

A FEW ADDITIONS TO THE YORKSHIRE DIPTERA LIST

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The addition of species to the county Diptera list continues unabated, and includes *Meoneura flavifrons* Papp, 1981, which was recorded by Andy Godfrey during a survey of Rother Valley Country Park in 2004. Roy Crossley's survey of Rosekirkdale Fen in 2007 produced the first county record of *Herina oscillans* (Meigen, 1826), and Roy also found *Ibis marginata* (Fabricius, 1781) during his survey of the Jagger Howe Beck area in 2008. Furthermore, the hoverfly *Sphaerophoria virgata* Goeldlin de Tiefenau, 1974, is now re-instated to the county list after Roy Crossley discovered it at Rosekirkdale Fen in 2008.

John Coldwell's commendable investigation of 'fungus gnats' in the Barnsley district continues to yield species new to the county list. These include *Exechia pseudocincta* Strobl, 1910, from Hugset Wood on 8.10.2008, and *Exechia dizona* Edwards, 1924, from Wortley Top Forge on 1.4.2009. The closely-related *Exechia parva* Lundström, 1909, has been widely recorded in upland areas of Yorkshire, yet reference to its occurrence in the county appears to have escaped publication. All Yorkshire material of *E. parva* has been identified by Peter Chandler, and it has been recorded in vice-counties 62, 63, 64 and 65.

Agathomyia wankowiczii (Schnabl, 1884) has been added to the Yorkshire list by Tom Higginbottom, who identified its unusual galls on the bracket fungus *Ganoderma applanatum* (Persoon) growing in Anston Stones Wood in 2008.

My visits to various museums continue to uncover Yorkshire specimens of species hitherto unreported from the county. The National Museums Collections Centre in Edinburgh holds a male *Coelosia fusca* Bezzi, 1892, from Wath Wood, 21.1.1990. It was collected by Andy Godfrey, and determined by Peter Chandler. The National Museum of Wales in Cardiff holds 6 specimens of *Anapausis talpae* (Verrall, 1912), which were collected by J. Sadler from "Buckden/Wharfe", SD9376, 16.6.1997, and identified by Peter Skidmore.

NOTICE: DEGREE AWARDS

We take great pleasure in reporting the award of degrees to two YNU members on July 15th this year at the University of Bradford, when John Mather was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science and Colin Howes received the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. To both of them we offer our warmest congratulations.

NOTICES

ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES

Under the terms of the Union's constitution, we need to elect three Trustees to the Executive at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 21st, 2009. Mr. J.R. Comley, Dr J.R. Mather and Mr J.A. Newbould retire by rotation and will not be seeking re-election.

Nomination forms and declarations of eligibility for any other member wishing to stand are available from the General Secretary and Treasurer and should be returned to him by Monday, November 16th, 2009 duly signed by a proposer and seconder.

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NATURAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE

During the Natural Sciences Committee meeting to be held at 10.30a.m. on Saturday, November 21st, 2009, we need to elect officers for that committee. These officers are not Trustees of the Union and include the Excursion Secretary, the Affiliated Societies Liaison Officer, Divisional Secretaries, a Minutes Secretary and a Vice-Chairman. Please would existing officer holders confirm with the Chairman, their intentions for 2010. Any other person interested in assisting the committee should discuss this informally with the Chairman.

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VACANCIES FOR UNION POSTS

At the time of preparation of material for the *Bulletin* I have been notified of the following:

Minutes Secretary Natural Sciences: The Union is seeking a member who will prepare minutes for the Committee on three meetings each year in April or May, September and prior to the AGM.

Excursion Secretary: The role involves co-ordinating the Union's five Vice County Excursions, ensuring that Divisional Secretaries have notice of the meeting available by mid February for publication in the *Bulletin*.

Assistant General Secretary:

The present General Secretary wishes to step down after the AGM in 2011. The position involves co-ordinating the running order and administration for our main meetings *i.e.* the Annual Conference and AGM day; managing various initiatives to promote the YNU to the wider public and management of the regulatory affairs with the Charity Commission. Initially the person will be co-opted as a trustee. For further informal information, please contact John Bowers or myself.

John Newbould (General Secretary)