SAWFLIES FROM UPPER DEESIDE

Rhogogaster dryas (Benson). 1 \circ , 1 δ , Crathie Wood, swept from Populus tremula, 23.6.84 (A.D.L.). The adults of this species, which is monophagous on aspen, are perhaps the most vividly coloured of all British sawflies. *R. dryas* is known from several English counties, but the only published Scottish records are of four males from Speyside (Benson, 1945; Woollatt, 1961).

Pseudodineura enslini (Hering). About a dozen leaf-mines were found on plants of Trollius europaeus growing in a meadow near Abergeldie Castle on 23.6.84. Although Trollius is locally common at other sites on the banks of the Dee, *P. enslini* could not be detected. The larvae were nearly full-grown when the mines were collected, and a few successfully spun cocoons. A single male emerged in August after having been "overwintered" in a refridgerator. In the British Isles, enslini has previously been recorded only from near Bettyhill in Sutherland, and near Grantown-on-Spey in Moray (Benson, 1958).

Pristiphora groenblomi (Lindqvist). $1 \, \circ$, Morrone Birkwood NNR, Malaise Trap, 10.5.-1.6.84 (B. D. Batty). Previously in Britain only recorded from Aviemore (Benson, 1958). *P. groenblomi* is placed as a synonym of *coactula* (Ruthe) by Hellen (1975), but stronger evidence is required for such a synonymy because groenblomi is rather easily distinguished from the rest of the *coactula*breadalbanensis complex.

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PERIDEA ANCEPS GOEZE: GREAT PROMINENT, IN LATE JULY. – On 28 July 1984 I collected a male *Peridea anceps* at M.V. light at the Centre for Alternative Technology, Montgomeryshire. This species usually appears in spring from April to June and so a late July record is not only unusual but raises the question of either a second brood (unlikely) or of an immigrant (equally unlikely). Most probably the moth emerged late or somehow managed to live a long adult life. – DENIS F. OWEN, 66 Scraptoft Lane, Leicester LE5 1HU.



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