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NOTABLE COLEOPTERA AT PASHFORD POORS FEN, SUFFOLK. – Pashford Poors Fen, near Lakenheath, is one of those interesting pockets of wetland on the edge of the Breckland in north-west Suffolk. Even though spring fed it is drying out as a result of the drainage of adjacent arable land, and suffering from scrub encroachment. The area is a nature reserve (Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation) and has been scheduled a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The list of Coleoptera recorded from the fen grows steadily with each visit, and one small area of damp hollows, which is perhaps better described as grazing meadow than fen, is particularly rich. The following species which have been swept in that area are of special note.

*Agapanthia villosoviridescens* (Degeer) – 15.vi.1980 & 6.vii.1980. Single examples, often in flight, are found regularly in Breckland and there is little doubt that this species has become more common since it was first discovered in Suffolk, at Mildenhall, in 1946 by G. Burton (*Trans. Suffolk Nat. Soc.*, 6: 52-53). Large numbers, as were found at Pashford in 1980, are thought to result from local breeding and have only been recorded in recent years. Mr. J. W. Digby found the species in great numbers at Thelnetham Fen, on 17th. June 1978, and Mr. D. R. Nash found 'about a score' with little effort, on 25th. June 1983, at Barton Mills again in north-west Suffolk.

*Cryptocephalus exiguus* Schneider – 15.vi.1980. Now regarded as a great rarity and only previously taken in Suffolk at Oulton Broad, by E. C. Bedwell in 1898 (Morley, C., 1899, *Coleoptera of Suffolk*. Keys, Plymouth), and at Mildenhall by Morley in 1899. Both these records refer to pairs of specimens taken *in cop.* and the Mildenhall specimens survive, in the Morley Collection, at Ipswich Museum. Only a single example was found at Pashford.

*Chrysolina fastuosa* (Scopoli) – 15.vi.1980, 6.vii.1980, 10.viii.1980 etc. An uncommon beetle in Suffolk found sparingly at Pashford on Common Hemp-nettle, *Galeopsis tetrahit* L. It is interesting that Mr. E. Milne-Redhead also found the species in Suffolk in 1980, again on *G. tetrahit*, at Sprat's Water Nature Reserve (S.T.N.C.), near Lowestoft, on 6th. July.

*Longitarsus brunneus* Duftschmid – 22.v.1981 (det. M. L. Cox) Early Suffolk records for this scarce fenland species are confused with those for *L. luridus* (Scopoli), so it is worth noting its presence at Pashford.



*Stenocarus umbrinus* (Gyllenhal) — 6.vii.1980. Usually associated with field edges or disturbed ground, rather than fenland, it is likely that the single example found at Pashford was a 'stray' from an adjacent cornfield, red with Poppies, *Papaver rhoeas* L., with which the species is associated.

*Ceutorhynchus angulosus* Boheman — 15.vi.1980. Since this was recorded 'new to Suffolk' (Mendel, H., 1983, *Trans. Suffolk Nat. Soc.*, 19: 337-40) I have been informed that Dr. M. G. Morris also took a specimen at Pashford, on 18th. June 1969 (Morris, *in litt.*).

*Acalyptus carpini* (F.) — 10.viii.1980 & 22.v.1981. First recorded from Pashford Poors Fen, and Suffolk, on 10th August 1980 and shortly afterwards at the same site by Dr. R. C. Welch on 26th. August 1980 (Suffolk Biological Records Centre, unpublished ms.), this fenland species is associated with Sallows, *Salix* spp. *A. carpini* is well known from Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire, and has been recorded from Great Fen, Lopham, just over the Suffolk border in Norfolk (Pope, R. D., 1968, *Trans. Suffolk Nat. Soc.*, 14: 25-40).

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TWO ADDITIONAL SITES FOR EUDECTUS WHITEI SHARP (COL.: STAPHYLINIDAE) IN SCOTLAND. — The paucity of recorded sites for *E. whitei* in Britain prompts me to record somewhat belatedly that I took a single example from fine gravel among sparse vegetation on an exposed ridge on Sgurr Mhor, Wester Ross (1110m) about 100m below the summit in July 1982 and two examples on Ben Lawers, Perthshire (1214m) on the south side just below the summit in May 1984. These would appear to be respectively the most northerly and most southerly records for the species in Scotland though it is, of course, recorded from a few sites in the Pennines. J. A. OWEN 8 Kingsdown Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 3PU.

OTIORHYNCHUS PORCATUS (HERBST) (COL.: CURCULIONIDAE) IN LEICESTERSHIRE — Pitfall traps containing a 5 per cent solution of formalin have been operated in my garden in Leicester since 1979 starting each year on 1 April and ending on 31 October. All beetles trapped in 1979-84 have been identified by Dr. D. Goddard. Among them are 31 *Otiorhynchus porcatus*, distributed as follows: 1979 (2), 1980 (2), 1981 (4), 1982 (5), 1983 (14) and 1984 (4). This suggests an established population of a species which is new to Leicestershire. DENIS F. OWEN, 66 Scraftoft Lane, Leicester LE5 1HU.





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