

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF SOMERSET BEETLES 2013

This note gives details of beetles newly added to the Somerset list in 2013, including some older records. The following records were made by James McGill (JAM) and Bill Urwin (WU). It should be noted that the records listed here are largely unchecked and, unless explicitly confirmed by an authority, have yet to be authenticated.

The format of the records is the same as that adopted in the published lists by Duff (1993) and Duff & Boyce (2010): for each record I give 10-km square, site name, date(s) and recorder's initials. The emboldened Red Data Book and Nationally Scarce categories given in square brackets after the species names are explained below. They are taken from the national Coleoptera review prepared by Hyman & Parsons (1992; 1994).

RDB2 – Red Data Book Category 2 – Vulnerable. Taxa which are known from 15 or fewer 10-km squares of the GB National Grid and which are decreasing and will become endangered in the near future if the causal factors continue operating.

Na – Nationally Scarce, Category A. Taxa which are thought to occur in 16 to 30 10-km squares of the GB National Grid.

Nb – Nationally Scarce, Category B. Taxa which are thought to occur in between 30 and 100 10-km squares of the GB National Grid.

Order COLEOPTERA

Ptiliolum fuscum (Erichson)

ST 35: Crook Peak, v 2013 (JAM)

Ampedus quercicola (du Buysson) [**Nb**]

ST 44: Shapwick Hth, xii 2013 (WU det. D. Stenhouse)

Corylophus sublaevipennis Jacquelin du Val

ST 24: Pawlett Hams, v vi 2013 (JAM)

Orsodacne humeralis Latreille [**Nb**]

ST 31: Merryfield Airfield, v 2010 (JAM)

Aphthona nigriceps (Redtenbacher) [**Na**]

ST 42: Midelney, viii 2011 (JAM)

Macrorhyncolus littoralis (Broun)

ST 25: Berrow, iv 2010 (JAM)

Hylastes angustatus (Herbst)

ST 23: King's Cliff Wd., iii 2010 (JAM)

In addition to these new county records, the following species were listed in Duff (1993) on the strength of subfossil records only, but are now known to be still extant in the county:

Bembidion fumigatum (Duftschmid) [**Nb**]

ST 55: Blagdon Lake, ix 2011 (JAM)

Prionychus melanarius (Germar) [**RDB2**]

ST 32: Stathe, v 2009 (JAM)

With the above additions and changes, the list of Somerset beetles now stands at 2480 species of Coleoptera and three species of Strepsiptera recorded in the last two centuries, plus 72 species of Coleoptera only recorded in the county as subfossils.

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