Ectoparasites (other than Hippoboscidae) collected from birds

The following is a list of ectoparasites which were collected from birds during ringing activities.

(a) Halipeurus abnormis (Piaget 1885) (feather lice)

Host: Calonectris diomedea (Cory's Shearwater)
Filfla, 10th June 1976
Leg. J. Sultana/C. Gauci
(This ectoparasite species is normally found on this host).

(b) Penenirmus sp.

Host: Sylvia borin (Garden Warbler)
Sarraflu (Gozo), 12th September 1976
Leg. J. Sultana
(All the specimens collected were females. Males are necessary for identification and therefore they must stand only under the genus Penenirmus (family Philopteridae).

(c) Ixodes ricinus L.

Host. Phylloscopus trochilus (Willow Warbler) Ramla Valley (Gozo), 9th October 1977 Leg. J. Sultana/J. Grech.

(d) Ixodes pari Leach

Host: Sylvia atricapilla (Blackcap) Buskett, 15th October 1977 Leg. J. Sultana/C. Gauci.

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