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Composition of psocid taxocenoses (Insecta: Psocoptera) in dependence

on the level of naturalness of forest ecosystems in the Žďárské vrchy hills

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In 1999—2000 in the Protected Landscape Area (PLA) Žďárské vrchy hills the occurrence of psocids (Psocoptera) was studied in different types of biotopes: natural forest ecosystems (stands of *Fagus sylvatica* with individual admixture of *Abies alba, Acer pseudoplatanus, Picea abies*), changed forest ecosystems (monoculture of *Picea abies*), young plantations in forest stands, disperse forest vegetation (solitary trees), and also non-forest ecosystems — agrocenoses, meadows and grazing lands. A total of 10,560 adults in 20 species were found. Three groups of biotopes with specific psocid taxocenosis were found out by computed cluster analysis — I. natural forest stands with dominance of *Fagus sylvatica*, 2. disperse tree vegetation and solitary trees in cultural landscape, and 3. forest stands remote to nature (monoculture of *Picea abies*). Occurrence of psocids was observed from the beginning of May to mid-November. Maximum of abundance was found in September.

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