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Three new and five known species of *Diplopeltoides* Gerlach, 1962 (Nematoda, Diplopeltoididae) from Sweden, and a revision of the genus

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Abstract. Eight species of *Diplopeltoides* are described from the Swedish west coast. *Diplopeltoides suecicus* sp. nov. has the cuticle with longitudinal striation visible only under SEM; cuticular plate underlying the cephalic cuticle around the amphid present; cephalic sensilla 4–6 µm long; amphid an inverted U-shape; wide space between amphidial branches areolated; spicules 27–31 µm long; gubernaculum with caudal apophysis. *Diplopeltoides longicaudatus* sp. nov. is characterized by a cuticle without longitudinal striation; cuticular plate underlying cephalic cuticle around amphid present; cephalic sensilla 13 µm long; amphid an inverted U-shape; narrow space between amphidial branches not ornamented; spicules unequal in size, 27–31 µm long; gubernaculum absent; midventral precloacal cuticular ridge present. *D. grandis* sp. nov. is characterized by a cuticle with longitudinal striation; cuticular plate underlying cephalic cuticle around amphid present; cephalic sensilla 18.5 µm long; amphid an inverted U-shape; wide space between amphidial branches punctate. The following taxonomic changes are proposed: *Diplopeltoides asetosus* (Juario, 1974) comb. nov., *Diplopeltoides botulus* (Wieser, 1959) comb. nov., *Diplopeltoides bulbosus* (Vitiello, 1972) comb. nov., *Diplopeltoides lucanicus* (Boucher & Helléouët, 1977) comb. nov., *Diplopeltoides pumilus* (Vincx & Gourbault, 1992) comb. nov. and *Diplopeltoides striatus* (Gerlach, 1956) comb. nov. *Diplopeltoides holovachovi* Fadeeva & Mordukhovich, 2013 is synonymised with *Diplopeltoides pumilus* comb. nov. An updated key to the species of *Diplopeltoides* is provided.

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