

***Quadricoma pontica* Filipjev**

Fig. 3F, G

Quadricoma pontica Filipjev, 1922, pp. 154-155;

Timmm, 1970, p. 49.

Male (10). $L = 475$ (340-598) μm ; $mbd = 51$ (35-80) μm ; $t = 88$ (61-106) μm ; $hd = 12-15 \times 12-15 \mu\text{m}$; $cs = 12-13 \mu\text{m}$; $ssl = 8-10 \mu\text{m}$; and $ts = 8-11 \mu\text{m}$.

Female (10). $L = 525$ (355-760) μm ; $mbd = 61$ (45-80) μm ; and $t = 93$ (83-106) μm .

Description. Body dark brown, composed of 44 (42-45) rings (1 each with 42 and 45) without interzones; change of marginal slope about ring 31. Head almost square in outline; truncate at anterior, slightly cuticularized. Large, thick cephalic setae set on peduncles. Amphids extending to back of head and in female partly overlapping ring 1. Red pigment spots up to 24 μm long, located at level of rings 9-12. Subdorsal setal pattern:

4, 9, 14, 19, 26, 31, 39
4, 17, 21, 26, 33, 39

Subventral setal pattern:

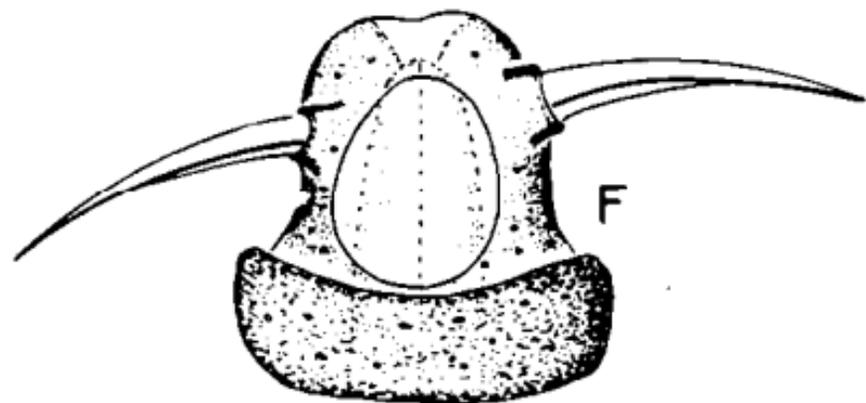
3, 11, 14, 18, 22, 25, 29, 35, 40
3, 6, 14, 18, 22, 25, 29, 35, 40

Vulva between rings 22 and 23. No anal cone in female; clear cloacal cone in male. Cephalate spicules 32 μm long. Gubernaculum with dorsoposterior apophysis. Denticulate midventral projection on ring 24 or 25. Tail composed of 7-8 rings in male, 6-8 in female. Tail spike slightly swollen, 22-29 μm long, with short clear terminal digit.

Localities. Crimea; Indian Ocean off Madagascar; Hut Point, 457 m; Cape Royds, 540 m.

Specimens. NMNH catalog numbers 50023-50039.

Discussion. In spite of the variation in size and number of rings manifested by the specimens of this collection they correspond well in details with the two previous descriptions of the species. The denticulate projections are smaller but similar to those described for *Tricoma denticulata* Timm, 1970.



F, *Q. pontica*, female head; and
G, *Q. pontica*, male tail.

