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North West Invertebrates Monthly Notes - November 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)

- Just 1 record submitted to iRecord in November, which is yet to be verified.

Coleoptera (Beetles)

Pogonus chaldeus (Carabidae) - Oglet Shore, Speke, VC59, 5/11, C. Washington

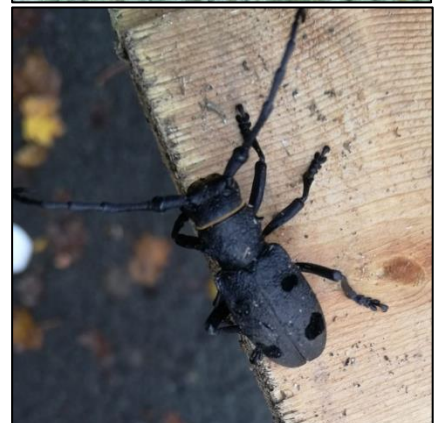
- A coastal species found in saltmarshes and on damp clayish seashores. Apparently few records for the region although recorded at Ainsdale (VC59) in 2019.

Pogonocherus hispidus (Cerambycidae) - Bolton-le-Sands, VC60, 04/11, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- Found in a graveyard on a wall under beech tree/sycamore trees. This is the first VC60 record on iRecord and only the 4th for the region (3 of which were made in 2020). There is only 1 UK 2020 record with a later date.

Morimus sp. (Cerambycidae) – Huyton, VC59, 17/11, J. Kaye (Det. M. Barclay) (**image right J. Kay**)

- Found active in wood yard next to untreated oak plank of unknown origin. This large Longhorn beetle is part of a species complex found on the continent but has been imported to the UK previously. A subsequent search of the wood yard by G. Hedges found no evidence of emergence and no further specimens.



Eyed ladybird - *Anatis ocellata* (Coccinellidae) – Nether Kellet, VC60, 19/11, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- Found in kitchen. Probably originated from collected leaf litter collected at Hutton Roof NNR. Generally widespread in the region but infrequently encountered, especially during Winter months.



Diptera (Flies)

Sturmia bella (Tachinidae) – Ravenmeols, Formby, VC59, 04/11, P. Smith (**image right**)

Also reported in September notes from Houghton Green Pool (VC59), this is the second known 2020 record for the region of a species is at the northern end of its current known range limit in the UK.



Hemiptera (True Bugs)

- Just 10 records submitted to iRecord in November. Mostly Shieldbugs

Western conifer seed bug - *Leptoglossus occidentalis* (Coreidae) – Wicks Path, Formby, VC59, 06/11, P. Smith (**image right**)

- A nymph on a south-facing sheltered fence bordering path next to Corsican pine plantation. An increasingly familiar introduced coreid bug. Most records are of adults.



Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants, Sawflies)

Tree bumblebee – *Bombus hypnorum* (Apidae) late records of active queens:

Crosby Marine Park, VC59, 06/11, P. Kinsella. Brockholes Nature Reserve VC60, 25/11, M. Foley (**image right**)



Arge ochropus (Argidae) - Halewood, VC59, Throughout month, G. Hedges (**image right**)

- Three larvae observed every day in November feeding on rose leaves in front garden. Locally common in England but this is an unusually late record.



Isopoda (Woodlice and their relatives)

Jaera sp. (Janiridae) – Heysham Head, VC60, N. Garnham (**image right**)

- An intertidal isopod genus. The Marine Isopod Recording Scheme was resurrected in 2020 by the British Myriapod and Isopod Group. Records submitted to iRecord are now being verified by Scheme Organiser Warren Maguire. Visit the BMIG website for more details, including where to find this extremely under-recorded group of invertebrates.



Odonata (Dragonflies & Damselflies)

- Just 3 November records submitted to iRecord

Southern hawker - *Aeshna cyanea* (Aeshnidae) – Dunham Massey, VC58, 04/11, J. Pendove

- Widespread and common in region but this is a late record of an adult.



Vagrant emperor - *Anax ephippiger* (Aeshnidae)

Heysham Harbour, VC60, 09/11, K. Eaves (verified) (**image right**)
Little Thornton, Lancashire, VC60, 03/11, G. Wharrier (considered plausible)

- A migratory species that can appear at any time of year in the UK.

Orthoptera (Grasshoppers and Crickets)

- No November 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.