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The family Ptychopteridae (Diptera) confirmed for the fauna of Belarus

[Die Familie Ptychopteridae (Diptera) bestätigt für die Fauna Weißrusslands]

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The European fauna comprises 14 species belonging to the family Ptychopteridae. Recently one new species was described from Bulgaria and Romania (TÖRÖK et al. 2015) and another one, *Ptychoptera obscura* PEUS, 1958, was excluded as wrong for the regional fauna (FASBENDER 2014). The faunistic data of ptychopterids of Belarus is insufficiently known and absent in the online catalog and Diptera species list (ZWICK 2013, BORODIN 2013, ANONYMOUS 2016). Previously, larvae of Ptychopteridae were found at the Braslav Lakes (near the boundary with Lithuania and Latvia), but they were determined only to family level (VEZHNOVETS & BAICHOROV 2014). Among the countries which share a common border with Belarus, the ptychopterid fauna is well-known for Poland and Lithuania (9 and 6 species respectively) and less so for Ukraine and Latvia