

Troopers Hill, Bristol - Bristol Naturalists' Society Invertebrate Section Field Meeting 2nd July 2005 2.00pm-4.00pm. Warm but regular drizzle and low cloud in the vicinity. Four members of the Society present.

Thysanoptera

Dilta sp.

Orthoptera

Speckled Bushcricket *Leptophyes punctatissima* (Bosc.)

Dark Bushcricket *Pholidoptera griseoptera* (DeG.)

Long-winged Conehead *Conocephalus discolor* (Thunb.)

Field Grasshopper *Chorthippus brunneus* (Thunb.)

Meadow Grasshopper *Chorthippus parallelus* (Zett.)

Dermaptera

Earwig *Forficula auricularia* L.

Hemiptera

Bishop's Mitre *Aelia acuminata* (L.)

Gorse Shieldbug *Piezodorus lituratus* (Fabr.) (larva)

Forest Bug *Pentatoma rufipes* (L.) (imago and larva)

Pied Shieldbug *Sehirus bicolor* (L.) (larva)

Myrmus miriformis (Fall.)

Heterogaster urticae (Fabr.)

Anthocoris nemoralis (Fabr.)

Heterotoma meriopterum

Myrmecoris gracilis (Sahlb.)

Pithanus maerkeli (Herr.-Sch.)

Liocoris tripustulatus (Fabr.)

Stenotus binotatus (Fabr.)

Pantilus tunicatus (Fabr.)

Notostira elongata (Geoff.) (larvae)

Leptopterna dolabrata (L.)

Aphrophora alni (Fall.)

Lepidoptera

Celypha lacunana (D. & S.)

Endothenia gentianaeana (Hb.)

Chrysoteuchia culmella (L.)

Crambus lathionellus (Zinck.)

Sitochroa verticalis (L.)

Essex Skipper *Thymelicus lineola* (Ochs.)

Marbled White *Melanargia galathea* (L.)

Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina* (L.)

Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus* (L.)

Coleoptera

Prosternon tessellatum (L.)

Agriotes obscurus (L.)

Cantharis rufa L.
Rhagonycha fulva (Scop.)
Kidney-spot Ladybird *Chilocorus renipustulatus* (Scriba)
Two-spot Ladybird *Adalia bipunctata* (L.)
Seven-spot Ladybird *Coccinella 7-punctata* L.
Oedemera lurida (Marsh.)
Thick-kneed Flower Beetle *Oedemera nobilis* (Scop.)
Cryptocephalus aureolus Suff.

Diptera

Leptogaster cylindrica (DeG.)
Chloromyia formosa (Scop.)

Examples of the bristletail *Dilta* sp. were common, swept from low growing dense vegetation. Specimens were not taken for identification but many were light orange in colouration. The bug *Myrmus miriformis*, although not uncommon, is restricted to quality grassland sites. *Sitochroa verticalis* is a local moth of “waste land” although sometimes reinforced by immigration. The click beetle *P. tessellatum* is very local in the region, only known from a few other sites in “Avon” eg Gordano Valley. The Kidney-spot Ladybird is widespread but local although probably under-recorded as it is found mainly on trees. The Leaf Beetle *Cryptocephalus aureolus* is Nationally Notable (Nb) and very local in the region (also recorded by Dave Gibbs in 2000).

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