

## *Trichopoda pennipes* (Fabricius, 1781) (Diptera: Tachinidae) new to Belgium

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Fig 1. *Trichopoda pennipes*, dorsal view. © Jonas Mortelmans.

DETAILS OF OBSERVATION: *Trichopoda pennipes* (Fabricius, 1781); 1 ♂; 10.IX.2020; leg. det. col. J. Mortelmans; Bouillon, Poupehan, riverbank Semois (Prov. Luxembourg). Here, *Trichopoda pennipes* (Fabricius, 1781) is recorded for the first time from Belgium. This species, of eastern Nearctic origin, was detected from Europe only in 1996, and is rapidly expanding its range. Nowadays, the species is found all-over Europe, and especially in Mediterranean regions. From Belgium, remarkably, no observations are known. As the species ecology is well known and many extensive papers are discussing the species, it is decided to publish this finding as short note only, as it is not possible to contribute more than the observation itself. The observation of *T. pennipes* in Belgium is of importance, as it is an important predator of *Nezara viridula* [which was numerous at the collection site]. The species was seen in copula at the site, indicating an established population might be found here. For a concise overview of this species in Europe, we kindly refer to TSCHORSNIG *et al.* (2012).

### Reference

TSCHORSNIG H.-P., CERRETTI P., ZEEGERS T., 2012. Eight "alien" tachinids in Europe? *The Tachinid Times*, 25: 11-13.