

Ichneumonids of the Genus *Cratichneumon* (Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae) in the Forest Zone: 2. Ecology and Use of Ecological Features for Ascertaining the Species Status

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Abstract—Investigations carried out during 20 years showed that the share of the genus *Cratichneumon* in the forest zone constitutes more than 10% of the total abundance of Ichneumonidae. Data on the abundance, seasonal dynamics, and biotopic distribution are given for each of 18 species. Most of the species (15, with the abundance of 95%) prefer forest ecosystems, and coniferous plantations, in particular. Most of representatives of the genus are characterized by a long period of seasonal activity; their maximum abundance was recorded in June. The biotopic distribution and multiyear and seasonal dynamics of activity in *Cratichneumon nigritarius* (Grav.) and *C. pratincola* Heinrich indicate that they belong to *C. viator* (Scopoli) (sensu Rasnitsyn, 1981).