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LECTURES

1960

- October 15th "Otters Wild and Tame"
Dr. E. G. Neal, M.Sc., Ph.D.
- November 12th "Natural Selection in Snails"
Dr. Arthur Cain, M.A., D.Phil.
- November 19th "Evolution Fast and Slow"
Dr. H. B. D. Kettlewell, M.A., D.Phil.

1961

- February 18th "Survey of the Physical Features, Natural
Vegetation and Native Animals of New Zealand"
Mr. G. R. Roberts, M.A.

FIELD MEETINGS, 1960

	April 9th*	Wavering Down
	April 24th*	Curry Moor and West Sedgemoor
	May 7th*	Berrow
	May 14th	Chaffcombe Wood
	May 22nd*	Exmoor
	May 28th	Kentismoor and Colliton Moor
Whit.-Mon.	June 6th*	Steep Holm
	June 11th	Blue Anchor Cliffs
	June 18th*	Shapwick Heath
	July 2nd	Hod Hill
	July 2nd*	Quantocks
	August 13th	Kingsbury Episcopi
	August 28th*	Porlock Marsh
	September 3rd*	Woodspring Bay
	September 10th	Middle Hope
	September 25th*	Portland Bill

* Arranged by the Ornithological Section.

Members of the Section will be grateful to their Chairman, Mr. J. Cowley, for the work he has done in the Library. Mr. Cowley has rearranged all the Natural History books and has made a complete card-index for them. These books are now housed all together in the Exchequer at Taunton Castle, and it is hoped that members, who are not already familiar with the contents of the Library, will inspect it and will avail themselves of the facilities for borrowing books therefrom.

The Section's thanks are also due to Mr. A. J. Dodd for the assistance he has given especially in the arranging of the botanical books.

SOMERSET BOTANY

RECORDERS' NOTES, 1960

VASCULAR PLANTS

The name of each species is preceded by its number in the *List of British Vascular Plants*, 1958, and the nomenclature used in this list has been adopted. Following the locality is the number of the ten-kilometre National Grid square as used in the Botanical Society of the British Isles Distribution Maps Scheme. The bracketed numbers refer to the ten districts into which Somerset was divided by R. P. Murray in *Flora of Somerset* (1896). District and vice-county records are marked with an asterisk (*).

To save space, notes on Somerset species in other journals are not included, though any records published there are entered in the card index kept at Taunton Castle. Notes are included which confirm the persistence of some species previously recorded.

- 94/4 **Draba muralis** L. Near Pilton, (8), Mrs. D. M. Perrett.
- 127/1 **Dianthus armeria** L. Allerford, Selworthy, 21/84, (2*), T. J. Wallace.
- 149/2 **Montia (Claytonia) perfoliata** (Willd.) Howell. Alcombe, Minehead, 21/94, (2*), Miss P. P. Hill.
- 254/13 **Epilobium nerterioides** A. Cunn. Brendon Forest, Croydon Hill, (2), Miss P. P. Hill.
- 241/2 **Quercus ilex** L. Regenerating in woods above Bossington, Selworthy, 21/94, (2*), A. D. and O. M. Hallam.
- 358/4 **Vaccinium oxycoccus** L. Refound on Dunkery, 21/84, (1, 2*), Miss P. P. Hill. First recorded here in 1929, but lost for many years.
- 462/6 **Lamium maculatum** L. Edge of wood near Somerton, 31/52, (5*), H. W. Boon, 1958. Spreading 1959.
- 487/1 **Sambucus ebulus** L. Correction: in Report for 1945 delete (2*) and substitute (1).
- 494/2 **Valerianella carinata** Lois. Wall, Holford, 31/14, (2), A. D. and O. M. Hallam.
- 522/1 **Conyza (Erigeron) canadensis** (L.) Cronq. Minehead, by rubbish tip, 21/94, (2*), Mrs. S. C. Holland.

- 597/1 **Gagea lutea** (L.) Ker-Gawl. Flowering well in wood near Frome, (10), Mrs. D. M. Perrett.
- 603/3 **Luzula sylvatica** (Huds.) Gaud. Poulett's Wood, Chaffcombe, 31/30, (4*), I. I. Jeffries.
- 628/2 **Listera cordata** (L.) R. Br. Dunkery, 21/84, (1-2). Three plants seen, none flowering, O. M. Hallam.
- 683/6 **Bromus madritensis** L. Steart Island, 31/24, (2*-3*), v.c.5*, a large clump, J. V. Morley.

NON-VASCULAR PLANTS

CHAROPHYTA

- Nitella translucens** Ag. Sharpham Moor, 31/43, (8*), v.c.6*, A. J. Dodd.

A. D. HALLAM,

Recorder.

BRYOPHYTES

The following new vice-county records were made mainly during the annual excursion meeting of the British Bryological Society which was held in north Somerset in April 1959 and by Mrs. Jean A. Paton and her party of Southampton University botany students in south Somerset in the same month. Many of these records have been published in the *Transactions* of the B.B.S. for 1960 (vol. 3, part 5), and all the moss records will be included in the forthcoming *Revised Census Catalogue of British Mosses*, by Dr. E. F. Warburg.

The numbers preceding the species names, and the nomenclature adopted, are as in *An Annotated List of British Mosses* by Prof. P. W. Richards and E. C. Wallace (1950) and *An Annotated List of British Hepatics*, by Dr. E. W. Jones (1958).

HEPATICAE

- 27/2 **Ptilidium pulcherrimum** (Weber) Hampe.
Tree, Downhead Common, near Shepton Mallet, v.c.6*,
Miss E. M. Lobley, April 1959
- 58/1b **Chiloscyphus polyanthos** (L.) Corda var. **rivularis** (Schrad.)
Nees.
Stream in Asham wood, near Frome, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A.
Paton, April 1959.

- 62/4 **Cephaloziella rubella** (Nees) Warnst. c. fr.
Peaty soil under *Calluna*, Blackdown, Burrington Combe,
v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 62/7 **Cephaloziella stellulifera** (Tayl.) Schiffn.
Sunny, thin turf on hill above Ebbor Gorge, near Wells,
v.c.6*, Dr. E. W. Jones, April 1959.
- 63/3 **Cephalozia pleniceps** (Aust.) Lindb. var. **macrantha** (Kaal.
et Nichols) K. Mull.
Shapwick Heath, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. Appleyard, April 1959.
- 65/1 **Nowellia curvifolia** (Dicks.) Mitt.
Decaying tree trunk, Ebbor Gorge, v.c.6*, Dr. A. J. Willis,
April 1959.

MUSCI

- 1/20 **Sphagnum fimbriatum** Wils.
Bog, Priddy Pools, Mendips, v.c.6*, T. Laffin, September
1955.
- 2/3 **Andreaea rothii** Web. et Mohr.
Boulder, Chalkwater Valley, near Oareford, Exmoor, v.c.5*,
Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959
- 5/8 **Polytrichum alpestre** Hoppe.
Wet peat, Ashcott Heath, v.c.6*, Dr. F. Rose, April 1959.
- 31/10 **Campylopus introflexus** (Hedw.) Brid.
Shapwick Heath, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. Appleyard, April 1959.
- 41/1 **Phascum curvicolium** Hedw. and
- 52/10 **Weissia crispa** (Hedw.) Mitt.
Calcareous turf, Cleeve Hill, near Blue Anchor, v.c.5*, Mrs.
J. A. Paton and M. G. McFarlane, April 1959.
- 52/12 **Weissia levieri** (Limpr.) Kindb.
Brean Down, v.c.6*, Dr. F. Rose, Dr. E. F. Warburg,
D. H. Lewis, E. Saunders, April 1959, a new record for
Britain.

I am indebted to Dr. E. F. Warburg for the following
information (see also *Trans. B.B.S.* 1960, vol. 3, part 5).

"The species was found in sheltered earthy crevices on the
south side of the Down. Its main characteristic is the
deciduous lid of the capsule, this differentiating it from the

other British species in the subgenus *Astomum*. It differs from *Weissia crispa* var. *crispa* in having flat leaves and from *W. sterilis* in its compact habit and from both by its larger spores. It also differs from *W. crispa* var. *articulata* and *W. multicapsularis* in the much less developed perichaetal bracts, the bright green colour and the markedly calcareous habitat. *Weissia levieri*, a rare plant everywhere was described from near Florence and is known from Bohemia, Hesse, Istria, south Russia and Algeria. This mainly southern distribution, with a few isolated occurrences in central Europe, is in keeping with the other rarities of this part of north Somerset, *Helianthemum appeninum*, *Koeleria vallesiana*, *Linosyris vulgaris*, *Trinia glauca* and the moss *Ceratodon chloropus*."

- 56/3 **Rhacomitrium aquaticum** (Brid.) Brid. and
 56/5 **Rhacomitrium heterostichum** (Hedw.) Brid.
 Old Silurian Andesite quarry, Downhead Common, v.c.6*,
 Dr. F. Rose, April 1959.
- 102/1 **Hedwigia ciliata** (Hedw.) P. Beauv.
 as for **Rhacomitrium spp.** but found by Dr. A. C. Crundwell.
- 71/2 **Orthodontium lineare** Schwaegr.
 Shapwick Heath, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 73/2 **Pohlia elongata** Hedw.
 Earthy bank above stream, Weirwater, Exmoor, v.c.5*,
 Mrs. J. A. Paton and M. G. McFarlane, April 1959.
- 90/4 **Philonotis capillaris** Lindb.
 Edge of small stream above Burrington Combe, v.c.6*,
 Dr. E. V. Watson, April 1959.
- 98/9 **Orthotrichum rivulare** Turn. and
 98/10 **Orthotrichum sprucei** Mont.
 On alder trees by R. Yeo, near Whistle Bridge, Stoford,
 v.c.5*, Mrs. J. Appleyard, November 1959.
- 98/15 **Orthotrichum pulchellum** Brunton.
 Asham Wood, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 99/1 **Ulota phyllantha** Brid.
 On old elders, Asham wood, v.c.6*, Dr. E. V. Watson,
 April 1959.

- 109/2 **Neckera crispa** Hedw.
- 126/2 **Campyllum protensum** (Brid.) Kindb.
Calcareous cliffs, east of Blue Anchor, v.c.5*, Mrs. J. A. Paton and M. G. McFarlane, April 1959.
- 131/8 **Drepanocladus uncinatus** (Hedw.) Warnst.
Rotten log, margin of lake, Emborough Lake, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. Appleyard, November, 1959.
- 132/2 **Hygrohypnum luridum** (Hedw.) Jennings.
Boulder in stream joining Chalkwater, Exmoor, v.c.5*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 149/1 **Plagiothecium latebricola** (Wils.) B. et S.
Shaded bank, Embelle Wood, below Little Broomstreet, west of Porlock, v.c.5*, Mrs. J. A. Paton and M. G. McFarlane, April 1959.
- 149/4 **Plagiothecium denticulatum** (Hedw.) B. et S.
In litter among tall bracken, Downhead Common, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 149/5 **Plagiothecium succulentum** (Wils.) Husn.
Shepton Forest, v.c.6*, Mrs. J. A. Paton, April 1959.
- 156/1 **Hyocomium flagellare** B. et S.
Sandstone rocks in small stream in deep ravine, Goat Church Valley, Blackdown, Burrington Combe, v.c.6*, T. Laffin, September 1955.

PETER F. HUNT,

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The nomenclature adopted is that of:

- (a) *New Check List of British Agarics and Boleti*
Dennis, Orton and Hora, 1960.
- (b) *List of Discomycetes recorded from the British Isles*
Ramsbottom and Balfour-Browne, 1951.

Author citations given in these lists are omitted here.

Mrs. Marriage has contributed a list of the less common species which she collected on the Quantocks mainly during the autumn of 1960. Of these the following are new records for South and West Somerset. (V.C.5.).

Conocybe percincta	Park End.
Coprinus callinus	Broomfield Hill.
Dermoloma josserandi	in birch and beech wood, Hawkridge, 15/9/1958. Not previously recorded for Great Britain.
Hebeloma helodes	Merridge.
Hygrophorus conicoides	Rams Combe. Previously found by P. D. Orton at Bossington, 30/10/1957.
Hygrophorus quietus	Holford.
Inocybe cincinnatula	Wind Down.
„ obscuroides	Park End.
Lepiota griseovirens	Hawkridge.
„ forquignoni	Merridge.
„ kuehneri	„
„ pseudohelveola	Broomfield Hill.
„ rhodorhiza	Merridge.
„ rosea	„
„ sericifera	„
„ tomentella	Hawkridge.
Leptonia sarcitula	Kenley Bottom.
Limacella delicata	Merridge.
Marasmius calopus	Wind Down.
Mycena cinerella	Merridge.
„ iodiolens	„
Nolanea icterina	„
Rhodocybe griseospora	„
Polyporus benzoinus , Fr.	Crowcombe Park.
Clavaria contorta (Holmsk.) Fr.	Crowcombe.
Humaria humosa	„
Phialea echinophila	Wind Down.

The following are also new records for V.C.5 and V.C.6.:

Amanita crocea

Webbers Post, under mountain ash, 19 Aug. 1954, A. J. D.

Porlock, in mixed oak and birch wood, 30 Aug. 1954, D. A. Reid.

Broomfield Hill, under beech, 8 Sept. 1954, A. J. D.

A tall handsome toadstool, tawny ochre or pale orange, with large white volva, quite distinctive but not previously recognised as a species in Great Britain. It was again recorded in the Quantocks

during the B.M.S. Foray, 1960. All records, so far, lie between August 18th and September 18th.

Amanita inaurata

Pickeridge Wood 18 August, 1960

„ **porphyria**

West Buckland 24 August

Boletus cramesinus

Crowcombe 4 October

Cortinarius largus

Pickeridge Wood 18 August

Entoloma saundersii

In old Orchard, Ashill 20 March, Mrs. M. M. Dodd

Hygrophorus chrysaspis

Pickeridge Wood 22 August

Polden Hills V.C.6. 12 August,

Inocybe auricoma

Cothelstone 7 September

Lactarius aspideus

Pickeridge Wood 14 August

Cotylidia undulata (Fr.) Karst. Quantock ridge. 4 August. Mrs. M. M. Dodd. A tiny pale brown leaf-like fungus; a good group was found on burnt ground in rough pasture.

This species is extremely rare in the British Isles, there being only one previous gathering by W. B. Grove from the Wyre Forest in 1913.

Stereophyllum boreale Karst. Quantock Combe. 15 September.

Only known from single gatherings from Finland, Sweden, Venezuela, and now Britain.

Aleuria cerea on rotting tea chest, Taunton. November, 1960. Miss C. Andrews.

Ciliaria hirta in dune slacks, Berrow. V.C.6. 16 May, 1959.

The autumn Field Meeting of the British Mycological Society, September 14th to 21st, 1960, was based on Taunton. The Governing Body of the County Museum granted the use of the Somerset Room as headquarters and workroom and this was much appreciated by members of the Mycological Society. Visits were paid to Horner,

Bossington and Selworthy woods, the Quantocks, Blackdown Hills and Berrow dunes. A list of the species identified will be published in the Transactions of the British Mycological Society.

A. J. DODD,
Recorder.

SOMERSET LEPIDOPTERA, 1960

The year 1960 will be remembered for its long period of wet weather and corresponding lack of sunshine from July until the end of December. Mean temperatures were, however, somewhat above normal, due to the unusually warm nights. With these conditions it is not surprising that the year was a disappointing one for the Lepidopterist, butterflies especially being scarce or absent: the exception was the Holly Blue which appeared in large numbers throughout the county.

Nevertheless eight moths were reported, which are new to the County List — both the American Wainscot (*Leucania unipuncta*) and the Devonshire Wainscot (*L. putrescens*) came to light at Weston-super-Mare. *Homoeosoma saxicola* and the Plume *Agdistis staticis* were taken on Steephelm Island by Mr. Weddel. *Phalonia smeathmanniana* appeared at North Curry and three "Micros" *Phalonia griseana*, *Eucosma subocellana* and *Gracillaria azaleella* were taken at Bridgwater (N.H.); the last named has been established around greenhouses at Torquay for a number of years and has sometimes become a pest on the Rhododendrons.

A few of the other more noteworthy records are given below:
From Weston-super-Mare (C.S.H.B.)

Caradrina ambigua (Vines Rustic).

From Berrow (C.C.C.)

Lasiocampa trifolii (Grass Eggar).

From Minehead (H.M.C.)

Pyrrhia umbra (Bordered Sallow), *Diarsia dahlia* (Barred Chestnut), *Cerura bicuspis* (Alder Kitten) and *Evetria pinicolana*.

From Bridgwater (N.H.)

Lozopera dilucidana.

From Shapwick (N.H.)

Eucosma sordidana, *Ancylis mitterbacheriana* and *Endotricha flammealis*.

From North Curry (A.H.T.)

Cuclia lychnitis (Striped Lychnis), **Leucania vitellina** (Delicate),
Sterrrha inornata (Plain Wave), **Cosymbia porata** (False Mocha),
Hypsopygia glaucinalis and **Dichomeris marginella**.

A. H. TURNER.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE COUNTY LIST PUBLISHED IN 1955

It is now six years since the publication of the county list and some 50 new species have been recorded: they are given below.

Eilema deplana (Esp.) Buff Footman. Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1952,
Curry Rivel (Ent. Rec.), 1956.

Arenostola fluxa (Hubn.) Mere Wainscot. Clevedon (H.W.B.),
1955, Weston-super-Mare (C.S.H.B.), 1960.

Celaena haworthii (Curt.) Haworth's Minor. Wootton Courtney
(C.S.H.B.), 1930, Exmoor (E.C.P.), 1948.

Leucania albipuncta (Schiff.) White-point. Weston-super-Mare
(C.S.H.B.), 1959.

Leucania unipuncta (Haw.) American Wainscot. Weston-super-
Mare (C.S.H.B.), Minehead (H.M.C.), 1960.

Leucania putrescens Hubn. Devonshire Wainscot. Weston-
super-Mare (C.S.H.B.), 1960.

Plusia bractea (Schiff.) Gold Spangle. Weston-super-Mare
(C.S.H.B.), 1959.

Plusia chalcites (Esp.) Golden Twin-spot. Minehead (H.M.C.),
1956.

Plusia ni (Hubn.) Silver V. Taunton (E.G.N.), Minehead
(H.M.C.), 1958.

Sterrrha sylvestraria (Hubn.) Dotted-border Wave. Taunton
(E.G.N.), 1957, Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1959.

Scopula marginepunctata (Goeze.) Mullein Wave. Bath, Bristol,
Frome, Wells, Weston-super-Mare (V.C.H.), Abbots Leigh
(C.B.), Minehead and Porlock (J.F.B.), Clevedon (H.W.B.),
Minehead (H.M.C.), 1960. Stoke Pero (J.E.K.), 1950.

Cosymbia pupillaria (Hubn.) Blair's Mocha. Weston-super-Mare
(C.S.H.B.), 1956.

- Eupithecia pimpinellata** (Hubn.) Pimpinel Pug. Minehead (J.F.B.), 1921.
- Eupithecia innotata** (Hufn.) Angle-barred Pug. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958.
- Eucymatoge subnotata** (Hubn.) Plain Pug. Minehead (J.F.B.), 1914, Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1950, Bridgwater (N.H.), 1959.
- Hydrelia sylvata** (Schiff.) Sylvan Waved Carpet. Clevedon, Frome, Orchard Portman, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Taunton (V.C.H.), Withypool (F.H.L.), 1948.
- Ortholitha umbrifera** (Prout.) June Lead-belle. Dunster (J.F.B.) c., Minehead (J.F.B.) c., Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1956.
- Daphnis nerii** (Linn.) Oleander Hawk. Staple Fitzpaine (A.H.T.), 1956.
- Odontosia carmelita** (Esp.) Scarce Prominent. Frome (G.H.W.C.), 1959.
- Salebria formosa** (Haw.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1957, North Curry (A.H.T.), 1960.
- Alispa angustella** (Hubn.) Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1945, Minehead (H.M.C.), 1957.
- Dioryctria splendidella** H.-S. Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1955.
- Homoeosoma saxicola** Vaugh. Steepholm Is. (B.W.W.), 1960.
- Myelois neophanes** Durr. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1957.
- Crambus craterellus** (Scop.) Shapwick (A.H.T.), 1957.
- Crambus margaritellus** (Hubn.) Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1947, Culbone (H.M.C.), 1959, Minehead (H.M.C.), 1960.
- Diasemia litterata** (Scop.) Clevedon (H.W.B.), 1956.
- Scoparia ulmella** Knaggs. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1959.
- Agdistis staticis** Mill. Steepholm Is. (B.W.W.), 1960.
- Phalonia smeathmanniana** (Fab.) North Curry (A.H.T.), 1960.
- Phalonia griseana** (Steph.) Bridgwater (N.H.), 1960.
- Spilonota laricana** Hein. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1959.
- Acroclita subsequana** (H.-S.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1959.
- Eucosma subocellana** (Don.) Bridgwater (N.H.), 1960.
- Polychrosis dubitana** (Steph.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1957.

- Argyroploce woodiana* Barr. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958, 1959.
Ernarmonia pallifrontana (Zell.) Charlton Mackrell (A.H.T.), 1956, 1957.
Phthorimaea tricolorella (Haw.) Bridgwater (N.H.), 1957.
Acanthophila alacella (Dup.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1959.
Depressaria badiella (Hubn.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958.
Glyphipterix forsterella (Fab.) Bridgwater (N.H.), 1955.
Elachista perplexella Staint. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958.
Yponomeuta rorella (Hubn.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1957.
Coleophora deauratella Zell. Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958.
Lithocolletis nigrescentella Logan. Stogumber (S.N.A.J.), 1945.
Lithocolletis corylifoliella (Haw.) Bridgwater (N.H.), 1957.
Gracillaria azaleella Brants. Bridgwater (N.H.), 1959, 1960.
Ypsolophus horridellus (Treits.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, North Curry (A.H.T.), 1960.
Argyresthia quadriella (Haw.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1956.
Monopis weaverella (Scott.) Bickenhall (A.H.T.), 1958, 1959, North Curry (A.H.T.), 1960.

New Recorder's names have been abbreviated as under:

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| (H.W.B.) | Mr. H. W. Bird of Clevedon. |
| (J.F.B.) | Mr. J. F. Bird, late of Clevedon. |
| (E.C.P.) | Mr. E. C. Pelham-Clenton of Edinburgh. |
| (H.M.C.) | Dr. H. M. Chappel of Minehead. |
| (J.E.K.) | Mr. J. E. Knight of Ross-on-Wye. |
| (S.N.A.J.) | Mr. S. N. A. Jacobs of London. |
| (B.W.W.) | Mr. B. W. Weddel of Trowbridge. |

COLEOPTERA NOTES, 1960

The following is a short list of species of particular interest taken during the year. New County records are marked with an asterisk.

STAPHYLINIDAE

- Trogophleous corticinus** Gr. Minehead, in damp lane. August.
 Generally distributed.

Stenus nitidiusculus Steph. Woodcombe, in damp meadow.
September. Generally distributed.

ELATERIDAE

***Hypnoidus quadripustulatus** F. Woodcombe, in damp meadow.
June. Local.

ANOBIIDAE

Xestobium rufovillosum Deg. Chaffcombe, one taken crawling up
trunk of cedar in churchyard. May. Generally distributed, in
old trees as well as houses and churches.

CHRYSOMELIDAE

Aphthona venustula Kuts. Chaffcombe, on *Euphorbia amygdaloides*,
May. Local.

CURCULIONIDAE

Ceuthorhynchus mixtus Muls. and Rey. Minehead, on *Fumaria*
officinalis, June. Rare, only once previously recorded from
Porlock, Bennett, *V.C.H.*

Ceuthorhynchus melanostictus Marsh. Woodcombe, on *Mentha*
aquatica, September. Local.

SCOLYTIDAE

Hylastes opacus Er. Minehead, swept from vegetation under Elm.
May. Local.

STEEP HOLM TRUST, 1960

TRUSTEES:

E. L. KELTING, O.B.E., *Somerset Archaeological and Natural*
History Society

H. SAVORY, *Bristol Naturalists' Society*

MRS. M. L. COLTHURST, *Mid-Somerset Naturalist Society*

E. J. MASON, *Bristol Folk House Archaeological Club*

The 1960 season, our seventh since the establishment of the Trust, again proved to be in all respects a satisfactory one. Applications to visit the island were received from a number of fresh sources, including one from the Wiltshire A. & N. H. Society. As a result of this, two specialists spent four nights on the island in July and made