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North West Invertebrates Monthly Notes - December 2020

A selection of notable records brought to the attention of Tanyptera Project staff via email, social media etc. or submitted to iRecord. 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. All images are under copyright from the original recorder unless stated.

Araneae (Spiders)

- 1 record submitted to iRecord - a common Linyphiidae *Linyphia triangularis*

Chilopoda (Centipedes)

- 3 records of 3 taxa submitted to iRecord

Lithobius macilentus (*Lithobiidae*) – Newbiggin Crag, VC60, early Dec, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- GB Rarity Status is Nationally Scarce. According to BMIG, this centipede is typically found in rural woodlands. Unusually, this record originates from under a rock on the edge of limestone pavement at 250m ASL up on Newbiggin crags (Near Hutton Roof).



Coleoptera (Beetles)

- 147 records of 113 taxa submitted to iRecord

Cryptopleurum subtile (*Hydrophilidae*) – Newgate Nature Reserve, Wilmslow, VC58, 17/12, C. Washington

- According to Duff (2012), found in warm manure and compost heaps, sometimes in rotten fungi or at MV light. Very locally distributed and rare in the UK. There are no records on the NBN Atlas records from VC58 or Cheshire.

Romualdius scaber (*Curculionidae*) – Little Budworth Common, VC58, 09/12, C. Washington

- Weevil new to VC58 and Tanyptera NW region. Found at plant roots on sandy soils. This is one of only 8 UK records on iRecord at the time of writing.

Diplopoda (Millipedes)

- 12 records of 9 species submitted to iRecord.

Diptera (True Flies)

- 11 records of 6 taxa submitted to iRecord.

Hoverflies (Syrphidae)

Eristalis tenax (3 records)

Meliscaeva auricollis (3 records)

Scaeva pyrastris (1 record, **image right P. Kinsella**)

All hoverfly records by Pete Kinsella at Crosby Marine Park, Sefton Coast, including all 3 species on the latest date 25/12.

Other fly families

Suillia variegata (1 record)

Brillia bifida (1 record)

Phytomyza ilicis agg. (2 records)



Ephemeroptera (Mayflies)

- 1 record submitted to iRecord at order level.

Hemiptera (True Bugs)

- 3 records of 3 taxa submitted to iRecord.

Unaspis euonymi (Diaspididae) – Greenbank Park, Liverpool, VC59, 07/11, S. McWilliam (**image right**)

A sap-sucking scale insect native to South East Asia. Originally found new to Merseyside at Stanley Park, Liverpool on 4th December 2019 (See [blog](#) post).



Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants, Sawflies)

- 4 records of 3 taxa submitted to iRecord

Buff-tailed Bumblebee – *Bombus terrestris* (Apidae), late records of active queens:

Bidston, VC58, 15/12, K. Macklenburgh
New Brighton, VC58, 15/12, M. Mathews

Arge ochropus (Argidae) - Halewood, VC59, last seen 12/12, G. Hedges (**image right**).

Also reported in November notes. The final of three larvae disappeared from a rose bush on 12th December. Locally common in England but this is an unusually late record.



Isopoda (Woodlice and their relatives)

- 17 records of 12 taxa submitted to iRecord

Trichoniscoides saeroeensis (Trichoniscidae) – Arnside Shore, VC60, 27/12, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- Mainly coastal woodlouse although can be found in some limestone habitats inland. Just two iRecord records exist for NW England.



Armadillidium nasatum (Armadillidiidae) – Middleton Local Nature Reserve, VC60, 14/12, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- Associated with dry and sparsely vegetated habitats. Most UK records are from Southern England. Just two iRecord records exist for NW England.



Odonata (Dragonflies & Damselflies)

- 0 records submitted to iRecord

Orthoptera (Grasshoppers and Crickets)

- 0 records submitted to iRecord

Plecoptera (Stoneflies)

- 0 records submitted to iRecord

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.

- No notable records submitted to iRecord, NW invertebrates facebook group or reported to Tanyptera Project staff.

Trichoptera (Caddisflies)

- 0 records submitted to iRecord