (or other taxon) is endemic to a biogeographic region if it only occurs in that area. Neverthelesss, these areas may differ in size.

The present paper is based on the Italian Orthoptera database which has formerly been used to publish some monographs on Italian Orthoptera (Kleukers et al., 1997; Fontana et al., 1999, 2016; Fontana & Massa, 2000; La Greca et al., 2000; Massa et al., 2001, 2012; Massa & Fontana, 2011; Iorio et al., 2019) and to contribute to the Red List of European Orthoptera (Hochkirch et al., 2016). Species and genera that are exclusively alpine but do occur also outside Italy were also included in our study. Appendix 1 lists all the Italian Orthoptera, including information on endemism and European threat status (Hochkirch et al., 2016). Italy has not carried out a Red List of Orthoptera, thus information on the staus of Italian Orthoptera is drawn from the Red List of European Orthoptera (Hochkirch et al., 2016). Nomenclature follows the Orthoptera Species File (Cigliano et al., online). For practical reasons, the Italian territory was divided into five biogeographic regions: (i) Alps southwards to the Po Valley; (ii) Apennines; (iii) the Italian Peninsula south from the Po Valley (Apennines excluded) (iv) Sardinia and (v) Sicily (small circum-Sicilian islands included) (Figs. 1-3). For each of these areas the Index of Endemism (EI) was calculated as follows:

Index of endemism (EI) = Number of endemic taxa/Total number of Italian taxa X 100

The same index has been calculated for each biogeographic region by dividing by the total number of regionally occurring taxa of the concerned area.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Out of 382 Orthoptera taxa (i.e., species and subspecies) known to occur in Italy, 160 (41.9%) are endemic (Fig. 4). The total number of species found in the biogerographic regions of Italy is reported in the Table 1.

# Endemism on the islands of Sicily and Sardinia

[Sicilian taxa here considered: Leptophyes sicula, Odontura arcuata, Platycleis concii, Platycleis ragusai, Tessellana lagrecai, Incertana drepanensis, Eupholidoptera bimucronata, Ctenodecticus siculus, Ephippiger camillae, Uromenus bonneti painoi, Uromenus brevicollis trinacriae, Uromenus riggioi, Uromenus siculus, Gryllotalpa cossyrensis (Pantelleria Is.), Pamphagus marmoratus, Pamphagus ortolanii (Lampedusa Is.), Acinipe galvagnii, Ochrilidia sicula, Dociostaurus minutus, Omocestus lopadusae (Lampedusa Is.), Chorthippus brunneus raggei, Chorthippus messinai, Chorthippus trinacriae, Euchorthippus albolineatus siculus]

[Sardinian taxa here considered: Odontura calaritana, Tettigonia longispina, Sardoplatycleis galvagnii, Rhacocleis baccettii, Rhacocleis corsicana, Rhacocleis maculipedes, Ctenodecticus bolivari bolivari, Uromenus annae, Uromenus brevicollis insularis, Dolichopoda muceddai, Acroneuroptila puddui, Acroneuroptila sardoa, Gryllotalpa vigintiunum, Pamphagus sardeus, Oedipoda caerulescens sardeti, Oedipoda fuscocincta morini, Sphingonotus candidus candidus, Sphingonotus uvarovi, Ochrilidia nuragica, Euchorthippus sardous]

In spite of only small differences in their area (Sardinia: 24,090 km<sup>2</sup>, Sicily: 25,709 km<sup>2</sup>), the two islands differ substantially in their total number of Orthoptera species (98 and 127 species, respectively) recorded up to now. This may be due to both the higher degree of geographical isolation of Sardinia as well as the lower level of knowledge of orthopterofauna in this region. In total, 25 taxa are endemic to Sicily, whereas among the Sardinian orthopterans 19 taxa are endemic (EI: see Table 1). These data confirm the importance of Mediterranean islands as hotspots of biodiversity (Médail & Quézel, 1999).

It is difficult to evaluate if the presence of species endemic to these islands is relictual or due to passive dispersal, such as human introduction. For example, Metaplastes pulchripennis, present in many regions of Italy and neighbouring countries, has been also found in the Nebrodi Mountains on Sicily. Since there is no morphological difference between Sicilian and peninsular populations of this species, it is hard to assess whether its presence on the island represents an ancient relict population of mainland provenance or a more recently established population. Genetic analyses might help to gain more knowledge on this issue. Similarly, it is difficult to answer whether Metaplastes ippolitoi, described by La Greca (1949) from Calabria and recently found in the Madonie Mountains on Sicily by Fontana et al. (2004), was accidentally introduced to Sicily or whether its presence on this island reflects a formerly wider distribution.

Until 2010, Leptophyes sicula which is endemic to Siciliy, was prreviously considered as a population of the widespread European species L. punctatissima. The micropterous genus Leptophyes includes many morphologically similar species that can be distinguished by their stridulatory songs (Kleukers et al., 2010). Eupholidoptera bimucronata (morphologically related to the Italian E. magnifica), two species of Platycleis (P. ragusai and P. concii), Tessellana lagrecai (morphologically related to, if not conspecific with, T. tessellata, widespread in Eurasia and North Africa), Ephippiger camillae (known only

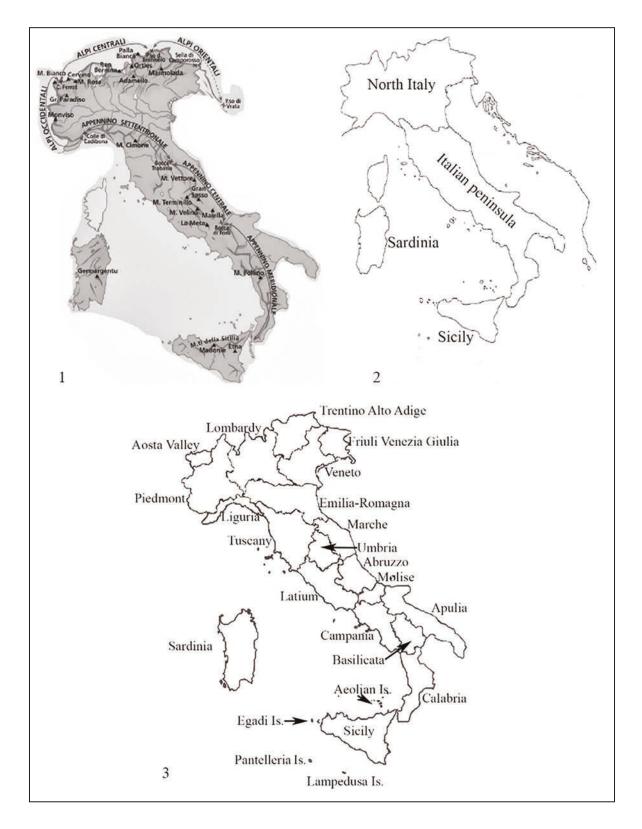


Figure 1. Physical map of Italy, showing Alps, northern, central, and southern Apennines, and the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. Figure 2. Boundaries of northern Italy (from Alps to Po Valley), Italian Peninsula, Sardinia, and Sicily. Figure 3. Map of Italy showing all the regions.

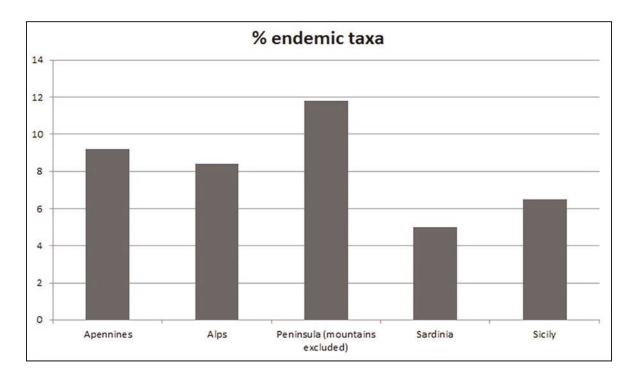


Figure 4. Percentage of endemic species of Orthoptera in different areas of Italy.

	Alps	Apennines	Peninsular Italy (Apennines excluded)	Sicily	Sardinia
Ensifera	56	40	108	72	55
Caelifera	52	28	80	55	43
Total	108	68	188	127	98
EI of Italian orthopterofauna	8.4%	9.2%	11.8%	6.5%	5.0%
EI of orthopterofauna of concerned areas	29.6%	51.5%	23.9%	19.7%	19.4%
Apterous or Micropterous taxa	21 (19.2%)	24 (35.3%)	33 (17.5%)	13 (10.2%)	10 (10.2%)
Brachypterous taxa	13 (11.9%)	11 (16.2%)	7 (3.7%)	7 (5.5%)	1 (1.0%)
Long-winged taxa	0	0	5 (2.6%)	5 (3.9%)	8 (8.2%)

Table 1. Total number of taxa in the Alps, Apennines, Peninsular Italy, Sicily and Sardinia; percentage of endemic Orthoptera calculated with the Index of Endemism (see methods) on the whole Italian orthopterofauna and in the concerned areas; number of apterous or micropterous, brachypterous and long-winged taxa within the endemic taxa in the concerned areas (in parenthesis the percentage on the total number of taxa known from the area). Source: Massa et al. (2012), Iorio et al. (2019).

from the holotype, collected in the Madonie Mountains), Uromenus siculus (morphologically related to U. elegans from Italy and the Balkan peninsula), and three taxa of the genus Chorthippus (C. brunneus raggei, C. messinai, C. trinacriae) may be considered as allopatric subpopulations, maintained by spatial segregation as a result of vicariance events during recent earth's history.

The genus *Odontura*, which has a Western Mediterranean distribution, including the Iberian peninsula and North Africa (Warchalowska-Sliwa et al., 2011; Grzywacz et al., 2013), is present in both Sicily and Sardinia with two endemic species: *Odontura arcuata* (which can be distinguished from *Odontura stenoxypha*, occurring in Sicily and North Africa, only chromosomally, cf. Messina, 1981) and *Odotura calaritana*. According to Grzywacz et al., (2013), *O. arcuata* should be considered as a subspecies of *O. stenoxypha*, but the populations of both species do probably overlap.

Other species with similar distributional patterns are: Tettigonia longispina from Sardinia, morphologically related to the Maghrebian T. savignyi; Uromenus annae from Sardinia, related to the North African species U. bouiblani (Nadig, 1995) from north Morocco, U. i. innocentii (Bonnet & Finot, 1885) from Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia, and U. m. moulouvae (Nadig, 1995) from Morocco (Buzzetti et al., 2019); Pamphagus sardeus, related to the Tunisian P. tunetanus Vosseler, 1902 and to P. ortolanii from the island of Lampedusa (that was physically connected to Tunisia up to at least 16,000 years ago); P. marmoratus, a Sicilian endemic morphologically related to western Maghrebian species distributed in Algeria and Morocco [e.g. P. elephas (L., 1758) and P. caprai Massa, 1992]; Pterolepis elymica from Sicily, related to Pterolepis pedata from Sardinia, Lampedusa and Tunisia; Ctenodecticus b. bolivari from Sardinia (C. b. africanus Galvagni, 1990 lives in Tunisia); C. siculus from Sicily; Ochrilidia sicula from Sicily and O. nuragica from Sardinia [both morphologically related to the Afro-Asian O. geniculata (Bolívar, 1913)]; Uromenus brevicollis trinacriae from Sicily and U. brevicollis insularis from Sardinia, both morphologically similar to the north African U. b. brevicollis (Fischer, 1853).

Incertana drepanensis from Sicily is the sole Italian representative of a genus widespread from the Middle East to North Africa and the Iberian Peninsula; *Acinipe galvagnii* from Sicily is related to A. hesperica Rambur, 1838, a North African and Iberian species. Another species of Acinipe, A. calabra, is distributed in Calabria, Sicily, and North Africa. Uromenus bonneti is present in Tunisia, on the island of Lampedusa (U. b. bonneti) and in Sicily (Uromenus bonneti painoi). Dociostaurus minutus from Sicily and Omocestus lopadusae from Lampedusa are related to the North African brachypterous species Dociostaurus dantini Bolívar, 1914 and Omocestus fontanai Massa, 2004. Furthermore, Euchorthippus albolineatus siculus is endemic to Sicily, while the typical form (E. a. albolineatus) is distributed in North Africa. By contrast, it is difficult to find morphological relations between Uromenus riggioi and any Maghrebian species.

Interestingly, Sardinia, which is more isolated than Sicily, holds some endemic taxa with no clear morphological similarities to other European (including Corsica island) and African taxa: Sardoplatycleis galvagnii (endemic genus), Rhacocleis baccettii, R. maculipedes, Acroneuroptila puddui, Acroneuroptila sardoa, Sphingonotus uvarovi, and the brachypterous species Euchorthippus sardous.

#### Endemism in the Alps and Apennines

[Italian endemic taxa from Alps here considered, including those present also in Switzerland, Austria and France: Barbitistes vicetinus, Anonconotus pusillus, A.alpinus, A. baracunensis, A. ghilianii, A. italoaustriacus, A. ligustinus, A. occidentalis, Chopardius pedestris apuanus, Pholidoptera littoralis insubrica, Ephippiger persicarius, Ephippiger terrestris spp., Podisma d. dechambrei, Podisma dechambrei melisi, Podisma eitschbergeri, Podisma pedestris nadigi, Podisma pedestris caprai, Miramella alpina, Nadigella f. formosanta, Nadigella formosanta bessae, Kisella irena, Pseudoprumna baldensis, Chortopodisma cobellii, Epipodisma pedemontana, Odontopodisma decipiens insubrica, Pararcyptera alzonai, Stenobothrus ursulae. Stenobotrhus cotticus, Chorthippus cialancensis, C. sampeyrensis, C. a. alticola, C. alticola rammei, Chorthippus mollis ignifer, Chorthippus saulcyi daimei]

[Endemic taxa from Apennines here considered: Tettigonia silana, Decticus aprutianus, Metrioptera caprai caprai, Metrioptera caprai baccettii, Metrioptera caprai galvagnii, Metrioptera caprai lagrecai,



Figure 5. *Metaplastes ippolitoi* (male), endemic to Calabria and Sicily (photo P. Fontana). Figure 6. *Leptophyes sicula* (male), endemic to Sicily (photo T. La Mantia). Figure 7. *Tettigonia silana* (male), endemic to La Sila mountains (Calabria) (photo P. Fontana). Figure 8. *Decticus loudoni* (male), endemic to Apulia (photo B. Massa).

Pholidoptera aptera goidanichi, Eupholidoptera brunneri, Anonconotus apenninigenus, Anonconotus sibyllinus, Ephippiger carlottae, Ephippiger ruffoi, Ephippiger melisi, Podisma emiliae, Podisma goidanichi, Podisma magadalenae, Podisma ruffoi, Podisma silvestrii, Italopodisma acuminata acumi-Italopodisma acuminata nata, marsicana, Italopodisma baccettii, Italopodisma costae, Italopodisma ebneri, Italopodisma fiscellana, Italopodisma lagrecai, Italopodisma samnitica, Italopodisma trapezoidalis trapezoidalis, Italopodisma trapezoidalis aprutiana, Italopodisma trapezoidalis curvula, Stenobothrus apenninus, Italohippus albicornis, Italohippus modestus, Italohippus monticola]

High mountains (the Alps, Apennines, and other isolated areas of high elevation) also contribute to the high proportion of endemic species among Italian Orthoptera. In total, the Italian Alps (cf. Figs. 1a, 1b, 1c), harbour 108 species, including 32 endemic taxa (EI: see Table 1). In the Apennines, there are 68 taxa, 35 endemic (EI: see Table 1). The adult phenology of species living at high elevations covers only the period between July and September, with oviposition mainly in August. This short period may explain the remarkable concentration of populations in some places, as well as a noteworthy fluctuation in the density of some species.

The origin of many Alpine and Apennine endemics in Italy is probably the result of Quaternary climatic oscillations, which have led to geographic isolation of species from genera originating from Central Europe in their Italian range, such as *Metrioptera*, *Decticus*, *Podisma*, *Chortopodisma*, *Pseudoprumna*, *Nadigella*, *Stenobothrus* and *Chorthippus*. For instance, Alpine and Apennine species of the genus *Podisma* are well characterized by morphological differences (Fontana & Pozzebon, 2007).

Barbitistes vicetinus, several Anonconotus species, Pseudoprumna baldensis and Chortopodisma cobellii are also endemic to the Alps. The genus Barbitistes has a Euro-Asiatic distribution, ranging from the Caucasus to the Iberian Peninsula. *B. vicetinus* is a quite common species, which occurs in a restriced area in north-eastern Italy, yet it was first discovered only in 1993. Furthermore, there are also endemic taxa at generic level (*Epipodisma*, *Chortopodisma*, *Pseudoprumna*, *Italopodisma* and *Italohippus*).

Restricted to the Apennines, the genus Italohippus is characterized by minor but regular morphological differences that allow the separation of three species from the genus Chorthippus (Fontana & La Greca, 1999a). Furthermore, C. rubratibialis is an endemic species, replacing C. biguttulus in the Apennines. It occupies all kinds of dry habitats, grasslands, roadside verges, forest clearings, and wasteland. C. karelini bruttius (Fontana et La Greca, 1999b), which is distributed in the southern Apennines and is currently considered as a subspecies of a species distributed in central-eastern Europe and Asia, should be considered an old relict taxon deserving of true species status. Stenobothrus apenninus is widespread in the northern and central Apennines, with an isolated southern population on Mount Pollino. This species inhabits alpine meadows in elevations between 1000-2300 m a.s.l. Two Anonconotus species endemic to the Apennines (A. apenninigenus and A. sybillinus) are morphologically related to western Alpine taxa, from which they evolved due to geographic isolation during the glacial period. Recurrent glaciations have contributed to a unique mountainous fauna characterized by more widely distributed northern species. In addition, the presence of xerothermic habitats probably favoured the evolution of endemic taxa (Kenyeres et al., 2009).

The tribe Podismini, characterized by brachypterism or apterism, occurs in the Alps and Apennines with many endemic taxa. These are sometimes restricted to single mountain tops and probably originated through Quaternary climatic oscillations. The taxonomic status of some species has to be verified (e.g., the taxonomic status of populations currently recognized as subspecies of Podisma pedestris and Italopodisma trapezoidalis should be revised, as some of these are probably synonymous). However, there is evidence that most of them are endemic taxa. Additionally, uninvestigated high mountain environments could yield further new endemic taxa. Interestingly, the genus Italopodisma is related to the Balkan genus Peripodisma Willemse, 1972, suggesting a Transjonian origin. The latter genus was described from one species from the Pindos Mountain (Greece), *P. tymphii*. Only recently, Lemonnier-Darcemont & Darcemont (2015a, b) recorded two other species in Albania, *P. ceraunii* Lemonnier-Darcemont et Darcemont, 2015 and *P. llofizii* Lemonnier-Darcemont et Darcemont, 2015.

The Apennines also host interesting populations of different species of the genus Decticus: D. aprutianus is a very short-winged species, distributed in the central Apennines and Calabria (with a differentiated population from a bioacoustic point of view), most probably isolated from populations of Decticus loudoni from southern Italy (Apulia). The distribution of D. verrucivorus and D. aprutianus may overlap but male stridulation is distinctly different. In the central Apennines, there are populations of very short-winged Decticus species that are clearly different from D. aprutianus, but with stridulatory patterns like those of D. verrucivorus. The taxonomic status of this populations requires further research. Tettigonia silana is probably related to the Euro-Asiatic T. cantans, from which it is separated on the basis of its song (Ragge & Reynolds, 1998; Fontana & Odé, 1999; Heller, 2006; Massa et al., 2012), or even more closely related to T. balcanica Chobanov et Lemonnier-Darcemont, 2014. T. silana is present in only one area of the Sila Mountains (Calabria) at moderate altitudes.

*Chrysochraon beybienkoi* is an endemic relict species only known from an area near Lake Ampollino (Calabria). Its closest relative is *C. dispar*, which occurs only in north-eastern regions of Italy.

### Endemism in the Italian Peninsula (Apennines excluded)

[Endemic taxa from the Italian Peninsula here considered: Acrometopa italica, Poecilimon superbus, Decticus loudoni, Platycleis romana, Tessellana nigrosignata, Roeseliana brunneri, Zeuneriana marmorata, Pholidoptera littoralis insubrica, Eupholidoptera danconai, Eupholidoptera hesperica, Eupholidoptera magnifica, Rhacocleis japygia, Rhacocleis thyrrhenica, Ephippiger apulus apulus, Ephippiger apulus italicus, Ephippiger cavannai, Ephippiger perforatus, Ephippiger zelleri, Dolichopoda aegilion, Dolichopoda azami ligus-



Figure 9. *Platycleis concii* (male), endemic to calcareous areas of western Sicily. Figure 10. *Roeseliana brunneri* (male), endemic to Veneto and Friuli. Figure 11. *Anonconotus sybillinus* (male), endemic to the Apennines. Figure 12. *Ephippiger ruffoi* (male), endemic to the Apennines (Figs. 9-12 photos P. Fontana). Figure 13. *Ephippiger zelleri* (female), endemic to central Italy (photo R. Scherini). Figure 14. *Acinipe galvagnii* (female), endemic to the Egadi islands and western Sicily (photo T. Puma). Figure 15. *Italopodisma costae* (female), endemic to the Apennines (photo P. Fontana). Figure 16. *Ochrilidia sicula* (male), endemic to the sand dunes of Sicily, now in decline and endangered (photo B. Massa).

tica, Dolichopoda azami septentrionalis, Dolichopoda baccettii, Dolichopoda capreensis, Dolichopoda geniculata geniculata, Dolichopoda geniculata pontiana, Dolichopoda laetitiae laetitiae, Dolichopoda laetitiae etrusca, Dolichopoda palpata, Dolichopoda schiavazzii schiavazzii, Dolichopoda schiavazzii caprai, Troglophilus andreinii andreinii, Troglophilus andreinii hydruntinus, Gryllomorpha dalmatina schmidti, Petaloptila andreinii, Petaloptila clauseri, Petaloptila sbordonii, Gryllotalpa octodecim, Gryllotalpa quindecim, Gryllotalpa sedecim, Gryllotalpa viginti, Prionotropis appula, Tropidopola graeca transjonica, Sphingonotus personatus, Omocestus uvarovi, Chorthippus dorsatus garganicus]

At least 45 endemic taxa, within a total number of 188 species, are distributed in non-mountainous areas along the Italian peninsula (EI: see Table 1, cf. also Kleukers et al., 1997; Gomboc & Segula, 2005; Fanin et al., 2016), where they mostly occur in isolated, arid or semi-arid habitats (e.g., the non endemic genera *Acrometopa, Poecilimon, Ephippiger, Eupholidoptera, Rhacocleis, Prionotropis, Oedipoda, Dociostaurus,* and *Chorthippus*).

The genus *Ephippiger* has a Euro-Asiatic distribution from the Caucasus to the Iberian Peninsula (however, one species is also found in Somalia: Baccetti, 1985). The Italian Peninsula holds six endemic taxa of *Ephippiger* (in addition to two endemic Apennine taxa). Consequently, it can be assumed that Italy is an important center of evolutionary radiation for these brachypterous orthopterans, with mating systems based on bioacoustical recognition.

Lowland areas in the Italian peninsula may have represented important refuges during the glacial periods. Examples of endemic taxa that remained isolated during Pleistocene glaciations include Prionotropis appula, probably of Transjonian origin, P. willemsorum Massa et Ünal, 2015, which is associated with the Balkan region (Massa et al., 2015); Tropidopola graeca tansjonica, a subspecies endemic to Apulia (the typical subspecies, Tropidopola g. graeca Uvarov, 1926 lives in the Balkan peninsula); Decticus loudoni in South-East Italy (Apulia), which probably evolved from the Balkan populations of D. verrucivorus; Oedipoda cynthiae, an endemic species which is probably related to O. miniata and currently only known from Apulia (Fontana et al., 2019).

The genus *Eupholidoptera* has been examined by Allegrucci et al. (2013) who concluded that at least eight endemic taxa occur in Italy. Genetic differences suggest that *E. schmidti*, which occurs in northern Italy, *E. garganica* from Apulia (of Transjonian origin, being also present in Greece), and *Eupholidoptera hesperica*, from southern Italy, are the most differentiated species. By contrast, *E. chabrieri* is the least genetically differentiated (Allegrucci et al., 2013). These results suggest that the Italian *Eupholidoptera* comprise species with a very different history of isolation. The brachypterous genus *Rhacocleis* also shows a high level of endemism, with at least five Italian endemic species; this can be explained by its limited dispersal abilities.

Finally, we would like to include a note on the species-rich genus *Chorthippus*, probably the most diverse genus occurring in the Mediterranean Basin. The species of this genus are morphologically very similar and often only males can be identified morphologically. Willemse et al. (2009) have highlighted the possibility that some species may hybridize. A case of probable transient hybridization has been described for the pre-Alps by Fontana et al. (2002). In Italy, this genus includes 21 species, some of which are morphologically very similar, being however characterized by different song.

The present climate also depends on the geometry and topography of the Italian peninsula. Climatic differences lead to different environmental conditions, which crucially affect distribution of Italian Orthoptera species. In addition to the strong North-South gradient along the Italian peninsula, Italy is characterized by a strong elevational range. Both contribute to a strong climatic gradient which is responsible for the outstandingly high diversity of flora and fauna. If we exclude the Apennine chain, species richness across the Italian peninsula decreases with increasing elevation. The Italian peninsula is divided into at least two bioclimatic zones: (i) Temperate mid-continental climate (temperate continental/humid continental climate), which includes the Alps, the Po Valley, and the northern part of the Apennines from Liguria to Emilia Romagna; (ii) Mediterranean (temperate with dry, hot summers and mild wet winters), which includes all the area south of the previous zone. Furthermore, the Mediterranean bioclimatic zone is divided into at least two sub-zones: a) Mediterranean-temperate, from the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines to Campania; b) Mediterranean-arid from

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Campania to the southern tips of the peninsula (Pignatti, 1979; Massa, 1982). The latter zone hosts some species typical of arid lands of the Mediterranean that are not found elsewhere in Italy.

## CONCLUSIONS

The total number of species in northern Italy and the Italian peninsula is very similar, but the number of Alpine species is higher than that of Apennine species (109 and 68, respectively). This may be due to the decrease in species richness linked to the 'peninsula effect' generally observed in animal groups (Massa, 1982; Battisti, 2006), but also to a different territory surface (Alps are connected with continental landmass, while Apennines are represented by an isolated dorsal ridge). The importance of the relation between geographic conditions and endemism occurrence has been already highlighted by Anderson (1994). The situation in the Balkan Mountains is similar to the Italian peninsula. However, the Italian peninsula is surrounded by the Mediterranean sea along its east and west flanks. This strongly limits new colonizations of Orthoptera species. Furthermore, this resulted in a high level of isolation of less mobile species particularly adapted to high elevations. In particular, this applies to *Italopodisma* and other Podismini, as well as some species of the genus *Metrioptera* (the Apennine *M. caprai* may be considered as the ecological substitute of the Alpine *M. saussuriana*), *Ephippiger*, and others.

Many European species reach their southern distribution limit in northern Italy while a few Central-European species have been able to colonize the Italian peninsula with established populations, and adapt to new habitats. As a consequence of geographic isolation, some of them have evolved into new, endemic taxa (e.g., endemic species and genera living in the Apennines).

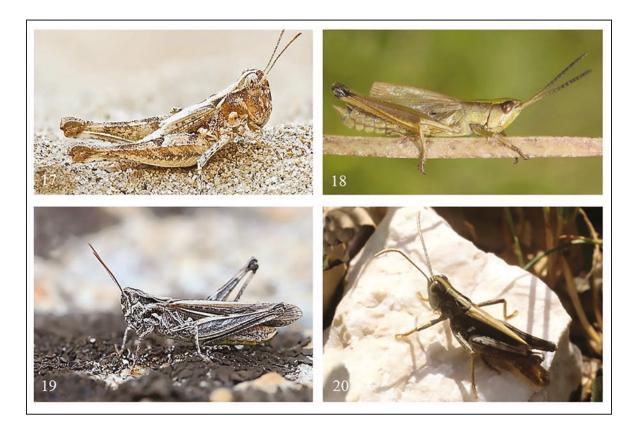


Figure 17. *Dociostaurus minutus* (male), endemic to the sand dunes of South-East Sicily (photo T. Puma). Figure 18. *Chrysochraon beybienkoi* (male), endemic to the Ampollino lake (Calabria) (photo P. Fontana). Figure 19. *Chorthippus rubra-tibialis* (female), endemic to the Apennines (photo R. Scherini). Figure 20. *Italohippus albicornis* (male), endemic to the Apennines (photo P. Fontana).

Due to their ecological isolation, caves acted as micro-refugial centres, favouring the evolution of endemic taxa in the genera *Troglophilus* (two species in north-eastern Italy and another one in southern Italy: Sbordoni et al., 1981), *Dolichopoda* (12 species on the Italian peninsula, one in Sardinia: Baccetti & Capra, 1959, 1970; Di Russo et al., 1994; Casale et al., 2005) and *Acroneuroptila* (a genus endemic to Sardinia with two species: Baccetti, 1960; Cadeddu, 1970).

The case of Orthoptera is particularly interesting because this insect order comprises species characterized by different ecological traits; e.g., different dispersal abilities, contrasting thermal requirements or specific demands on their habitats characterized by different ecological traits (Table 1). Interestingly, the highest percentage of apterous or micropterous (35.3%) and brachypterous (16.2%) endemic taxa live in the Apennines, the most isolated mountains of the Italian pensinsula. However, a high percentage of apterous or micropterous (17.5%) taxa also occur across the Italian peninsula (Apennines excluded), where they remained isolated at least since the last glacial event (approximately 16-18,000 years ago).

Finally, a millenary human history on the Italian pensinsula historically contributed to an increase in habitat heterogeneity and more recently led to fragmentation of habitats which may have favoured anthropophilous, generalist species. The latter one may cause severe range losses or even extinction among endemic species, due to progressive extinction of stenotopic species. Furthermore, mediterranean lands have been strongly influenced by human activities and thus translocations of species may have occurred during the last centuries. Moreover, there are some species that have high dispersal abilities, which may also be able to expand their ranges. An interesting case of species spreading has been observed during 2016, when a Japanese merchant ship anchored one mile off the coast of Barbate (Andalucia, Spain) between 12th and 25th September was completely invaded by flying Gryllus bimaculatus. These crickets, days after when the ship arrived in Malta, were still alive and some of them were observed mating. Lately the ship left Malta and sailed through the Suez Channel directed to Japan (Luigi Pizzo, pers. comm. to BM). It is then possible some of those crickets have been transferred from Spain to Japan. A similar case of passive transport of the much less common Brachytrupes megacephalus from Sicily to Malta has been reported by Cassar & Galdies (2018). This allows us to conclude that some species are unsuitable to understand the evolution of regional Orthoptera faunas while endemics, generally consisting of a few small populations, are the well-suited indicators to understand biogeographical patterns.

Considering conservation status of the Italian endemic Orthoptera, out of 136 species included in the European list (subspecies were not considered in the European Red List), 66 are Least Concern, 12 Near Threatened, 16 Vulnerable, 27 Endangered, and 16 Critically Endangered. In total, this accounts for 59 species (43.4%) which may suffer future declines. Among the 29 species endemic to the Apennines included in the European Red List, 6 are Least Concern, 4 Vulnerable, 12 Endangered, and 7 Critically Endangered (Table 2; Appendix 1).

	Least Concern	Near Threatened	Vulnerable	Endangered	Critically Endangered
Tettigoniidae	27	9	6	9	7
Rhaphidophoridae	10		4		
Gryllidae + Gryllotalpidae	4		3		
Pamphagidae	4	2			
Acrididae	21	1	3	18	8
Total (136)	66 (48.5%)	12 (8.8%)	16 (11.8%)	27 (19.8%)	15 (11.0%)

Table 2. Number and percentage (in parenthesis) of the Italian endemic species included in different categories of conservation concern for each family of Italian Orthoptera. The percentage refers to the total number of Italian endemic species included in the European Red List. Source: Hochkirch et al. (2016).

# **APPENDIX 1**

List of species and subspecies among Italian Orthoptera, their distribution in Italy, and their Red List status. Abbreviations. E = endemic. Red List (according to Hochkirch et al., 2016): CR = Critically Endangered; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened; LC = Least Concern; DD = Data Deficient; NA = Not available. In bold: endemic taxa.

	Family/species	Red List	Endemic taxa (E)	Distribution
		Tettigo	nidae	
1	Phaneroptera falcata (Poda, 1761)	LC		North and Gargano, Apulia
2	Phaneroptera nana Fieber, 1853	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
2	Tylopsis lilifolia (Fabricius, 1793)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
4	Acrometopa italica Ramme, 1927	LC	E	Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
5	Acrometopa macropoda (Burmeister, 1838)	LC		From Friuli Venezia Giulia to Apulia
6	Isophya modestior Brunner, 1882	LC		Friuli, Veneto, Trentino, and Lombardy
7	Barbitistes alpinus Fruhstorfer, 1920	LC		Alps and north Apennines
8	Barbitistes fischeri (Yersin, 1854)	LC		Parco Naz. Gran Paradiso, Piedmont
9	Barbitistes ocskayi Charpentier, 1850	LC		Carso, Friuli Venezia Giulia
10	Barbitistes serricauda (Fabricius, 1794)	LC		North-east Italy and north Apennines
11	Barbitistes vicetinus Galvagni et Fontana, 1993	NT	E	Veneto and Trentino
12	Barbitistes yersini Brunner, 1878	LC		Friuli Venezia Giulia and Abruzzo
13	Metaplastes ippolitoi La Greca, 1948	LC	E	Calabria and Sicily
14	Metaplastes pulchripennis (A. Costa, 1863)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
15	Andreiniimon nuptialis (Karny, 1918)	VU		Carso Triestino, Umbria and Marche
16	Leptophyes albovittata (Kollar, 1833)	LC		Trentino Alto Adige
17	Leptophyes boscii Fieber, 1853	LC		Alps and north Apennines
18	<i>Leptophyes calabra</i> Kleukers, Odé et Fontana, 2010	CR	E	Calabria
19	Leptophyes laticauda (Frivaldsky, 1867)	LC		Italian peninsula
20	Leptophyes punctatissima (Bosc, 1792)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
21	<i>Leptophyes sicula</i> Kleukers, Odé et Fontana, 2010	LC	E	Sicily
22	Odontura arcuata Messina, 1981	LC	E	Sicily
23	Odontura borrei Bolívar, 1878	LC		Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
24	Odontura calaritana A. Costa, 1883	LC	E	Sardinia
25	Odontura stenoxypha (Fieber, 1853)	LC		Sicily

26	Poecilimon elegans Brunner, 1878	LC		North-east Italy
27	Poecilimon laevissimus (Fischer, 1854)	LC		Sicily
28	Poecilimon ornatus (Schmidt, 1850)	LC		North-east Italy
29	Poecilimon superbus (Fischer, 1854)	LC	E	Italian peninsula
30	Poecilimon thoracicus (Fieber, 1853)	LC		Carso Goriziano (Friuli Venezia Giulia)
31	Polysarcus denticauda (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Alps and central-north Apennines
32	Meconema meridionale A. Costa, 1860	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
33	Meconema thalassimum (De Geer, 1773)	LC		Italian peninsula
34	Cyrtaspis scutata (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
35	Conocephalus (Conocephalus) conocephalus (Linnaeus, 1767)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
36	Conocephalus (Anisoptera) d. dorsalis (Latreille, 1804)	LC		Central-north Italy
37	Conocephalus (Anisoptera) fuscus (Fabricius, 1793)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
38	Ruspolia nitidula (Scopoli, 1786)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
39	Tettigonia cantans (Fuessly, 1775)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
40	Tettigonia caudata caudata (Charpentier, 1854)	LC		North-east Italy
41	Tettigonia longispina Ingrisch, 1983	CR	Е	Sardinia
42	Tettigonia silana Capra, 1936	DD	Е	Calabria
43	Tettigonia viridissima (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
44	Decticus albifrons (Fabricius, 1775)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
45	Decticus aprutianus Capra, 1936	LC	E	Apennines
46	Decticus loudoni Ramme, 1933	VU	E	Apulia
47	Decticus v. verrucivorus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Central-north Italy, Sardinia?
48	Platycleis a. affinis Fieber, 1853	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
49	Platycleis a. albopunctata (Goeze, 1778)	LC		North-west Italy
50	Platycleis concii Galvagni, 1959	LC	E	Sicily
51	Platycleis e. escalerai Bolívar, 1899	LC		Central-south Italy
52	Platycleis falx laticauda Brunner, 1882	VU		South Italy and Sicily
53	Platycleis grisea grisea (Fabricius, 1781)	LC	-	Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
54	Platycleis i. intermedia (Serville, 1839)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
55	Platycleis ragusai Ramme, 1927	LC	E	Sicily

56	Platycleis romana Ramme, 1927	LC		Italian peninsula
57	Platycleis sabulosa Azam, 1901	LC		South Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
58	Sardoplatycleis galvagnii (Fontana, Buzzetti et Odé, 2010)	CR	Е	Sardinia
59	Tessellana lagrecai Messina, 1978	VU	E	Sicily
60	Tessellana nigrosignata (A. Costa, 1863)	EN	E	South Italy
61	Tessellana t. tessellata (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
62	<i>Incertana drepanensis</i> (Massa, Fontana et Buzzetti, 2006)	CR	E	Sicily
63	Montana m. montana (Kollar, 1833)	LC		North Italy
64	Montana stricta (Zeller, 1849)	LC		Italian peninsula
65	Metrioptera brachyptera (Linnaeus, 1761)	LC		North-east Italy
66	Metrioptera caprai caprai Baccetti, 1956	VU	E	Central Apennines
67	Metrioptera caprai baccettii Galvagni, 1958	VU	E	Central Apennines
68	Metrioptera caprai galvagnii Baccetti, 1963	VU	Е	North Apennines
69	Metrioptera caprai lagrecai Baccetti, 1958	VU	E	Central Apennines
70	Metrioptera s. saussuriana (Frey-Gessner, 1872)	LC		North-west Italy
71	Bicolorana b. bicolor (Philippi, 1830)	LC		Italian peninsula
72	Bicolorana kraussi (Padewieth, 1900)	NT		Friuli Venezia Giulia
73	Roeseliana minor Nadig, 1961	LC		Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Piedmont, Liguria, Marche, Tuscany; Switzerland
74	Roeseliana brunneri Ramme, 1951	NT	Е	Venetian lagoon
75	Roeseliana roeselii (Hagenbach, 1822)	LC		North-east Italy
76	Zeuneriana abbreviata (Serville, 1839)	LC		North-west Italy
77	Zeuneriana marmorata (Fieber, 1853)	EN		North-east Italy
78	Sepiana sepium (Yersin, 1854)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
79	Modestana modesta (Fieber, 1853)	LC		North-east Italy
80	Pholidoptera a. aptera (Fabricius, 1793)	LC		Alps
81	Pholidoptera aptera goidanichi Baccetti, 1963	LC	E	Central-north Apennines
82	Pholidoptera d. dalmatica (Krauss, 1899)	LC		North-east Italy
83	Pholidoptera fallax (Fischer, 1854)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia

84	Pholidoptera femorata (Fieber, 1853)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
85	Pholidoptera griseoaptera (De Geer, 1773)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
86	Pholidoptera l. littoralis (Fieber, 1853)	LC		North-east Italy
87	Pholidoptera littoralis insubrica Nadig, 1961	LC	E	North-west Alps
88	<i>Eupholidoptera bimucronata</i> (Ramme, 1927)	LC	E	Sicily
89	<i>Eupholidoptera chabrieri</i> (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		North-west Italy
90	<i>Eupholidoptera brunneri</i> (Targioni Tozzetti, 1881)	LC	E	Central Apennine
91	Eupholidoptera danconai La Greca, 1959	NT	E	Italian peninsula
92	Eupholidoptera garganica La Greca, 1959	NT		Apulia
93	Eupholidoptera hesperica La Greca, 1959	LC	E	South Italy
94	Eupholidoptera magnifica (A. Costa, 1863)	LC	Е	Italian peninsula and Sardinia
95	Eupholidoptera schmidti (Fieber, 1861)	LC		Central and north-east Italy
96	Anonconotus alpinus (Yersin, 1858)	LC	Е	North-west Alps
97	Anonconotus apenninigenus Targioni Tozzetti, 1881	CR	E	North Apennines
98	Anonconotus baracunensis Nadig, 1987	NT	E	North-west Alps
99	Anonconotus ghilianii Camerano, 1878	LC	E	North-west Alps
100	Anonconotus italoaustriacus Nadig, 1987	EN	E	North-east Alps
101	Anonconotus ligustinus Galvagni, 2002	EN	E	North-west Alps
102	<i>Anonconotus occidentalis</i> Carron et Wermeille, 2002	LC	Е	North-west Alps
103	Anonconotus pusillus Carron et Sardet, 2002	NT	Е	North-west Alps
104	Anonconotus sibyllinus Galvagni, 2002	EN	E	Central Apennines
105	Yersinella beybienkoi La Greca, 1974	LC		Italian peninsula
106	Yersinella raymondi (Yersin, 1860)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
107	Pachytrachis gracilis (Brunner, 1861)	LC		North-east Italy
108	Pachytrachis striolatus (Fieber, 1853)	LC		North and north-east Italy
109	<i>Pterolepis elymica</i> Galvagni et Massa, 1979	EN	Е	Sicily
110	Pterolepis pedata A. Costa, 1882	LC		Sardinia and island of Lampedusa

111	Rhacocleis annulata Fieber, 1853	LC		Central-south Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
112	Rhacocleis baccettii Galvagni, 1976	NT	Е	Sardinia
113	Rhacocleis corsicana Bonfils, 1960	NT		Sardinia and Corsica
114	Rhacocleis japygia La Greca, 1959	EN	Е	South Italy
115	Rhacocleis germanica (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1840)	LC		Italian peninsula
116	Rhacocleis maculipedes (Ingrisch, 1983)	EN	E	Sardinia
117	Rhacocleis n. neglecta (A. Costa, 1863)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
118	Rhacocleis thyrrhenica La Greca, 1952	NT	E	Tyrrhenian islands of central Italy
119	Ctenodecticus b. bolivari Targioni Tozzetti, 1881	LC	E	Sardinia
120	Ctenodecticus siculus Ramme, 1927	LC	E	Sicily
121	Antaxius difformis (Brunner, 1861)	LC		North Italy
122	Chopardius p. pedestris (Fabricius, 1787)	LC		North Italy
123	Chopardius pedestris apuanus (Nadig, 1958)	LC	E	Apuane Alps
124	Saga pedo (Pallas, 1771)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
125	Ephippiger a. apulus (Ramme, 1933)	LC	E	South Italy
126	<i>Ephippiger apulus italicus</i> La Greca, 1959	LC	E	South Italy
127	<i>Ephippiger cavannai</i> (Targioni Tozzetti, 1881)	LC	E	South Italy
128	Ephippiger perforatus Rossi, 1790	LC	Е	Italian peninsula
129	<i>Ephippiger camillae</i> Fintana et Massa, 2000	CR	Е	Sicily
130	<i>Ephippiger carlottae</i> Fontana et Odé, 2003	NT	E	North Apennines
131	Ephippiger discoidalis (Fieber, 1853)	LC		North-east Italy
132	Ephippiger persicarius Fruhstorfer, 1921	LC	E	North Italy
133	Ephippiger terrestris bormansi Brunner, 1882	LC	E	North-west Italy
134	Ephippiger terrestris caprai Nadig, 1980	LC	E	North-west Italy
135	Ephippiger melisi Baccetti, 1958	EN	E	Central Apennines
136	Ephippiger ruffoi Galvagni, 1955	EN	Е	Central Apennines
137	Ephippiger zelleri (Fischer, 1854)	EN	E	Central Italy
138	Lucasinova nigromarginata (Lucas, 1849)	LC		Sicily

139	Uromenus annae (Targioni Tozzetti, 1881)	NT	E	Sardinia
140	Uromenus b. bonneti (Bolívar, 1907)	LC		Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
141	Uromenus bonneti painoi Ramme, 1927	LC	E	Sicily
142	Uromenus brevicollis insularis (Chopard, 1923)	LC	E	Sardinia and Corsica
143	<i>Uromenus brevicollis trinacriae</i> (La Greca, 1964)	LC	E	Sicily
144	Uromenus elegans (Fischer, 1853)	LC		Italian peninsula
145	Uromenus riggioi La Greca, 1964	CR	E	Sicily
146	Uromenus siculus (Fieber, 1853)	LC	E	Sicily
147	Praephippigera pachygaster (Lucas, 1849)	DD		Sardinia and North Africa
	Rha	phidophc	oridae	1
148	Dolichopoda aegilion Baccetti, 1975	VU	E	Tuscan Archipelago
149	<i>Dolichopoda azami ligustica</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1958	LC	E	Central and north Italy
150	Dolichopoda azami septentrionalis Baccetti et Capra, 1959	LC	E	Tuscany
151	Dolichopoda baccettii Capra, 1957	VU	E	Mt. Argentario, Tuscany
152	Dolichopoda capreensis Capra, 1968	VU	E	Capri Is., Campania
153	Dolichopoda g. geniculata (O.G. Costa, 1860)	LC	E	South Italy
154	Dolichopoda geniculata pontiana Capra, 1967	LC	E	Ponziane Is., Latium
155	Dolichopoda I. laetitiae Minozzi, 1920	LC	E	Central Italy
156	<i>Dolichopoda laetitiae etrusca</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1959	LC	E	Central Italy
157	<i>Dolichopoda muceddai</i> Rampini et Di Russo, 2005	VU	Е	Sardinia
158	Dolichopoda palpata (Sulzer, 1776)	DD	E	Calabria and Sicily
159	Dolichopoda s. schiavazzii Capra, 1934	LC	Е	Tuscan coast
160	Dolichopoda schiavazzii caprai Lanza, 1954	LC	E	Tuscany
161	<i>Troglophilus (Troglophilus) a. andreinii</i> Capra, 1927	LC	E	South Italy
162	Troglophilus (Troglophilus) andreinii hydruntinus La Greca, 1961	LC	E	Apulia
163	Troglophilus (Troglophilus) cavicola (Kollar, 1833)	LC		North-east Italy

164	Troglophilus (Paratroglophilus) n. neglectus Krauus, 1879	LC		North-east Italy
165	Diestrammena (Tachycines) asynamora (Adelung, 1902)	NA		Italian peninsula and Sicily (introduced)
	1	Gryllida	e	
166	Nemobius s. sylvestris (Bosc, 1792)	LC		Central-north Italy, Sardinia
167	Pteronemobius h. heydenii (Fischer, 1853)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
168	Pteronemobius lineolatus (Brullé, 1835)	LC		North-west Italy
169	Stenonemobius gracilis (Jakovleff, 1871)	DD		Italian peninsula and Sicily
170	Trigonidium cicindeloides Rambur, 1839	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
171	Natula averni (A. Costa, 1855)	VU		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
172	Gryllomorpha d. dalmatina (Ocskay, 1832)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
173	Gryllomorpha dalmatina schmidti Gorochov, 1996	LC	E	Latium
174	Gryllomorphella uclensis (Pantel, 1890)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
175	Petaloptila (Italoptila) andreinii Capra, 1937	LC	E	Italian peninsula
176	Petaloptila (Petaloptila) clauseri (Schmidt, 1991)	DD	E	North Italy
177	Petaloptila (Petaloptila) sbordonii (Baccetti, 1979)	DD	Е	Calabria
178	Acroneuroptila puddui Cadeddu, 1970	VU	Е	Sardinia
179	Acroneuroptila sardoa Baccetti, 1960	VU	E	Sardinia
180	Gryllus bimaculatus De Geer, 1773	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
181	Gryllus campestris Linnaeus, 1758	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
182	Brachytrupes megacephalus (Lefèvre, 1827)	VU		Sicily and Sardinia
183	Melanogryllus d. desertus (Pallas, 1771)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
184	Acheta domesticus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
185	Acheta gossypii O.G. Costa, 1855	DD		Apulia
186	Acheta hispanicus Rambur, 1839	LC		South Italy and Sicily
187	Modicogryllus a. algirius (Saussure, 1877)	LC		Sicily
188	Svercus p. palmetorum (Krauss, 1902)	NT		Calabria, Sicily, and Sardinia
189	Eumodicogryllus b. bordigalensis (Latreille, 1804)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
190	Grylloderes brunneri (Riggio, 1888)	NT		Sicily

191	Oecanthus dulcisonans Gorochov, 1993	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
192	Oecanthus p. pellucens (Scopoli, 1763)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
	M	logoplisti	dae	
193	Mogoplistes brunneus Serville, 1839	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
194	Paramogoplistes novaki (Krauss, 1888)	DD		few localities in Sardinia and on the Tyrrhenian coast of Italy
195	Arachnocephalus vestitus A. Costa, 1855	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
196	Pseudomogoplistes squamiger (Fischer, 1853)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
	Му	rmecophi	lidae	
197	Myrmecophilus (Myrmecophilus) acervorum (Panzer, 1799)	LC		North Italy and Sicily
198	Myrmecophilus (Myrmecophilus) aequispina Chopard, 1923	LC		North-west Italy
199	Myrmecophilus (Myrmecophilus) baronii Baccetti, 1966	NT		Is. of Pantelleria (Sicily); also Malta and Tunisia
200	Myrmecophilus (Myrmecophilus) fuscus Stalling, 2013	LC		Sicily
201	Myrmecophilus (Myrmecophilus) myrmecophilus (Savi, 1819)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
202	Myrmecophilus (Myrmophilina) ochraceus (Fischer, 1854)	LC		South Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
	G	ryllotalpi	dae	10
203	<i>Gryllotalpa cossyrensis</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1978	VU	E	Is. Pantelleria (Sicily)
204	Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Central-north Italy
205	<i>Gryllotalpa octodecim</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1978	DD	Е	North-west Italy, Sardinia
206	<i>Gryllotalpa quindecim</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1978	LC	E	South Italy, Sicily
207	<i>Gryllotalpa sedecim</i> Baccetti et Capra, 1978	LC	Е	North-west Italy, Sardinia
208	Gryllotalpa septemdecimchromosomica Ortiz, 1958	DD		Central and north-west Italy
209	Gryllotalpa viginti Baccetti et Capra, 1978	DD	E	Liguria
210	Gryllotalpa vigintiunum Baccetti, 1991	DD	E	Sardinia
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212	Tetrix b. bipunctata (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		North Italy
213	Tetrix bipunctata kraussi (Saulcy, 1888)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
214	Tetrix bolivari (Saulcy, 1901)	LC		North-east and South Italy
215	Tetrix ceperoi (Bolívar, 1887)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
216	Tetrix depressa (Brisout de Barneville, 1848)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
217	Tetrix subulata (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
218	Tetrix tenuicornis (Sahlberg, 1893)	LC		Central and north Italy
219	Tetrix tuerki (Krauss, 1876)	VU		North Italy
	]	Trydactilic	lae	
220	Xya variegata (Latreille, 1809)	LC		Italian peninsula
	Ру	rgomorph	idae	<u>.</u>
221	Pyrgomorpha c. conica (Olivier, 1791)	LC		Sicily and Sardinia
	F	amphagic	dae	
222	Pamphagus marmoratus Burmeister, 1838	LC	Е	Sicily
223	Pamphagus ortolanii Cusimano et Massa, 1977	NT	E	Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
224	Pamphagus sardeus (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1840)	LC	E	Sardinia
225	Acinipe calabra (O.G. Costa, 1828)	LC		Calabria, Sicily
226	Acinipe galvagnii Cusimano et Massa, 1977	NT	E	Egadi Is. and west Sicily
227	Ocneridia nigropunctata (Lucas, 1849)	LC		Sicily
228	Prionotropis appula (O.G. Costa, 1836)	LC	Е	South Italy
229	Prionotropis hystrix (Germar, 1817)	VU		North-east Italy
		Acridida	e	
230	Podisma d. dechambrei Leproux, 1951	LC	E	North-west Italy
231	Podisma dechambrei melisi Baccetti, 1954	LC	E	Apuane Alps, Tuscan-Emilian Apennines
232	Podisma eitschbergeri Harz, 1973	DD	E	Piedmont
233	Podisma emiliae Ramme, 1926	CR	E	Tuscan-Emilian Apennines
234	Podisma goidanichi (Baccetti, 1958)	EN	E	Gran Sasso, central Apennines
235	Podisma magdalenae Galvagni, 1971	CR	Е	Marche
236	Podisma p. pedestris (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		North Italy

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237	Podisma pedestris caprai Salfi, 1935	LC	E	Piedmont
238	Podisma pedestris nadigi Harz, 1975	LC	E	Alps
239	Podisma ruffoi Baccetti, 1971	EN	E	Central Apennines
240	Podisma silvestrii Salfi, 1935	CR	E	Central Apennines
241	Bohemanella f. frigida (Bohemann, 1846)	LC		North Italy
242	Italopodisma a. acuminata (La Greca, 1969)	LC	Е	Mt. Greco and Mt. Pratello, Abruzzo
243	Italopodisma acuminata marsicana (La Greca, 1969)	LC	Е	Mt. Capraro, Mt. Marsicano, Mt. Palombo, Abruzzo
244	Italopodisma baccettii (La Greca, 1969)	CR	E	Gran Sasso, Central Apennines
245	Italopodisma costae (Targioni Tozzetti, 1881)	LC	E	Mt. Morrone Majella, Mt. Majelletta, Abruzzo
246	Italopodisma ebneri (La Greca, 1954)	CR	E	Reatini Mts., Latium
247	Italopodisma fiscellana (La Greca, 1954)	EN	E	Central Apennines
248	Italopodisma lagrecai (Galvagni, 1973)	CR	E	Central Apennines
249	Italopodisma lucianae (Baccetti, 1959)	CR	Е	Mt. Majella, Central Apennines
250	Italopodisma samnitica (La Greca, 1954)	EN	Е	Central Apennines
251	Italopodisma t. trapezoidalis (La Greca, 1966)	EN	E	La Meta Mts., Central Apennines
252	Italopodisma trapezoidalis aprutiana (La Greca, 1969)	EN	Е	Mt. Marsicano, Abruzzo
253	Italopodisma trapezoidalis curvula (La Greca, 1969)	EN	E	Ernici and Simbruini Mts., Central Apennines
254	<i>Epipodisma pedemontana</i> (Brunner, 1882)	LC	E	Northern Alps
255	Kisella alpina (Kollar, 1833)	LC	E	North-western Alps
256	Kisella irena (Fruhstorfer, 1921)	LC	E	North-eastern Alps
257	Kisella subalpina (Fischer, 1850)	LC	E	Aosta Valley
258	Nadigella f. formosanta (Fruhstorfer, 1921)	LC	E	North Italy
259	Nadigella formosanta bessae Nadig, 1989	LC	E	Eastern Alps
260	Pseudoprumna baldensis (Krauss, 1883)	EN	E	Central Alps
261	Micropodisma salamandra (Fischer, 1854)	LC		North-eastern Alps
262	Chortopodisma cobellii (Krauss, 1883)	EN	E	North-eastern Alps
263	Pseudopodisma fieberi (Scudder, 1898)	LC		North-eastern Alps
264	Odontopodisma decipiens insubrica Nadig, 1980	LC	E	North-western Alps

291	<i>Oedipoda cynthiae</i> Fontana, Buzzetti et Massa, 2019	VU?	E	South Italy (Apulia)
290	Oedipoda caerulescens sardeti Defaut, 2006	LC	Е	Sardinia and Corsica
289	Oedipoda c. caerulescens (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian Peninsula and Sicily
288	Oedaleus senegalensis (Krauss, 1877)	LC		Sardinia
287	Oedaleus d. decorus (Germar, 1826)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
286	Locusta migratoria cinerascens Fabricius, 1781	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
285	Celes v. variabilis (Pallas, 1771)	NT		North-east Italy
284	Bryodemella t. tuberculata (Fabricius, 1780)	VU		Lombardy and Liguria
283	Psophus stridulus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Central-north Italy
282	Calephorus compressicornis (Latreille, 1804)	LC		South Italy and Sicily
281	Truxalis nasuta (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Central Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
280	Acrida turrita Linnaeus, 1758	LC		Central Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
279	Acrida ungarica mediterranea Dirsh, 1949	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
278	<i>Tropidopola graeca transjonica</i> La Greca, 1964	VU	E	South Italy
277	Tropidopola c. cylindrica (Marshall, 1836)	VU		Central-south Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
276	Schistocerca gregaria (Forskål, 1775)	LC		Occasional throughout all Italy
275	Anacridium aegyptium (Linnaeus, 1764)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
274	Heteracris annulosa (Walker, 1870)	EN		Sicily and Sardinia
273	Heteracris adspersa massai Galvagni, 1978	VU		Sicily and Sardinia
272	<i>Eyprepocnemis p. plorans</i> (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		South Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
271	Calliptamus wattenwylianus (Pantel, 1896)	LC		Liguria
270	Calliptamus siciliae Ramme, 1927	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
269	Calliptamus i. italicus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
268	Calliptamus b. barbarus (O.G. Costa, 1836)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
267	Pezotettix giornae (Rossi, 1794)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
266	Odontopodisma schmidti (Fieber, 1853)	LC		North-eastern Alps
265	Odontopodisma fallax Ramme, 1951	LC		North-eastern Alps

292	Oedipoda f. fuscocincta Lucas, 1849	LC		South Italy and Sicily
293	Oedipoda fuscocincta morini Defaut, 2005	LC	Е	Sardinia and Corsica
294	<i>Oedipoda g. germanica</i> <sup>1</sup> (Latreille, 1804)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
295	Oedipoda miniata mauritanica Lucas, 1849	LC		Sicily and Sardinia
296	Sphingonotus caerulans caerulans (Linnaeus, 1767)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
297	Sphingonotus c. candidus A. Costa, 1888	NT	Е	Sardinia
298	Sphingonotus corsicus Chopard, 1924	LC		Sardinia and Corsica
299	Sphingonotus e. eurasius Mishtshenko, 1936	DD		Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
300	Sphingonotus obscuratus lameerei Finot, 1902	NA		Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
301	Sphingonotus personatus Zanon, 1926	EN	Е	Italian peninsula and Sicily
302	Sphingonotus r. rubescens (Walker, 1870)	LC		Sardinia and Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
303	Sphingonotus uvarovi Chopard, 1924	EN	Е	Sardinia and Corsica
304	Acrotylus fischeri Azam, 1901	LC		North-west Italy
305	Acrotylus i. insubricus (Scopoli, 1786)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
306	Acrotylus longipes (Charpentier, 1845)	NT		South Italy and Sicily
307	Acrotylus patruelis (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1838)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
308	Aiolopus s. simulatrix (Walker, 1870)	DD		Sardinia
309	Aiolopus s. strepens (Latreille, 1804)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
310	Aiolopus t. thalassinus (Fabricius, 1781)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
311	Epacromius c. coerulipes (Ivanov, 1887)	NT		North-east Italy
312	<i>Epacromius t. tergestimus</i> (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		North-east Italy
313	Epacromius tergestinus ponticus Karny, 1907	LC		Veneto
314	Platypygius platypygius (Pantel, 1886)	EN		Sicily and Sardinia
315	Mecostethus p. parapleurus (Hagenbach, 1822)	LC		North Italy
316	Stethophyma grossum (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		North Italy
317	Paracinema tricolor bisignata (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Molecular studies have shown that in Italy *O. germanica* is represented by two species, the true *O. germanica*, living north of the Po river, and a probable new species, up to date undescribed, in the rest of the Italian peninsula (Axel Hochkirch, pers. comm.).

318	Duroniella lucasii (Bolívar, 1881)	LC		Sardinia
319	Brachycrotaphus tryxalicerus (Fischer, 1854)	LC		Sicily and Aeolian Is.
320	Ochrilidia nuragica Massa, 1994	EN	Е	Sardinia
321	Ochrilidia sicula (Salfi, 1931)	EN	E	Sicily
322	Arcyptera (Arcyptera) fusca (Pallas, 1773)	LC		Central-north Italy
323	Arcyptera (Pararcyptera) alzonai Capra, 1938	EN	Е	North-west Alps
324	Arcyptera (Pararcyptera) m. microptera (Fischer, 1833)	LC		Friuli Venezia Giulia and south Italy
325	Ramburiella turcomana (Fischer, 1846)	LC		South Italy
326	Chrysochraon beybienkoi Galvagni, 1968	CR	E	Calabria
327	Chrysochraon d. dispar (Germar, 1835)	LC		North-east Italy
328	Chrysochraon dispar giganteus Harz, 1975	LC		North-east Italy
329	Euthystira brachyptera (Ocskay, 1826)	LC		Alps and Apennines
330	Dociostaurus g. genei (Ocskay, 1832)	LC		Italian peninsula
331	Dociostaurus jagoi occidentalis Soltani, 1978	LC		Sardinia
332	Dociostaurus maroccanus (Thunberg, 1815)	LC		Central-south Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia
333	Dociostaurus minutus La Greca, 1962	EN	E	Sicily
334	Omocestus (Omocestus) rufipes (Zetterstedt, 1821)	LC		Italian Peninsula, Sicily, and Sardinia
335	Omocestus (Omocestus) viridulus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Alps and northern Apennines
336	Omocestus (Omocestus) africanus Harz, 1970	LC		Is. of Pantelleria (Sicily)
337	Omocestus (Omocestus) h. haemorrhoidalis (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Italian peninsula
338	<i>Omocestus (Omocestus) lopadusae</i> La Greca, 1973	LC	Е	Is. of Lampedusa (Sicily)
339	Omocestus (Omocestus) Petraeus (Brisout, 1855)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
340	Omocestus (Omocestus) raymondi (Yersin, 1863)	LC		Liguria, Latium, and Calabria
341	Omocestus (Omocestus) uvarovi Zanon, 1926	EN	E	South Italy

342	Stenobothrus apenninus Ebner, 1915	LC	Е	Apennines
343	<i>Stenobothrus cotticus</i> (Kruseman et Jeekel, 1967)	NT	E	North-western Alps
344	Stenobothrus fischeri (Eversmann, 1848)	LC		Alps and Apennines
345	Stenobothrus 1. lineatus (Panzer, 1796)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
346	Stenobothrus n. nigromaculatus (Herrich- Schaeffer, 1840)	LC		Italian peninsula
347	Stenobothrus rubicundulus Kruseman et Jeekel, 1967	LC		Central-north Italy
348	Stenobothrus s. stigmaticus (Rambur, 1838)	LC		North-east Italy
349	Stenobothrus ursulae Nadig, 1986	VU	Е	North-western Alps
350	Gomphocerus s. sibiricus (Linnaeus, 1767)	LC		Alps and Apennines
351	Gomphocerippus rufus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
352	Aeropedellus v. variegatus (Fischer, 1846)	EN		Alps
353	Myrmeleotettix m. maculatus (Thunberg, 1815)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sicily
354	Stauroderus s. scalaris (Fischer, 1846)	LC		Alps and Apennines
355	Pseudochorthippus montanus (Charpentier, 1825)	LC		Trentino Alto Adige
356	Pseudochorthippus p. parallelus (Zetterstedt, 1821)	LC		Alps and Apennines
357	Chorthippus (Chorthippus) dichrous (Eversmann, 1859)	LC		Central Italy
358	Chorthippus (Chorthippus) d. dorsatus (Zetterstedt, 1821)	LC		Central-North Italy, Sardinia
359	Chorthippus (Chorthippus) dorsatus garganicus Jannone, 1937	LC	Е	Apulia
360	<i>Chorthippus (Chorthippus) karelini bruttius</i> Fontana et La Greca, 1999	LC	Е	South Italy
361	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) a. alticola Ramme, 1921	LC	E	North-eastern Alps
362	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) a. apricarius (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		Central-north Italy
363	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) b. biguttulus (Linnaeus, 1758)	LC		North Italy
364	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) bornhalmi Harz, 1971	LC		Carso Triestino (Friuli Venezia Giulia)
365	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) b. brunneus (Thunberg, 1815)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia

366	<i>Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) brunneus raggei</i> (La Greca, Di Mauro, Viglianisi et Monello, 2000)	LC	E	Sicily
367	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) cialancensis Nadig, 1986	LC	E	North-western Alps
368	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) eisentrauti Ramme, 1931	LC		North Italy
369	<i>Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) messinai</i> (La Greca, Di Mauro, Viglianisi et Monello, 2000)	LC	E	Sicily
370	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) mollis ignifer Ramme, 1923	LC	E	Northern Alps
371	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) pullus (Philippi, 1830)	LC		North Italy
372	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) rubratibialis Schmidt, 1978	LC	Е	Italian peninsula
373	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) saulcyi daimei (Azam, 1893)	LC	E	North-western Alps
374	<i>Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) trinacriae</i> (La Greca, Di Mauro, Viglianisi et Monello, 2000)	LC	E	Sicily
375	Chorthippus (Glyptobothrus) v. vagans (Eversmann, 1848)	LC		Italian peninsula
376	Italohippus albicornis (La Greca, 1948)	EN	E	Central Apennines
377	Italohippus modestus (Ebner, 1915)	VU	E	Central Apennines
378	Italohippus monticola (Ebner, 1915)	EN	Е	Central Apennines
379	<i>Euchorthippus albolineatus siculus</i> Ramme, 1927	LC	Е	Sicily
380	Euchorthippus declivus (Brisout, 1848)	LC		Italian peninsula and Sardinia
381	Euchorthippus elegantulus Zeuner, 1940	LC		Liguria
382	<i>Euchorthippus sardous</i> Nadig in Nadig et Nadig, 1933	LC	Е	Sardinia

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