

**FIRST RECORD OF THE NEARCTIC LEAFHOPPER
Erasmoneura vulnerata (Fitch, 1851) (HEMIPTERA:
CICADELLIDAE) IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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The North American cicada of grapevine *Erasmoneura vulnerata* (Fitch, 1851) is reported as a new adventive species to the fauna of the Republic of Moldova. The cicada is widely distributed in the USA and Canada where it has been reported as a pest of wild and cultivated grapes, and other host plants. The presence of this species in Europe was detected in 2004 for the first time on *Vitis vinifera* L. in north-eastern Italy. The species was soon recorded in a number of European countries, such as Slovenia (2010), Romania (2018), Switzerland and Serbia (2019). In 2022, *E. vulnerata* was recorded for the first time in southwest of the Republic of Moldova, as specimens of cicada were found in sample caught on ultraviolet light traps.

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