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SHORT COMMUNICATION

A further Gloucestershire locality for *Meloe rugosus* Marsham (Coleoptera: Meloidae). — In a previous note (Alexander, 1989), I suggested that the Cotswold Hills may be a stronghold for the rare oil beetle *Meloe rugosus*. I have since encountered another specimen at a different locality. A female beetle was found by a friend's child in his sandpit in the garden at Ebworth Park Cottages, Fostons Ash, near Sheepscombe (SO 913116), in October 1988. The garden lies at the edge of an expanse of high quality limestone pasture which forms part of the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods SSSI.

My thanks to John Fleming for bringing the beetle to me. — Keith N. A. Alexander, 22 Cecily Hill, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 2EF.

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