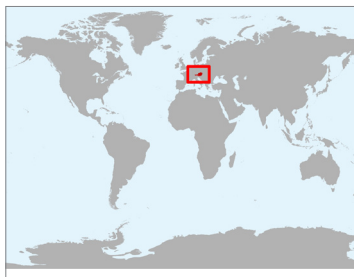




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## Species of the Day: Styrian Golden Grasshopper

The **Styrian Golden Grasshopper**, *Podismopsis styriaca*, has not yet been officially classified on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™; however, it has a provisional assessment of 'Critically Endangered'. It is an endemic species of the Eastern Alps, occurring only in a small area on the eastern slopes of the Zirbitzkogel mountain in Styria, Austria. The species was only recently discovered in 2007 and generally inhabits more moist and sunny heathland habitats.

In central and southeastern Europe, Golden Grasshoppers (Genus *Podismopsis*) consist of four similar species (*P. styriaca*, *P. relictata*, *P. transsylvanica*, *P. keisti*), all of which are endemic to small ranges in alpine habitats. The Styrian Golden Grasshopper is characterized by its male genitalia, a short wing length and conspicuous song.

The Zirbitzkogel has an altitude of 2,396 m and is known to have been ice-free during the last glacial period. It supports a rich endemic fauna. The area is protected by the Natura 2000 network of the European Union, but is almost certainly threatened by climate change.

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