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## Article

### An annotated checklist of house dust mites (Acari: Acariformes) of Türkiye

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#### ABSTRACT

This checklist of house dust mites (Acari: Trombidiformes, Sarcoptiformes) from Türkiye is based on published data and private collections. The species are listed alphabetically. In total, 33 dust mite species and their zoogeographical distributions are presented. This study represents the first checklist of house dust mite fauna in Türkiye.

**KEYWORDS:** Acariformes, distribution, domestic mites, stored mites, Trombidiformes.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Allergic diseases have become increasingly prevalent worldwide over the past few decades. House dust mites (HDM's) are significant domestic sources of allergens, leading to allergic rhinitis, asthma, and atopic dermatitis (Huang *et al.* 2017; Dhaliwal *et al.* 2021). Up to a third of people with eczema who test positive for house dust mite allergies report worsening eczema or respiratory symptoms upon exposure to dust (Gülbahar *et al.* 2004; Nankervis *et al.* 2015). After discovering that dust mites and their residues cause allergic diseases, significant research has focused on this area. From 1980 to 2018, over 4,750 studies on this subject were indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection database (Demir *et al.* 2020). The term "house dust mite" generally refers to mites in the family Pyroglyphidae whose biotope is house dust (Colloff 2009).

In parallel with global studies, in Türkiye studies with regards of HDM's have accelerated after the 1980s. As a result, studies on this subject have been conducted in 38 of the 81 provinces of Türkiye (Fig. 1). Up to now several catalogues and checklists of mites (Acari) of Türkiye have been published (Özkan *et al.* 1988, 1994; Erman *et al.* 2007, 2010; Baran *et al.* 2018; Doğan 2019, 2022). In the mentioned studies mites belong to the various mite groups have been listed alphabetically without any informations. In the current study, mites that reported to be isolated only from the house dust were listed. This study is the first annotated checklist for Turkish HDM's. A total of 33 species belong to 10 families of Acariformes and two families of Trombidiformes are included in the checklist.

#### MATERIAL AND METHODS

All publications regarding HDMs from Türkiye were analyzed. It was observed that poor collecting methods, insufficient diagnostic experience, and disruption of mite integrity prevented the identify-

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cation of mites at the species level in most studies. In this current study, only mite specimens identified to the species level were included in the checklist. Mites that could not be definitively identified were excluded. The classification was done based on Lindquist *et al.* (2009) and the species are arranged alphabetically.



**Figure 1.** Faunistic studies of the house dust mites in Türkiye. Studied provinces are shown in grey and unstudied provinces are shown in white.

## RESULTS

### Superorder Acariformes

#### Order Sarcoptiformes Reuter, 1909

#### Suborder Oribatida van der Hammen, 1968

#### Supercohort Desmonomata Woolley, 1973

#### Cohort Astigmata Canestrini, 1891

#### Superfamily Acaroidea Latreille, 1802

#### Family Acaridae Latreille, 1802

#### Genus *Acarus* Linnaeus, 1758

#### *Acarus farris* (Oudemans, 1905)

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Diyarbakır, İzmir, Kars and Muş (Özkan *et al.* 1994; Aytekin *et al.* 2002; Aykut and Yılmaz 2010; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – China, Germany, Iran, Poland and Spain (Amoli & Cunnington 1977; Franz *et al.* 1997; Sánchez-Ramos *et al.* 2007; Klimov and Tolstikov 2011).

#### *Acarus siro* Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Diyarbakır, Erzincan, Erzurum, Edirne, Giresun, Kars, Kütahya and Trabzon (Akdemir & Gürdal 2005; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 2004; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2015, 2016; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Greece, Palestine, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Taiwan (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Colloff 2009).

**Genus *Acotyledon* Oudemans, 1903*****Acotyledon tjobodas* Zakhvatkin, 1941**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Muş (Aykut and Yılmaz 2010).

**Distribution in the world** – Germany, Pakistan (Franz *et al.* 1998; Halliday *et al.* 2018).

**Genus *Baloghella* Mahunka, 1963*****Baloghella melis* (Wurst and Pfister 1990)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – İstanbul and Tekirdağ (Bakay *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Belgium, Germany and Poland (Fain and Lukoschus 1974; Wurst and Pfister 1990; Kurek *et al.* 2020)

**Genus *Rhizoglyphus* Claparède, 1869*****Rhizoglyphus robini* Claparède, 1869**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Diyarbakır (Aykut *et al.* 2013a).

**Distribution in the world** – Australia, New Zealand and Poland (Radwan *et al.* 2000; Fan and Zhang 2003)

**Genus *Tyrophagus* Oudemans, 1924*****Tyrophagus perniciosus* Zakhvatkin, 1941**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Antalya, Erzincan, Kars and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013a; Zeytun *et al.* 2015; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Australia, Bulgaria, England, Iran, Japan, Poland and Russia (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Zhang and Fan 2005).

***Tyrophagus putrescentiae* (Schrank, 1781)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Bursa, Diyarbakır, Edirne, Elazığ, Erzincan, Erzurum, Giresun, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars, Kütahya, Malatya, Muş, Samsun and Tekirdağ (Özkan *et al.* 1988; Çobanoğlu 2008; Aytekin *et al.* 2002; Akdemir and Gürdal 2005; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 2004; Güleğen *et al.* 2005; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2015; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021; Bakay *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, England, Finland, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Uzbekistan, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia and Taiwan (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Colloff 2009).

**Family Suidasiidae Hughes, 1948****Genus *Suidasia* Oudemans, 1905*****Suidasia nesbitti* Hughes, 1948**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Erzincan (Zeytun *et al.* 2016).

**Distribution in the world** – Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, North America; Puerto Rico, and United Kingdom (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Montealegre *et al.* 1997; Devi *et al.* 2022).

**Superfamily Analgoidea Trouessart and Mégnin, 1884**  
**Family Pyroglyphidae Cunliffe, 1958**  
**Genus *Euroglyphus* Fain, 1965**

***Euroglyphus maynei* (Cooreman, 1950)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Diyarbakır, Erzincan, Giresun, İstanbul, Kars, Muş and Tekirdağ (Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2015, 2016; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021; Bakay *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, U.S.A., Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lithuania, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Thailand and Uzbekistan (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Colloff 2009).

**Genus *Dermatophagoides* Bogdanov, 1864**

***Dermatophagoides aureliani* Fain, 1967**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013b).

**Distribution in the world** – Africa, Brasil, India (Fain and Rosa 1982; Colloff 2009; Dhaliwal *et al.* 2021).

***Dermatophagoides farinae* Hughes, 1961**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Bursa, Çanakkale, Diyarbakır, Giresun, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars, Muş, Ordu and Tekirdağ (Özkan *et al.* 1988; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 1997; Güleğen *et al.* 2005; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2016; 2018; Akyazı *et al.* 2018; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Gulkan *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021; Bakay *et al.* 2021; Kılıç *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is a cosmopolite species and its presence has been reported in all countries studied (Colloff 2009).

***Dermatophagoides microceras* Griffiths & Cunnington, 1971**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Diyarbakır (Aykut *et al.* 2013a).

**Distribution in the world** – England, India and Taiwan (Griffiths and Cunnington 1971; Dhaliwal *et al.* 2021; Hu *et al.* 2022).

***Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* (Trouessart, 1897)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Bitlis, Bursa, Çanakkale, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzincan, Eskişehir, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars, Konya, Kütahya, Malatya, Manisa, Muş, Ordu, Samsun, Sivas, Tekirdağ and Uşak (Budak 1988; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 1997; Güngör *et al.* 1999; Aygan and Özçelik 2002; Akdemir and Gürdal 2005; Güleğen *et al.* 2005; Atambay *et al.* 2006; Çiftçi *et al.* 2006; Doğan *et al.* 2008; Aykut and Yılmaz 2010; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2015, 2016, 2018; Akyazı *et al.* 2018; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Gulkan *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021; Bakay *et al.* 2021; Kılıç *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is a cosmopolite species and its presence has been reported in all countries studied (Colloff 2009).

***Dermatophagoides siboney* Dusbabek, Cuervo & Cruz, 1982**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013b).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, Cuba, Panama and Puerto Rico (Montealegre *et al.* 1997; Colloff 2009).

**Superfamily Hemisarcoptoidea Oudemans, 1904**

**Family Carpoglyphidae Oudemans, 1923**

**Genus *Carpoglyphus* Robin, 1869**

***Carpoglyphus lactis* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013a).

**Distribution in the world** – It is a cosmopolite species. It is commonly found in dried fruits such as dried apricots, figs and prunes in North America and throughout Europe (Özer and Toros 1978).

**Family Winterschmidtidae Oudemans, 1923**

**Genus *Allocalvolia* Fain and Rack, 1987**

***Allocalvolia habrocytus* Fain & Rack, 1987**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013b).

**Distribution in the world** – Austria (Fain 1987).

**Superfamily Glycyphagoidea Berlese, 1897**

**Family Chortoglyphidae Berlese, 1897**

**Genus *Chortoglyphus* Berlese, 1897**

***Chortoglyphus arcuatus* (Troupeau, 1879)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Afyon, Ankara, Bitlis, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Eskişehir, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Kütahya, Malatya, Muş, Ordu and Uşak (Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 2004; Atambay *et al.* 2006; Çiftçi *et al.* 2006; Doğan *et al.* 2008; Aykut and Yılmaz 2010; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Akyazı *et al.* 2018; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Gulkan *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Taiwan and U.S.A., (Amoli and Cunnington 1977; Colloff 2009).

**Family Glycyphagidae Berlese, 1887**

**Genus *Glycyphagus* Hering, 1838**

***Glycyphagus domesticus* (De Geer, 1778)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Bitlis, Bursa, Diyarbakır, Edirne, Eskişehir, Giresun, İzmir, Kars, Kütahya and Muş (Akdemir and Gürdal 2005; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 2004; Güleğen *et al.* 2005; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Zeytun *et al.* 2016; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Korea, Spain and Sweden (Colloff 2009).

### ***Glycyphagus privatus* Oudemans, 1903**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Erzincan, İzmir and Muş (Özkan *et al.* 1994; Aykut *et al.* 2013a; Zeytun *et al.* 2015).

**Distribution in the world** – China, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland and Spain (Boner *et al.* 1989; Tinghuan 1989; Boquete *et al.* 2006; Stejskal and Hubert 2008; Solarz 2009).

### **Genus *Gohieria* Oudemans, 1939**

#### ***Gohieria fusca* (Oudemans, 1902)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Diyarbakır, İstanbul, Kars, Kocaeli and Muş (Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 1997; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Argentina, Algeria, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, England, France, Greece, India, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia and Spain (Colloff 2009).

### **Genus *Lepidoglyphus* Zachvatkin, 1936**

#### ***Lepidoglyphus destructor* (Schränk, 1781)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Bursa, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzincan, Eskişehir, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars, Konya, Kütahya, Malatya, Manisa, Muş, Ordu, Sivas and Uşak (Budak 1988; Özkan *et al.* 1994; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 1997; Güngör *et al.* 1999; Aygan and Özçelik 2002; Akdemir and Gürdal 2005; Güleğen *et al.* 2005; Çiftçi *et al.* 2006; Atambay *et al.* 2006; Doğan *et al.* 2008; Aykut and Yılmaz 2010; Aykut *et al.* 2013a, b; 2016; Zeytun *et al.* 2015; 2016; Akyazı *et al.* 2018; Akdemir *et al.* 2019; Gulkan *et al.* 2019; Mutlu *et al.* 2019; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is a cosmopolite species and its presence has been reported in all countries studied (Colloff 2009).

### **Cohort *Brachypylina* Hull, 1918**

#### **Superfamily *Oppioidea* Grandjean, 1951**

#### **Family *Oppiidae* Grandjean, 1951**

#### **Genus: *Ramusella* Hammer, 1962**

#### ***Ramusella elliptica* (Berlese, 1908)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis, Erzurum, Kars, Muş and Yozgat (Baran and Ayyıldız 2004; Erman *et al.* 2007; Toluk and Ayyıldız 2008; Aykut *et al.* 2013b; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is widespread in the Holarctic region (Weigmann 2006).

#### ***Ramusella fasciata* (Paoli, 1908)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis, Kars and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013b; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is widespread in the Holarctic region (Weigmann 2006).

### **Superfamily *Oripodoidea* Jacot, 1925**

**Family Oribatulidae Thor, 1929**  
**Genus *Zygoribatula* Berlese, 1916**

***Zygoribatula excavata* Berlese, 1916**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Erzincan (Zeytun *et al.* 2016).

**Distribution in the world** – Italy, Spain (Caruso *et al.* 2009; Camps-Sagué *et al.* 2024)

**Supercohort Enarthronota Grandjean, 1969**  
**Superfamily Protoplophoroidea Ewing, 1917**  
**Family Haplochthoniidae van der Hammen, 1959**  
**Genus *Haplochthonius* Willmann, 1930**

***Haplochthonius simplex* (Willmann, 1930)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ordu (Akyazı *et al.* 2019).

**Distribution in the world** – Japan, Spain, Ukraine (Sakaki and Suto 1996; Seniczak and Seniczak 2010a; b)

**Family Cosmochthoniidae Grandjean, 1947**  
**Genus *Cosmochthonius* Berlese, 1910**

***Cosmochthonius lanatus* (Michael, 1885)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis, Kars and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013a; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is widespread in the Holarctic region (Weigmann 2006).

***Cosmochthonius plumatus* Berlese, 1910**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Muş and Kars (Aykut *et al.* 2013b; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – It is widespread in the Holarctic region (Weigmann 2006).

***Cosmochthonius reticulatus* Grandjean, 1947**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Erzincan (Zeytun *et al.* 2016).

**Distribution in the world** – It is widespread in the Holarctic region (Weigmann 2006).

**Order Trombidiformes Reuter, 1909**  
**Suborder Prostigmata Kramer, 1877**  
**Supercohort Eleutherengona Oudemans, 1909**  
**Cohort Raphignathina Kethley, 1982**  
**Superfamily Cheyletoidea Leach, 1815**  
**Family Cheyletidae Leach, 1815**  
**Genus *Cheyletus* Latreille, 1776**

***Cheyletus eruditus* (Schrank, 1781)**

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Ankara, Antalya, Bitlis, Erzincan, İzmir and Muş (Özkan *et al.* 1988; Kalpaklıoğlu *et al.* 1997; Aykut *et al.* 2013b; Zeytun *et al.* 2016; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Greece, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Tajikistan and U.S.A. (Colloff 2009).

### *Cheyletus malaccensis* Oudemans, 1903

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis, Erzincan, İzmir, Kars and Muş (Özkan *et al.* 1988; Aykut *et al.* 2013b; Zeytun *et al.* 2016; Aykut 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Armenia, Burma, China, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Uganda, (Franz *et al.* 1997; Han *et al.* 1997; Mariana *et al.* 2000; Baker and Craven 2003; Lukas *et al.* 2006; Soleimani and Rafinejad 2008; Edres 2009; Beron 2021).

### *Genus Acaropsellina* Summers, 1976

#### *Acaropsellina docta* (Berlese, 1886)

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Bitlis and Muş (Aykut *et al.* 2013b).

**Distribution in the world** – China, Czech Republic, Egypt, England, Greece, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Iran, Pakistan, Poland, (Qayyum and Chaudhri 1979; Baker and Craven 2003; Lukas *et al.* 2006; Beron 2021).

### *Genus Cheyletiella* Yasguri Smiley, 1965

#### *Paracheyletiella volgini* (Mégnin, 1878)

**Distribution in Türkiye** – İstanbul and Tekirdağ (Bakay *et al.* 2021).

**Distribution in the world** – Russia and Ukraine (Beron 2021)

### *Superfamily Raphignathoidea* Kramer 1877

#### *Family Raphignathidae* Kramer, 1877

#### *Genus Raphignathus* Dugès 1834

#### *Raphignathus collegiatus* Atyeo, Baker & Crossley, 1961

**Distribution in Türkiye** – Erzincan (Zeytun *et al.* 2016).

**Distribution in the world** – Egypt, Hungary, Iran and Russia (Ripka *et al.* 2005; Bochkov 2008; Khanjani and Ueckermann 2003; Zaher and Gomaa 1981).

## DISCUSSION

Temperate and humid environments (75–80% relative humidity [RH] and 25–30 °C) are optimal conditions for house dust mites. Türkiye, with its seven geographical regions featuring diverse climates, provides optimal conditions for dust mites. As mentioned in above, many mite specimens collected from house dust samples could not be identified to the species level. Further studies and complete diagnoses are expected to increase the number of species representing the house dust mite fauna of Türkiye.

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## فهرست مشروح کنه های گرد و غبار خانگی (Acari: Acariformes) ترکیه

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### چکیده

این فهرست از کنه های گرد و غبار خانگی (Acari: Trombidiformes, Sarcoptiformes) از ترکیه بر اساس داده های منتشر شده و کلکسیون های خصوصی تهیه شده است. گونه ها بر اساس حروف الفبا فهرست شده اند. در مجموع، ۳۳ گونه کنه گرد و غبار و پراکندگی جغرافیایی آنها ارائه شده است. این نخستین فهرست فون کنه های گرد و غبار خانگی در ترکیه را نشان می دهد.

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