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A selection of notable records brought to the attention of Tanyptera Project staff via email, social media etc. These records should be submitted, if not already, to relevant data collators. [iRecord](#) is recommended. Listed alphabetically by order, family and species. Some records received late may be included next month.

Araneae (Spiders)

Arctosa cinerea (Lycosidae) – Brookhouse / Lune Valley, VC60, 14/8, R. Fellows

- One female found on the banks of the Lune. A large, impressive Nationally Scarce spider that is a specialist of river shingle habitat. Well known from this part of the Lune.

Coleoptera (Beetles)

Elaphropus parvulus (Carabidae) - Warrington, VC58, 18/8, C. Washington

- Tiny carabid found under patio litter, very few Cheshire records.

Bradycellus csikii (Carabidae) - Bickerton Hill, VC58, 30/8, C. Washington

- A single specimen in woodland litter on sandy soil. New for VC.

Phyllobrotica quadrimaculata (Chrysomelidae) - Bickershaw, VC59, 26/8, C. Washington

- Probably new for VC. Associated with skullcap.



Curculio rubidus (Curculionidae) – Bickershaw, VC59, 26/8, G. Hedges. **(Pictured above © Gary Hedges)**

- New for VC. Associated with Birch. UK status: 'Very local in C & SE England' (Duff 2016)

Nitidula bipunctata (Nitidulidae) - Leck Fell, VC60, 12/8, C. Washington

- Carrion beetle probably new for VC.

Omosita depressa (Nitidulidae) - Leck Fell, VC60, 12/8, C. Washington

- Carrion beetle found in rotting sheep's skull. Probably new for VC.

Hadrognathus longipalpis (Staphylinidae) - Errwood Hall, VC58, 20/8, C. Washington

- Small uncommon subcortical Staphylinid.

Xylodromus concinnus (Staphylinidae) - Errwood Hall, VC58, 20/8, C. Washington

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Diptera (Flies)

Meiosimyza mihalyii (Lauxaniidae) - Leck Fell, VC60, 12/8, R. Zloch

- New to VC60 and only described new to Britain in 2004. NBN Atlas has 5 records (3 in Scotland and 2 in Wales) although the 2004 paper describes a few other finds.

Drab wood soldierfly - *Solva marginata* (Stratiomyidae) – Liverpool, VC59, 5/8, S. Tomlinson

- A Nationally Scarce Soldierfly found on a kitchen wall.

Sericomyia superbiens (Syrphidae) – Burnley, VC59, 20/8, A. Holmes

- Female filmed nectaring. An uncommon late season hoverfly associated with damp meadows.

Hemiptera (True Bugs)

Dock Bug - *Coreus marginatus* (Coreidae) – Altcar Training Camp, VC59, 7/8, G. Hedges. (Pictured top right © Phil Smith)

- Has been rapidly expanding through the region but furthest north on iRecord is Wicks Path, Formby from 26/7 P. Smith.

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Globiceps fulvicollis (Miridae) – Altcar Training Camp, VC59, 7/8, K. Fowler.

- Nationally Scarce and mainly confined to the west coast in the UK. Associated with Creeping Willow in damp, open situations.

Water Stick Insect - *Ranatra linearis* (Nepidae) – Bickershaw, VC59, 26/8, G. Hedges. (Pictured bottom right © Gary Hedges)

- Three adults caught in a pond net. Has spread North in the past 25 years but remains scarce in North West England although it has reached the Lake District.

Acalypta brunnea (Tingidae) - Leck Fell, VC60, 12/8, C. Washington

- New to the Tanyptera region (VC58, 59, and 60). Associated with mosses.



Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants, Sawflies)

Rowan sawfly - *Trichiosoma sorbi* (Cimbicidae) – Leck Fell, VC60, 12/8, G. Hedges

- One other regional record on NBN Atlas. North and West UK distribution. Associated with Rowan.

Ivy Bee - *Colletes hederæ* (Colletidae) – Crosby Marine Park, VC59, 26/8, P. Kinsella & Ravenmoels, Formby, VC59, 30/8, P. Smith

- These records are the furthest North on iRecord in 2020 up to the end of August. The northern expansion of Ivy Bee since the first UK record in 2001 has been very well documented in recent years but still appears to be very scarce away of the Sefton Coast and Morecambe Bay.

Stigmus pendulus (Crabronidae), Rusholme, Manchester, VC59, 2/8, K. McCartney. (Pictured right © Karen McCartney)

- First recorded in Greater Manchester and VC59 in 2018 by K. McCartney. Also seen on 16/7/2020 by K. McCartney. This solitary wasp was first recorded in the UK in 1986 and has not yet been found in Cheshire.



Odonata (Dragonflies & Damselflies)

Small Red-eyed Damselfly - *Erythromma viridulum*

(Coenagrionidae), Festival Gardens, VC59, from 24/8 onwards P. Smith & P. Kinsella. (Pictured right © Phil Smith)

- 20+ seen on 24/8 at the same site where they were first found in 2019.



Orthoptera (Grasshoppers and Crickets)

Short-winged Conehead - *Conocephalus dorsalis* (Tettigoniidae), Cholmondeley, VC58, G. Hedges

- A species that has been rapidly expanding in range northward but unusual to find away from the coast / estuary in NW England.

Long-winged Conehead - *Conocephalus fuscus* (Tettigoniidae), Ashton's Flash, Northwich, VC58, 9/8. P. Hill

- Several adults seen after first confirmed at this site in 2019. The first NW region was as recently as 2018 at Highfield Moss by P. Smith following rapidly range expansion.

Lepidoptera (Butterflies & Moths)

Moths are reported upon for VC59&60 biannually and VC58 annually via Lancashire moth group and Cheshire moth group respectively. Butterfly records are summarised annually by local branches of Butterfly Conservation. This summary will therefore only share observations reported to Tanyptera staff or posted on the North West invertebrates Facebook group.

Goat Moth - *Cossus cossus* (Cossidae) - Sands Lake – Sefton Coast, VC59, P. Smith

- A full-grown larva travelling across boardwalk. Goat moth is a Section 41 species; Nationally Scarce (B) and declining nationally. In Lancashire, recent records from the Sefton Coast area only.

Dusky Sallow - *Eremobia ochroleuca* (Noctuidae) - Edge of Caton Moor, VC60, 20/8, N. Garnham. (Pictured right © Nicola Garnham)

- Seen feeding on Knapweed. Not often recorded in Lancashire.

Beautiful Marbled - *Eublemma purpurina* (Noctuidae) - Marbury County Park, VC59, 9/8, L. Bentham

- Attracted to moth trap. New for VC58. Scarce migrant in the UK. First recorded in 2001.

