

Hemiptera

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Pentatomidae

Peribalus strictus (Fabricius) Vernal Shieldbug

Swept from grasses on Priddy Mineries, Mendip ST546510 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 29 vii 2023

Coll: R.J. Barnett

2nd record for Somerset. Established on the south and south-east coasts of England occasional migrants are noted elsewhere which may explain a previous Somerset record from Weston-super-Mare from before 1905.

Lygaeidae

Macroplax preysleri (Fieber)

Swept, Walton Common, N. Somerset ST425736 vice-county 6 (North Somerset) 14 viii 2021

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A speciality of SW England and S Wales where associated with rockrose on sparsely vegetated south facing sites.

Miridae

Globiceps flavomaculatus (Fabricius)

Swept, Lower Woods, near Wickwar, S. Glos ST743881 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 29 vi 2023

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2nd recent record from the Bristol region following one in 2020 (Conham, Bristol, v-c 6 N. Somerset, D. Hawkins). Identification of the *Globiceps* species can be problematic and habitat is important. In both instances these bugs have been found in damp woodland sites (in one case close to the River Avon in Bristol).

Membracidae

Gargara genistae Fabricius Broom Treehopper

Swept from broom, Troopers Hill, Bristol (Glos) ST629731 vice-county 34 (West Glos.) 22 viii 2021

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Most westerly site in England, found here in 2020 by Maico Weites. A local species of the south east of England and East Anglia, its occurrence in Bristol is even more surprising given how Troopers Hill is a very isolated acidic grassland site in a region dominated by calcareous soils.