

Coleoptera

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Seven species of Coleoptera and four species of Hemiptera are presented which are of unusual occurrence in the region found (which is local to Bristol and Bath, apart from in one example).

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Melyridae

Sphinginus lobatus (Olivier)

Swept on Clifton Down, Bristol ST567741 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 3 vii 2022

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2nd record for Gloucestershire. Added to the British list in 1984 and now widespread in the south east of England and presumably still expanding its distribution. Previous Glos record published in 2006 from vice-county 33 (East Glos.).

Melyridae

Axinotarsus marginalis (Laporte)

Swept at Hadleigh, Essex TQ797866 vice-county 18 (South Essex) as part of the BENHS 150 anniversary meeting 23 vii 2022 Coll: R.J. Barnett

Although already known from Essex, but still a relatively recent colonist to the UK now found across East Anglia and the Midlands as well as the south east.

Melandryidae

Osphya bipunctata (Fabricius)

Swept, Cleaves Wood, Bath ST757574 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 2 vi 2023

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Confirmation that this very local species still occurs at its one known site in Somerset.

Cerambycidae

Rhagium bifasciatum Fabricius - aberration

Holmsley, Hants SU2201 vice-county 11 (South Hants) 5 v 2011

Finder: M. Evans Coll: R.J. Barnett

An example where the yellow markings have extended across the elytra.

Cerambycidae

Tetropium fuscum (Fabr.)

On cut timber, Lord's Wood, Bath & NE Somerset vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 5 vii 2017

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2nd English record. Published in The Coleopterist, this species can be a pest of conifer plantations

Cerambycidae

Phytmatodes alni (Linnaeus)

Swept on Walton Common, N. Somerset ST425736 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 2 vi 2006

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2nd Somerset record. Absent from the south west of England, this and this, along with the 2001 record from Ashton Court, N Somerset, on the edge of Bristol, D. Gibbs, are the furthest south west so far.

Cerambycidae

Stenygrinum quadrinotatum Bates

Emerged from wood purchased from the pet trade to line a guinea-pig cage.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol ST5576 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 5 vii 2011

Finder: M. Evans Coll: R.J. Barnett Det: M. Barclay

1st record in British Isles of this adventive. Native to far east Asia. Published in The Coleopterist.

Some beetles and bugs of interest 2 - Hemiptera

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Hemiptera

Pentatomidae

Peribalus strictus (Fabricius) Vernal Shieldbug

Swept from grasses on Priddy Mineries, Mendip ST546510 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 29 vii 2023

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2nd record for Somerset. Established on the south and south-east coasts of England occasional migrants are noted elsewhere which may explain a previous Somerset record from Weston-super-Mare from before 1905.

Lygaeidae

Macroplax preysleri (Fieber)

Swept, Walton Common, N. Somerset ST425736 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 14 viii 2021

Coll: R.J. Barnett

A speciality of SW England and S Wales where associated with rockrose on sparsely vegetated south facing sites.

Miridae

Globiceps flavomaculatus (Fabricius)

Swept, Lower Woods, near Wickwar, S. Glos ST743881 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 29 vi 2023

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2nd recent record from the Bristol region following one in 2020 (Conham, Bristol, v-c 6 N. Somerset, D. Hawkins). Identification of the *Globiceps* species can be problematic and habitat is important. In both instances these bugs have been found in damp woodland sites (in one case close to the River Avon in Bristol).

Membracidae

Gargara genistae Fabricius Broom Treehopper

Swept from broom, Troopers Hill, Bristol (Glos) ST629731 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 22 viii 2021

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Most westerly site in England, found here in 2020 by Maico Weites. A local species of the south east of England and East Anglia, its occurrence in Bristol is even more surprising given how Troopers Hill is a very isolated acidic grassland site in a region dominated by calcareous soils.