

## Hymenoptera

**11) Cerceris ruficornis (Fabricus 1793) Crabronidae** (male 2 photos) A beautiful insect with species confirmed by the projection on the face of the insect. Little is known of its biology, other than it collects weevils for its larvae and it is often coastal and restricted to southern England. Near Porth Leven Cornwall. SW612267 1/8/23

**12) Phlanthus triangulum (Fabricus 1775) Crabronidae** seems to be spreading into new areas, the male shown here was on chalk grassland, the female at Wisley Gardens. Male Pitstone Church End SP943147 28/6/23 Female TQ064584 26/7/23

**13) Tenthredo mesomela (Linnaeus 1758) Tenthredinidae** (Video and photo) I saw this sawfly with prey and I was sure the beetle was doomed, so I was surprised to see it escape unharmed. Leball Wood, near Bodmin Cornwall, SX130660 25/5/23

**14) Arachnospila anceps (Wesmael 1851) Pompilinae.** This spider hunting wasp had caught a spider (*Xysticus cristatus* det Chris spilling) too big for it to handle (see video) After it dropped the prey I potted the wasp and it was identified by Clare Boyes, who also informed me that they don't usually handle these species as they have a very painful sting! The species was common on the dunes and fascinating to watch. Oxwich Bay SS512876 13/7/23

**15) Agrotherutes abbreviatus** (Fabricus 1794) Ichneumonidae (Video and photo) Although seldom recorded I suspect they quite common, I know them from three sites. I always see them on bramble in part shade. Leball Wood near Bodmin 4/8/23 SX130660

**16) Chrysura radians (Harris 1781) Chrysidinae,** (2 photos) Jewel wasps are amazing but often hard to ID without a specimen which may be why they are under recorded. Luckily I had photos from several angles allowing Clare Boyes to make a definite determination of this Nationally notable A species. Dancersend BBOWT Reserve, Bucks SP905088 2/7/23

**All photos taken with Olympus TG5 hand held, in the field**