Revision of the genus *Heteropsyllus* (Copepoda: Harpacticoida) with description of a new species from the Laptev Sea and establishment of new genus

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ABSTRACT. A phylogenetic analysis of species of the genus *Heteropsyllus* T. Scott, 1894 was carried out on the basis of morphological characteristics. The polyphyly of the genus was shown; two species, *Heteropsyllus nunni* Coull, 1975 and *H. pseudonunni* Coull et Palmer, 1980, were transferred to the genus *Coullopsyllus* gen.n. in the family Nannopodidae. From other genera, *Coullopsyllus* gen.n. differed in the 3-segmented endopod of the first leg and 2-segmented endopod of the fourth leg. It differed from *Heteropsyllus* in the absence of sexual dimorphism in the third leg and in the five setae on the fifth leg of the male. A new species, *H. spiridonovi* sp.n. from the Laptev Sea, which belongs to the *H. curticaudatus* species group, was also described. It differed from closely related species by the following combination of characteristics: smooth surface of somites, 2-segmented exopod of antennae, free exopod of mandible, three endites on syncoxa of maxilla, and the absence of a cuticular area on the fifth pair of legs.

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РЕЗЮМЕ. На основе морфологических признаков проведен филогенетический анализ видов рода *Heteropsyllus* T. Scott, 1894. Показана полифилия рода, два вида: *Heteropsyllus nunni* Coull, 1975 и *H. pseudonunni* Coull et Palmer, 1980 перенесены в род *Coullopsyllus* gen.n. в семействе Nannopodidae. От других родов *Coullopsyllus* gen.n. отличается 3-сегментным эндоподитом 1-й пары ног и 2-сегментным эндоподитом 4-й пары ног. От *Heteropsyllus* отличается отсутствием полового диморфизма 3-й пары ног и четырьмя щетинками на 5-й паре ног самца. Также описан новый вид *H. spiridonovi* sp.n. из моря Лаппевых, который входит в группу видов *H. curticaudatus*. От близких видов отличается следующей комбинацией признаков: гладкая поверхность сомитов, 2-сегментный экзопод антенны, свободный экзопод мандибулы, три энди на синококсе максиллы, отсутствие кутикулярной области на 5-й паре ног.

Introduction

As studies in recent years have shown, the meiobenthic harpacticoids of the Arctic seas have been studied poorly; in many of the studied samples, the number of new species is about half of all species. Undoubtedly, the majority belong to the most abundant families in these seas, such as Miraciidae Dana, 1846, Canthocamptidae Brady, 1880, Argestidae Por, 1986, and Ectinosomatidae G.O. Sars, 1903.

The genus *Heteropsyllus* T. Scott, 1894 can be referred to as the mass genera Canthocamptidae s.l. This genus, which is quite complex for taxonomy, was initially attributed to Cletodidae T. Scott, 1904 [Lang, 1948] and later transferred to Canthocamptidae [Por, 1986]. Kornev & Chertoprud [2008] separated the genus into a monotypic family Heteropsyllidae Kornev et Chertoprud, 2008. Following that, some authors still indicated this genus as part of the Canthocamptidae family [George, 2013; Garlitska et al., 2019], including the recently described species *Heteropsyllus spongiophilus* Novikov et Sharafutdinova, 2021. The authors indicated the similarity of *Heteropsyllus* in some characteristics to Hemimesochrinai; however, they do not indicate the exact position [Novikov, Sharafutdinova, 2021].
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campitidae showed a significant difference between
*Heteropsyllus* and all other genera. Therefore, this
genus should be separated into the family Heteropsyl-
lidaceae, according to Kornev & Chertoprud [2008].

Representatives of the genus differ significantly
amongst themselves both in the structure of the mouth-
parts and in ecology. Therefore, this study evaluated
the relationship between the species of the genus and
described one new species.

Materials and methods

The material was collected during the "Lena-2019" ex-
pedition near the Lena River delta in the southern part of the
Laptev Sea. The material was collected using a UWITEC
sampler. The top 3 centimeters of the core were washed with
tap water in a small plankton net. Samples were fixed in 4% formalin.
Specimens were dissected under a stereomicro-
scope, with each element being placed under a separate
cover slip. Rough drawings were generated on printed pho-
tographs of elements, and the final drawings were prepared
using the free program Inkscape 1.0.

Cladistic analysis of the genus *Heteropsyllus* was per-
formed using the PAUP 4.0a. The matrix is based on a
binary principle and includes 54 characters. To construct
trees, the parsimony method was used, where all features are
binary principle and includes 54 characters. To construct
trees, the parsimony method was used, where all features are
irreversible. The list of morphological characters is given in
Table 3, the matrix is in Supplement 1.

All material was deposited in Zoological museum of
Kazan Federal University.

Nomenclature and descriptive terminology follows Huys & Boxshall [1991], terminology in genital fields follows
Moura & Pottek [1998], terminology in mandibular struc-
ture follows Mielke [1984].

Abbreviations used in the text: ae — aesthetasc, acr —
acrothek, A1 — antennule, A2 — antenna, P1–P6 — legs 1–
6, Exp1–Exp3 — first–third segments of exopod, Enp1–
Enp3 — first–third segments of endopod.

Results

Subclass Copepoda H. Milne-Edwards, 1840
Order Harpacticoida Sars, 1903
Family Heteropsyllidae Kornev et Chertoprud, 2008
*Heteropsyllus* Scott T., 1894
*Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n.

Figs 1–9.

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ETYMOLOGY. This species is named in honour of
V.A. Spiridonov of the P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanolo-
y Russian Academy of Science, who was a well-known
Russian carcinologist.

TYPE LOCALITY. Laptev Sea, southern part, east of the
Lena River delta (72.554472°N, 131.315722°E), depth
19 m, salinity 29.7‰, leg. Waldemar Schneider, 7.08.2019.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. Holotype, female, dissected and
mounted on one slide (545/2). Allotype, male dissect-
ed and mounted on one slide (545/2).

DESCRIPTION. Female. Body cylindrical (Fig.
1A). Total body length from anterior margin of rostrum to
posterior margin of caudal rami: 0.417 mm. Naupliar eye
not discernible. Cephalothorax (Fig. 1B, C) consisting of
cephalosome with fused first pedigerous somite, wider as
remaining somites, largest width 0.102 mm. Rostrum clearly
separate from the cephalothorax, with one pair of sensilla
and one unpaired pore. Posterior margin of cephalothorax
and fourth–fifth pedigerous somites smooth; posterior mar-
gin of second-third pedigerous somites with hyaline frills
with long "hairs".

Cephalothorax with 24 pairs of sensilla, one unpaired
sensilla and 6 pairs of pores. Second pedigerous somite with
6 pairs of sensilla, one unpaired pore and one pair of lateral
pores. Third pedigerous somite with 6 pairs of sensilla, one
pair of lateral pores and one dorsal unpaired pore. Fourth
pedigerous somite with 6 pairs of sensilla and one pair of
pores. Fifth pedigerous somite with 3 pairs of sensilla and
one pair of pores.

Abdomen (Fig. 2A–C) consisting of genital-double
somite, two free abdominal somites and anal somite with
caudal rami. All somites except anal somite on posterior
margin with hyaline frills with long “hairs”, on surface with
poorly ordered small spinules. Genital-double somite wider
than long; with dorso-lateral rows of small spinules, on
posterior margin with lateral and ventral large and dorso-
lateral small rows of spines; with 8 pairs of sensilla, one
pair of lateral pores and one pair of ventral large pores. P6
(Fig. 2C) fused with somite with 2 naked setae. Genital field
(Fig. 2C) compact, laterally with sieve; copulatory pore in
middle of somite, copulatory duct strongly chitinised wide
and short, extending proximally to pair of labyrinthic rounded
ducts.

First free abdominal somite with four pairs of sensilla,
one pair of lateral pores; on posterior margin with ventro-
lateral row of large spinules and dorsal row of small spines.
Second free abdominal somite with pair of dorso-lateral
pores and on posterior margin with ventro-lateral row of spinules. Anal somite with one pair of sensilla, two pairs of
lateral pores, one pair of ventral pores and rows of spines.
Anal operculum wide, serrated.

Caudal rami (Fig. 2A–C). Length/width ratio 1.6, with
one dorsal and two ventral pores; with rows of spines on interior, ventro-posterior margin and two spines at base of
setae II and III. Seta I small, located between setae II and III.
Apical setae IV and V broken. Seta VII triarticulated.

Antennule (Fig. 3A, B): short, 5-segmented. Segment 1
square, with one unipinneta setae, with two rows of spinules
proximally and two rows of spinules at base of seta. Seg-
ment 2 with seven pinnette and two naked setae. Segment 3
with five free pinnettae, one free naked setae and fused basally
pinnetae setae and aesthetasc. Distal segment with three "pine-
apple-setae" (sensu Hamond, 1971), eight naked setae and
acrothek consisting of small aesthetasc and two setae fused
basally. Armature formula: 1-[1],2-[9],3-[6+(1+ae)],4–
[1],5-[10+acr].

Antenna (Fig. 3C) with allobasis. Coxae with one spinu-
lar row. Allobasis with proximal naked and distal pinette
setae. Free endopodal segment with two lateral rows of long
spinules, with two spinulose spines; distally with two rows of
spinules; apically with three geniculate setae, two long
spines and one small seta; outermost geniculate seta fused
basally to small seta. Exopod 2-segmented; first segment
with one unipinneta setae; second segment with three bipin-
nette setae.

Mandible (Fig. 3D). Coxae with spinules proximally. Gna-
thobase with few multicuspitate teeth and spinulose seta;
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Fig. 1. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., female holotype: A — habitus, lateral; B — cephalothorax and thoracic somites, dorsal; C — cephalothorax and thoracic somites, lateral.

Рис. 1. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самка, голотип: A — габитус, латерально; B — цефалоторакс и торакальные сомиты, дорсально; C — цефалоторакс и торакальные сомиты, латерально.
Fig. 2. Heteropsyllus spiridonovi sp.n., female holotype, abdomen: A — dorsal; B — lateral; C — ventral.

Рис. 2. Heteropsyllus spiridonovi sp.n., самка, голотип, абдомен: A — дорсально; B — латерально; C — вентрально.
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Fig. 3. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., female holotype: A — antennule, partially; B — antennule, 4–5 segments; C — antenna; D — mandible.

Рис. 3. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самка, голотип: A — антеннула, частично; B — антеннула, 4–5-й сегменты; C — антенна; D — мандибула.
pars incisiva with one long tooth; lacinia mobilis with two blunt teeth. Palp molaris with sharply-edged. Palp consisting of free basis, 1-segmented endopod and exodop. Basis with two rows of spinules and one inner pinnate seta; exopod with row of spinules and one pinnate short seta; Endopod with one spinular row, one pinnate proximal seta, two distal pinnate setae and one distal naked seta.

Maxillule (Fig. 4A). Praecoxa with one row of slender spinules on outer edge. Praecoxal arthrite medially with row of spinules and one naked seta; distally with five strong spines, one small spine and two proximal setae. Coxa with row of large spines, coxal endite not reaching middle of arthrite, with one geniculate seta. Basis with two groups of spinules, two pinnate setae proximally and one pinnate seta, one naked seta and geniculate setae distally. Endopod incorporated into basis, represented by protuberance with one pinnate setae. Exopod free, with spinular row, one small seta and one pinnate seta.

Maxilla (Fig. 4B). Syncoxa with several rows of spinules on outer and inner edge as figured, with three endites. Proximal endite with one strong bipinnate seta, middle and distal endites with three pinnate setae. Allbasis with one seta, one tube pore, and massive distal claw. Endopod reduced with three naked setae.

Maxilliped (Fig. 4C) subchelate. Syncoxa elongated with several rows of spinules as figured, distally with one small bipinnate seta. Basis with one row of large inner spinules and two rows of outer slender spinules. Endopod on posterior side with one seta, on anterior side with one small seta. Endopodal claw elongated, with three small spinules.

P1 (Fig. 5A) with 3-segmented rami. Armature formula P1–P4 in Table 1. Praecoxa with row of spinules. Coxa wide, with three spinular row. Intercoxal sclerite expanded. Basis with proximal pore, medial row of spinules, rows of spinules at base of endopod and exopod, row of spinules at base of inner seta, with outer naked seta and inner strong pinnate seta. All endopodal and exopodal segments with outer spinules. First and second exopodal segments with one outer spine; third exopodal segment with two outer spines and two apical long geniculate setae. Endopod slightly longer than exopod. First and second endopodal segments with one seta, third segment with outer spine, apical long geniculate seta and inner pinnate seta.

P2 (Fig. 6A). Praecoxa with row of spinules. Coxa with inner fold, with one lateral row of spinules and three closely spaced proximal rows of spinules. Basis with proximal pore, medial row of spinules, two rows of slender spinules on inner edge, rows of spinules at base of endopod and exopod; with outer seta. All endopodal and exopodal segments with outer spinules. Exopod 3-segmented; first exopodal segment with outer spine, inner row of slender spinules and apically with frill; second segment with outer spine, inner seta, inner spinules and apical frill; third segment with three outer spines, two apical setae and one inner seta. Endopod 2-segmented; first segment with inner seta and pore, second segment with outer spine, two apical setae, one of which short and naked, and two inner setae.

P3 (Fig. 6B) similar to P2. Praecoxa, intercoxal sclerite and coxa as in P2. Basis with only one inner row of slender spinules. Exopod as in P2, but third exopodal segment P4 with two inner setae, distal of which with strong spinules. Endopod small with row of spinules on posterior side; first segment with inner seta; second segment with bipinnate and naked setae apically and two pinnate setae on inner side.

P5 (Fig. 5B) with separate right and left baseoendopods. Baseoendopod reaching about end of exopodal segment; with spinular rows on inner and outer side of endopodal lobe and at base of outer seta; outer seta of basis naked. Endopodal lobe with two pores, three outer bipinnate setae and two inner pectinate setae. Exopod small, length/width ratio 1.67; with long spinules on inner and anterior side; with five setae.

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P2 and P4 as in female. Slight differences in spinules size and proportion of segments.

P3 (Fig. 9B–D). Praecoxa, coxa, basis, first endopodal segment and exopod as in female. Distal endopodal segment modified; outer seta curve and wide, transformed into apophysis and shifted on front side. Base of apophysis within segment. Outer apical seta naked. Inner apical seta long, bipinnate.

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Notably, many species of this group were previously identified as H. major based on the armature formula of swimming legs. However, as the research of Nam & Lee [2006] and our work showed, it is impossible to determine the species only by the key, and it is imperative to look at the original description. It is likely that, for example, some findings of H. major in the Laptev Sea and the Kara Sea [Chertoprud et al., 2018; Garlitska et al., 2019] are H. spiridonovi sp.n. or some other species.

Additionally, Bodin [1970] indicated H. major of the Bay of Biscay with a small description and figures of a male. A rather specific feature of the male was a cuticular area on the anterior side with one seta, on the posterior side with one small seta and one naked seta. In P2, but third exopodal segment P4 with two inner setae, distal of which with strong spinules. Endopod small with row of spinules on posterior side; first segment with inner seta; second segment with bipinnate and naked setae apically and two pinnate setae on inner side.

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Fig. 4. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., female holotype: A — maxillule; B — maxilla; C — maxilliped.

Рис. 4. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самка, голотип: A — максиллула; B — максилла; C — максиллипеда.
Table 1. Armature formula of female P1–P4 of *H. spiridonovi* sp.n.

|   | endopod | exopod  |
|---|---------|---------|
| P1| 1; 1; 1,1 | 0; 0; 0,2,2 |
| P2| 1; 2,2,1 | 0; 1; 1,2,3 |
| P3| 1; 2,2,1 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |
| P4| 1; 2,2,0 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |

P5, which was not present in Sars’s figures [1920]. Bodin also wrote that Sars probably made a mistake by drawing a mandible without an exopod. However, it is very unlikely that Sars could have made a mistake in the description. Therefore, it is likely that Bodin was dealing with another undescribed species from this group.

**PHYLOGENY.** As a result of cladistic analysis based on morphological features, we obtained 40 trees with the same values of length, consistency index (CI) and a retention index (RI) (103, 0.524, 0.793, respectively). Figure 10 shows a consensus tree based on these trees using the Majority rule, taxa with less than 50% support are not displayed.

Based on this tree, significant differences were observed between the two American species, *H. nunni* and *H. pseudonunni*, from the rest of the other species. Moreover, a careful comparison of various characteristics generally speaks of...
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Fig. 6. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., female holotype: A — P2, anterior; B — P3, anterior; C — P4, anterior.

Рис. 6. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самка, голотип: A — P2, спереди; B — P3, спереди; C — P4, спереди.
Fig. 7. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., male allotype, abdomen: A — dorsal; B — lateral; C — ventral.

Рис. 7. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самец, аллотип, абдомен: A — дорсально; B — латерально; C — вентрально.
Fig. 8. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., male allotype, antennule: A — anterior; B — dorsal, partially; C — 3–4 segments, dorsal; D — 5 segment, dorsal; E — 6–9 segments, dorsal.

Рис. 8. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самец, аллотип, антеннула: A — спереди; B — сверху, частично; C — 3–4-й сегменты, сверху; D — 5-й сегмент, сверху; E — 6–9-й сегменты, сверху.
Fig. 9. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., male allotype: A — spermatophore; B — P3 endopod, anterior; C — P3 endopod, frontal-internal view; D — P3 endopod, apophysis, internal view; E — P5, anterior.

Рис. 9. *Heteropsyllus spiridonovi* sp.n., самец, аллотип, антеннала: A — сперматофор; B — P3 эндопод, спереди; C — P3 эндопод, передне-внутренний вид; D — P3 эндопод, апофиза, внутренний вид; E — P5, спереди.
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Table 2. Differences between species in *H. curticaudatus* species group.

| Character                        | *H. celticus* | *H. coreanus* | *H. spiridonovi* sp.n. | *H. major sensu Lang* | *H. major sensu Bodin* | *H. nanus* | *H. curticaudatus* |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Surface of somites              | areolated     | areolated     | normal                 | normal                | normal                 | normal     | normal            |
| A2 exopod                       | 2-segmented   | 1-segmented   | 2-segmented            | 2-segmented           | 2-segmented            | 2-segmented| 2-segmented       |
| Mandible exopod with one seta   | present       | present       | present                | absent                | present                | present    | present           |
| Maxillule, coxal endite, setae  | 1             | 1             | 1                      | 2                     | 2                      | 2          | ?                 |
| Maxilla, proximal endite        | present       | present       | present                | absent                | absent                 | absent     | ?                 |
| P4 Enp2, inner setae            | 2             | 2             | 2                      | 2                     | 2                      | 2          | 1                 |
| P5, circular wrinkled area      | present       | present       | absent                 | present               | absent                 | present    | present           |
| Male P5, exopod, inner seta     | absent        | absent        | absent                 | absent                | present                | ?          | ?                 |

After these rearrangements, the most basal species of *Heteropsyllus* are two closely related Arctic species *H. coulli* and *H. spongiphilus*, which have the most primitive set of characters for the genus.

Some species are grouped doubtfully. *H. serratus*, which is referred to in the literature as *incertae sedis*, is unclear for what reason it would have been transferred to another subfamily. Comparison of Shriver’s figures [1983] with other *Heteropsyllus* species does not show any significant differences, so we reconstruct *H. serratus* as a valid species in the genus *Heteropsyllus*.

One of the most well-defined clades is *H. curticaudatus* species group. It includes the following species: *H. celticus*, *H. coreanus*, *H. spiridonovi* sp.n., *H. major*, *H. nanus* and *H. curticaudatus*. Synapomorphies of this group of species include: three “pineapple-setae” on the last segment of female antennule, general reduction of the armature of maxillula, four setae on Enp3 P1, absence of outer spine on Enp2 P4, only two setae on male P6.

Another feature that brings *H. nunni* and *H. pseudonunni*, and specifically the genus *Nannopus* Brady, 1880, is the highly modified large seta in the ventro-distal part of the maxillary arthrite. The synapomorphies of *Nannopodidae* and these two species also include the features of reduction in the structure of the mouthparts and swimming legs, such as the fused exopod and the basis of the maxillule, the absence of the proximal endite of the maxilla, and the absence of the inner seta of Enp1 P4. Therefore, based on these characteristics, *H. nunni* and *H. pseudonunni* were transferred to *Coullopsyllus* gen.n. in the family *Nannopodidae*.
ETYMOLOGY. The genus is named after Dr. Bruce Coull, who described both species of this new genus.

DIAGNOSIS. Nannopodidae. Body broadened. Rostrum separated. Caudal rami short. Female antennule 5-segmented. Male antennule haplocer. Antenna with allobasis, exopod 1- to 2-segmented, with four setae. Mandible with well-development gnathobase, endopod and exopod; basis with one seta. Maxillule with fused basis and exopod, praecoxal arthrite with ventro-distal strong spinulose seta. Maxilla with two syncoxal endites; endopod 1-segmented. P1 with 3-segmented rami; first endopodal segment short, reaching about midlength of second exopodal segment. P2–P4 exopod 3-segmented, endopod 2-segmented. Armature formula P1–P4 in Table 4.
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Table 3. Morphological characters used in phylogenetic analysis. Apomorphies in parentheses.

| No. | Character Description                                                                 |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Surface of somites normal (areolated)                                                 |
| 2   | Terminal segment of female A1 with 2 “pineapple-setae” (with 3 “pineapple-setae”)     |
| 3   | 7th segment of male A1 without group of spinules (with group of spinules)             |
| 4   | A2 basis with seta (without seta)                                                     |
| 5   | A2 first endopodal segment with seta (without seta)                                   |
| 6   | A2 free endopodal segment with 2 spines and 1 seta medially (medially with only 2 spines) |
| 7   | A2 exopod 2-segmented (1-segmented)                                                   |
| 8   | Basis of mandible with 2 setae (with 1 seta)                                          |
| 9   | Endopod of mandible with 3 apical setae (with 2 apical setae)                         |
| 10  | Exopod of mandible with 2 setae (with 1 seta)                                         |
| 11  | Mandible with exopod (without exopod)                                                 |
| 12  | Maxillule with free exopod (with fused basis and exopod)                              |
| 13  | Arthrite of maxillule with 2 anterior setae (with 1 anterior seta)                    |
| 14  | Arthrite of maxillule with anterior setae (without anterior setae)                    |
| 15  | Arthrite of maxillule with 7 distal spines (with 6 distal spines)                    |
| 16  | Arthrite of maxillule with normal distal spines (one of spines is small)              |
| 17  | Endite of maxillule with 2 setae (with 1 seta)                                        |
| 18  | Basis of maxillule with 5 setae (with 4 setae)                                        |
| 19  | Basis of maxillule with 4–5 setae (with 3 setae)                                      |
| 20  | Endopodal lobe of maxillule with 3 setae (with 2 setae)                               |
| 21  | Syncoxa of maxilla with 3 endites (with 2 endites)                                    |
| 22  | Allobasis of maxilla with 3 setae (with 2 setae)                                      |
| 23  | Allobasis of maxilla with 2–3 setae (with 1 seta)                                     |
| 24  | Endopod of maxilla with 4 setae (with 3 setae)                                        |
| 25  | Endopod of maxilla with 3–4 setae (with 2 setae)                                      |
| 26  | Syncoxa of maxillipod with 2 setae (with 0–1 seta)                                   |
| 27  | Syncoxa of maxillipod with setae (without setae)                                      |
| 28  | Claw of maxillipod with normal spinules (with 2 pairs of long spinules)              |
| 29  | P1 Exp3 with 5 setae (with 4 setae)                                                    |
| 30  | P1 Exp2 with inner seta (without inner seta)                                          |
| 31  | P1 Enp1 with inner seta (without inner seta)                                          |
| 32  | P1 Enp3 with inner seta (without inner seta)                                          |
| 33  | P2 Enp2 with outer seta (without outer seta)                                          |
| 34  | P2 Enp2 with 3 inner setae (with 0–2 inner setae)                                    |
| 35  | P2 Enp2 with 2–3 inner setae (with 0–1 inner setae)                                  |
| 36  | P2 Enp2 with inner setae (without inner setae)                                        |
| 37  | P2 Enp1 with inner seta (without inner setae)                                        |
| 38  | P3 Enp2 with 2 inner setae (with 0–1 inner setae)                                    |
| 39  | P3 Enp2 with inner setae (without inner setae)                                        |
| 40  | P3 Enp1 with inner seta (without inner seta)                                          |
| 41  | P4 Enp2 with outer seta (without outer seta)                                          |
| 42  | P4 Enp2 with 2 inner setae (with 1 inner seta)                                        |
| 43  | P4 Enp1 with inner seta (without inner setae)                                        |
| 44  | P4 Enp2 inner apical seta normal (inner apical seta short)                           |
| 45  | Female P5 endopodal lobe with 5 setae (with 4 setae)                                  |
| 46  | P5 without circular wrinkled area (with circular wrinkled area)                      |
| 47  | Female P5 exopod with 5 setae (with 4 setae)                                         |
| 48  | Female P5 with free exopod (baseoendopod and exopod fused)                           |
| 49  | Male P5 endopodal lobe with 4 setae (with 2–3 setae)*                                 |
| 50  | Male P5 endopodal lobe with 3–4 setae (with 2 setae)                                 |
| 51  | Male P5 exopod with inner pectinate seta (without inner seta)                        |
| 52  | Male P5 exopod with second inner seta (without second inner seta)                    |
| 53  | Male P5 exopod with outer seta (without outer seta)                                  |
| 54  | Male P6 with 3 setae (with 2 setae)                                                   |

*Possibly 4 setae — apomorphy.*
female P5 with separated exopod and baseoendopod; endopodal lobe with four setae, exopod short, with 5 setae. Male P2–P4 unmodified, as in female. P5 endopodal lobe with 4 setae, outer; exopod with 6 setae.

REMARKS. As already shown, Coullopsyllus gen.n. differs well from species of the genus Heteropsyllus. In the family Nannopodidae, the new genus is likely to converge with the genus Nannopus on the basis of the similarity in the structure of the mouthparts and P5 armament. Coullopsyllus differs from all genera of the family in a number of primitive features: 3-segment P1 endopod and a 2-segment P4 endopod.

ECOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION. C. nunni comb.n. and C. pseudonunni comb.n. were found on the east coast of North America. Both species are most likely found only in brackish and fresh waters. They are an example of the invasion of brackish-water species into freshwater bodies; they were found in great lakes [Horvath et al., 2001]. The ecology of these species has been studied quite well. It is known that the species of the genus, typical inhabitants of silts, can occur at different depths. Geographically, the genus has a limited range. To date, the southernmost finds are limited to the Sedlo and Seine seamounts near the Canary Islands [Bünzow, 2011]; a number of species are known for the Mediterranean [Soyer, 1974]. In the Atlantic, it is limited to the eastern part and has not been encountered off the coast of America. Also, the genus is quite common in the seas of the Arctic Ocean, from where 4 species are described together with a new species [Smirnov, 1946; Kornev, Chertoprud, 2008; Novikov, Sharafutdinova, 2021]. In the Pacific Ocean, the distribution is unknown due to low knowledge, one species is known near Jeju Island (South Korea) [Nam, Lee, 2006]. Most likely, the distribution of the genus is limited to the shores of the Palaeartic.

Family Heteropsyllidae Kornev et Chertoprud, 2008

DIAGNOSIS. Family diagnosis corresponds to the diagnosis of the genus Heteropsyllus.

Genus Heteropsyllus T. Scott, 1894

TYPE SPECIES. Heteropsyllus curticaudatus T. Scott, 1894.

OTHER SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES. Heteropsyllus celticus Nam et Lee, 2006; H. confluenx Soyer, 1974; H. coreanus Nam et Lee, 2006; H. coulli Kornev et Chertoprud, 2008; H. exigus (G.O. Sars, 1911); H. major (G.O. Sars, 1920); H. masculus Kunz, 1974; H. meridonalis Soyer, 1974; H. nanus (G.O. Sars, 1920); H. rostratus similis Smirnov, 1946; H. rostratus rostratus (G.O. Sars, 1920); H. serratipes Schriever, 1983; H. spongiphilus Novikov et Sharafutdinova, 2021; H. spiridonovi sp.n.

AMENDED DIAGNOSIS. Heteropsyllidae. Body semi-cylindrical, broadened. Rostrum separated. Caudal rami short. Female antennule 5-segmented; male antennule 9-segmented, haploper with geniculation between segments 7 and 8. Antenna with allobasis, exopod 1–2-segmented, with four setae. Mandible with well-development gnathobase and endopod; exopod present or absent, with one seta. Maxillula with free exopod. Maxilla with three syncoxal endites; endopod 1-segmented. P1 with 3-segmented rami; first endopodal segment short, reaching about midlength of second exopodal segment. P2–P4 exopod 3-segmented, endopod 2-segmented. Armature formula P1–P4 in Table 5.

Female P5 with separated exopod and baseoendopod; endopodal lobe with four setae, exopod short, with 5 setae. Male P2–P4 unmodified, as in female. P5 endopodal lobe with 4 setae, outer; exopod with 6 setae.

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KEY TO THE SPECIES OF THE GENUS HETEROPSYLLUS (MODIFIED FROM NOVIKOV, SHARAFUTDINOVA [2021])

1. P1 Exp3 with 5 setae ................................................. 2
   – P1 Exp3 with 4 setae ............................................. 7
2. P2 Exp2 with 6 setae ............................................. 3
   – P2 Exp2 with 5 setae ............................................. 7
3. P3 Exp2 with 5 setae; anal operculum with spinules. Kara Sea, Laptev Sea* ........................................... 5
   – P3 Exp2 with 4 setae; anal operculum naked ............... 4
4. P1 Exp3 twice as long as Exp2; syncoxa of maxillipeds with 2 setae. North Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Laptev Sea* ....................... 4
   – P1 Exp3 equal in length to Exp2; syncoxa of maxillipeds with 1 seta. Mediterranean Sea ................................................................. 4
5. P3 Exp2 with 5 setae ................................................. 6
   – P3 Exp2 with 4 setae. North Sea H. masculus Kunz, 1971
6. Endopodal lobe of baseoendopod P5 with 5 setae. Arctic Ocean ........................................ H. rostratus similis Smirnov, 1946
   – Endopodal lobe of baseoendopod P5 with 4 setae. North Sea, Kara Sea, Laptev Sea* ................................. 4
7. Endopodal lobe of baseoendopod P5 with 5 setae .... 8

* our data

Table 4. Armature formula of females P1–P4 of Coullopsyllus gen.n.

|    | endopod | exopod |
|----|---------|--------|
| P1 | 0-1; 1; 1,1,1 | 0; 1; 0,2,2 |
| P2 | 0-1; 0,2,1 | 0; 1; 1,2,3 |
| P3 | 0-1; 0-1,2,1 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |
| P4 | 0; 0-1,2,1 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |

Table 5. Armature formula of females P1–P4 of Heteropsyllus T. Scott, 1894.

|    | endopod | exopod |
|----|---------|--------|
| P1 | 0-1; 1; 0-1,1,1 | 0; 0; 0,2,2-3 |
| P2 | 1; 1-3,2-0,1 | 0; 1; 1,2,3 |
| P3 | 1; 0-2,2,1 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |
| P4 | 1; 1-2,2,0-1 | 0; 1; 2,2,3 |
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