



**BROCKENHURST
'BUGS'**
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INSECTS ON THE DOORSTEP IN BROCKENHURST

Brockenhurst – a magnet



Visitors to New Forest.

This Season's Collection of all Orders. A good Collection of
TINEINA and TORTRICES—HYMENOPTERA, COLEOPTERA, DIPTERA.

Information about localities gratis to Visitors.

B. PIFFARD, Ivy Cottage, near New Church and Post
Office, Brockenhurst, New Forest.

Advertisement by Piffard in the *Entomologist's
Record & Journal of Variation*, 1902



Thanks to Tony Johnson for old images used in 'Insects of
the New Forest' (2011)

....John Wilson has visited on holiday from Leeds almost every
year since 1962 (after seeing a book by Fowler in a Leeds library,
which stated that areas near Brockenhurst were strongholds for
many of our beetles) to observe but not collect beetles.....

Dryinus collaris female (a pincer wasp) (c.7 mm.) [conservation status not assessed] - 1st New Forest record on 19 April 2025 and as far as I can tell, there have been less than 20 UK records since the 1850s, not that many people would be out looking!

The little-known parasitoid uses its claw-like forelegs to paralyse *Issus coleoptratus* and lay an egg; the larva develops in the bug and eventually kills it.





Oak Mining Bee *Andrena ferox* RDB1

- One of the Britain's rarest bees, this woodland species was thought to be only breeding in the New Forest, now in parts of Kent. Not reported from Denny Wood or Hollands Wood in the last few years, but likely to still exist in the Forest; one to watch out for.



Mole-cricket *Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa*

Nationally Rare, Critically Endangered [protected]

(35-50 mm. body length) New Forest only known breeding sites, rediscovered near Brockenhurst in 2014.



Ant-nest Ladybird
Platynaspis luteorubra
Nationally Scarce
(3 mm.)

- Has a strong association with ants, the larvae developing inside ant nests, feeding on root aphids.

Beaulieu Dung Beetle
Liothorax niger
Nationally Rare
(4-6 mm. body length)

- Often found where livestock are present! New Forest only, most records from Brockenhurst e.g. Balmer Lawn. Sometimes common, on the right day....





Flame-shouldered Blister Beetle
Sitaris muralis
Nationally Rare, Vulnerable
(7-15 mm. body length)

Rediscovered in the UK in Brockenhurst, 2010; had best numbers in 2025 in an old brick wall (12) from late July to August; also frequents old cob walls (Naomi Addleton kindly gave a lead for one such site), a member of the public contacted me about a Lymington site on the A337. Most specimens dead when seen! Complex life history, host is Hairy-footed Flower Bee *Anthophora plumipes*. In recent years recorded in Dorset and elsewhere.



Tanner Beetle
Prionus coriarius
Nationally Scarce
(18-45 mm. body
length)



Noble Chafer
Gnorimus nobilis
**Nationally Rare,
Vulnerable**
(15-20 mm. body
length)



Pine logs placed on road to prevent parking



Ampedus cinnabarinus **RDB3**
(11-15 mm.)



Stictoleptura rubra (10-20 mm.)



Ampedus elongatulus **NS** (7-10)



Ampedus sanguinolentus
Nationally Scarce (9-12 mm.)



Hylis olexai **RDB3** (3-5 mm.)

**Many more
beetles** – a few
here



***Paropsisterna
selmani*** (6-9 mm.)
an introduction from
Australia on
Eucalyptus spp.



Athous vittatus
(8-12 mm.)



Athous campyloides Nationally Scarce
(9-10 mm.)



Athous subfuscus RDB3
(7-10 mm.)



Stictoleptura scutellata Nationally
Scarce (12-20 mm.)

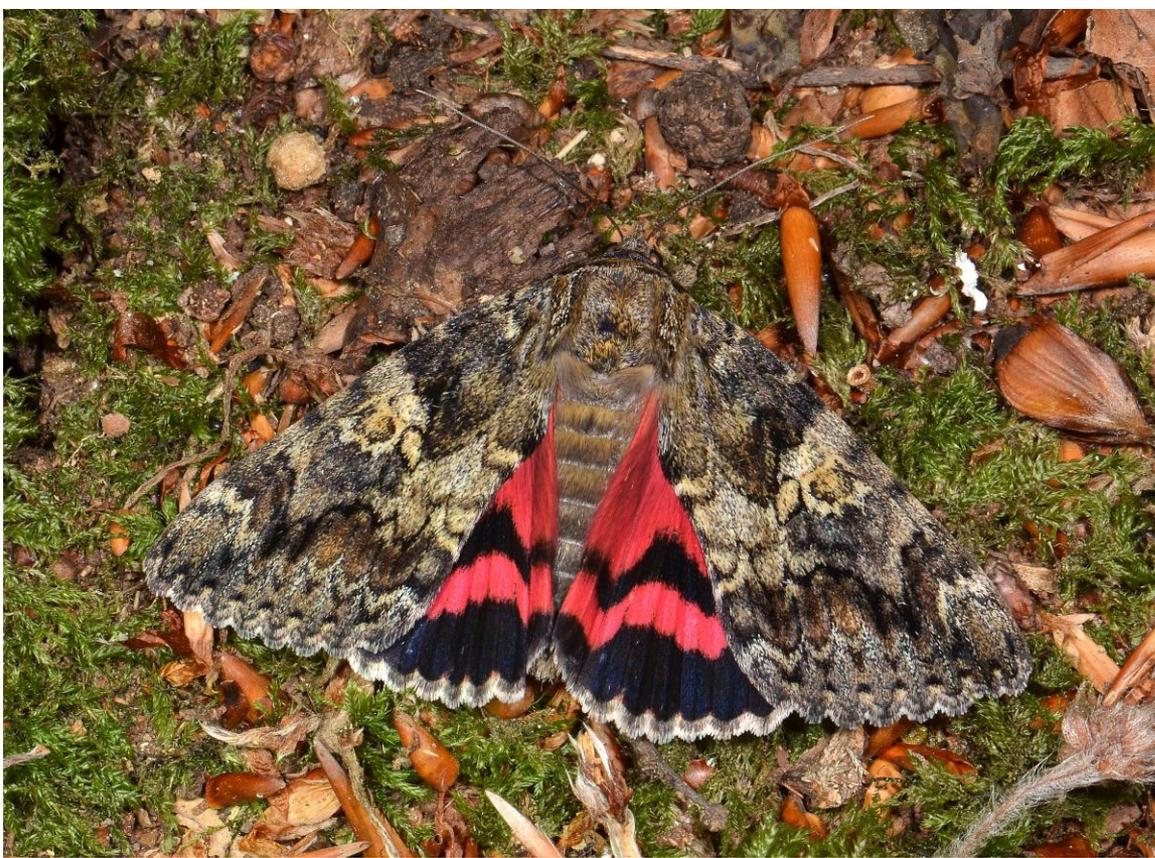


Anoplodera sexguttata Nationally
Rare, Near Threatened (7-12 mm.)



**Pearl-bordered
Fritillary *Boloria
euphrosyne***
**Nationally Rare,
Endangered**
(35-47 mm.
wingspan)





Dark/Light
Crimson
Underwing
Catocala
sponsa/promissa
Nationally Rare, Near
Threatened
(58-74/50-60 mm.
wingspan)



Clifden
Nonpareil
C. fraxini



Too many more insects – a few examples here



Wood-cricket *Nemobius sylvestris*
Nationally Scarce (7-12 mm.)



Variegated Fruit Fly *Phortica variegata*
RDB1 (3 mm.)



Forest Fly *Hippobosca equina* **RDBk**
(6-9 mm.)



Horse Bot Fly *Gasterophilus intestinalis* **Nationally Scarce** (10-15)

Always more to look for!



Shining Guest Ant *Formicoxenus nitidulus*
Nationally Scarce

Photo by John
Bingham

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1) includes notes on early collectors and visitors to the New Forest, 2) has an emphasis on beetles in Brockenhurst pine logs

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