

Stenocranus longipennis (Curtis) (Hemiptera - Homoptera, Delphacidae) in Warwickshire.

Of the four British species of Stenocranus found in Britain, two, S.major (Kirsch.) and S.minutus (Fab.), are already on the county list, with Stenocranus minutus (F.) being common all over the county in lush damp habitats.

On 1.ix.1992, while on a field trip to Sutton Park (SP0998), I was given a number of specimens of Stenocranus longipennis (Curtis) by S.A.Lane, who had swept them from the pool-side vegetation at Little Bracebridge Pool. This is the first county record for this species. Further records can only be expected from sites with similar marshy habitats.

Chrysomela populi L. (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) at Stonebridge Meadows (SP3475).

Despite prolonged and extensive searching for this distinctive beetle it has remained very scarce in Warwickshire (Lane 1992) and, although its foodplant, willow (Salix sp.), is common throughout the county, this is only the second record in the past decade. The specimen was found on willow on 20.viii.1992 at the edge of the spinney on the north western part of the reserve. S.A.Lane kindly confirmed the identification and it is hoped that more searching of various willow sp. will confirm that the species is breeding in Warwickshire.

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