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# Loewia erecta Bergström (Diptera: Tachinidae) new to Germany

[Loewia erecta Bergström (Diptera: Tachinidae) neu für Deutschland]

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#### Introduction

The current count for tachinid species recorded from Germany is around 510, with the status of some species not yet being entirely clear (Dr H.-P. TSCHORSNIG personal communication, TSCHORSNIG & ZIEGLER (1998); 494 species). Although the German fauna is well known compared to other geographical regions, it is likely that many tachinid species are yet to be found as they are often difficult to detect. Besides a number of southern species extending their range due to climate change, there might be several under-recorded indigenous species awaiting discovery. As an example of the latter, we report here the first discovery of *Loewia erecta* BERGSTRÖM, 2007 from Germany. A total of 10 specimens were retrieved from pan traps, which were part of a faunistic study conducted in the Kinzigaue district forest reserve in summer 2000.

### Study area

The forest reserve (18.1 ha) is situated in the lowland area of southern Hesse, in the lowlands of the Upper Rhine and Rhine-Main area about 12 km east of the town Hanau at 105–110 m a. s. l.