

***Cosmopterix zieglerella* (Hb.) (Lep: Cosmopterigidae) new to Hampshire**

It was an e-mail from Willem Ellis in Holland, saying that this leaf miner, found on Hop *Humulus lupulus*, was common in Holland this year (2003), which prompted me to search for it locally. I soon found two mines by a gateway at the entrance to a field at Dogmersfield, near Fleet (VC 12), on 3 September 2003. Thorough searching of the locality, over the next three weeks, lead to the discovery of a further 20 mines at four other sites in the Fleet area. These records constitute the first for Hampshire.

The initial mines were found in a semi-shaded location and mines were subsequently found in habitats ranging from full sun to shade. The most mines (12) were found in a semi-derelict area, in shade, on the edge of a residential area of Fleet. Further searching of hedgerows on the edge of farmland, where the first mines were found, was curtailed due to my encounter with a person in camouflage (presumably the farmer), armed with a rifle with telescopic sight, telling me to get back onto the footpath. It did not seem a particularly opportune moment to share one's enthusiasm for members of the Cosmopterigidae!

I am grateful to Willem Ellis for his initial observations and to John Langmaid for confirming the Hampshire record. — ROB EDMUNDS, 32 Woodcote Green, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 4EY (E-mail: r.edmunds@ntlworld.com).

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The characteristic mines of *Cosmopterix zieglerella* (Hb.) were noted in many places in Hertfordshire and in a few sites in South Essex by myself during 2003. In most cases the sites are ones at which there has been no previous evidence of the species. It is not clear, however, if this species has suddenly appeared in many new sites or if it has suddenly undergone a numerical increase such that normally very rare mines are now common and easily spotted; further observations in note form are welcomed by this journal. There is an excellent illustration in volume 4, part 1, of the Harley Books series *Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*, whilst a web search for images of this species produces a number of good quality colour pictures likely to be of value in identification/recognition.

***Coleophora hemerobiella* (Scop.) (Lep.: Coleophoridae) – the second Hampshire record**

Whilst walking the dog across some fallow fields on the outskirts of Fleet, North Hampshire, on 11 May 2003 I noticed some isolated hawthorn bushes with very visible feeding damage to the leaves. I searched the bushes and found several large, dark *Coleophora* cases, which seemed to be *Coleophora hemerobiella*. John Langmaid confirmed the identity when photographs were posted on the UKMoths YahooGroup.

This is the second Hampshire record for this species – the first being of a moth trapped in Shroner Wood in 1965 (Goater 1974. *The Moths and Butterflies of*



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