

	1968	1969	1970
<i>Deilephile porcellus</i>			
(Small Elephant Hawk)	1	0	2
<i>Cerura vinula</i> (Puss Moth)	1	0	2
<i>Notodonta dromedarius</i> L. (Iron prominent)	0	2	3
<i>Cucullia verbasci</i> L. (Mullein Shark)	0	1	3
<i>Tiliacea citrigo</i> L. (Orange Sallow)	0	1	3
<i>Cirrhia gilvago</i> Schiff. (Dusky Lemon Sallow)	2	18	40
<i>Apatele alni</i> L. (Alder Moth)	0	3	6
<i>Erombia ochroleuca</i> Schiff. (Dusky Sallow)	1	0	8
<i>Cosmia diffinis</i> L. (White Spotted Pinion)	8	25	40
<i>Pseudoips prasinana</i> L. (Scarce Silver Lines)	1	0	2
<i>Catocala nupta</i> L. (Red Underwing)	3	41	23
<i>Gastropacha quercifolia</i> L. (Lappet Moth)	1	0	7
<i>Selenia lunaria</i> Schiff. (Lunar Thorn)	4	28	30
<i>Plagodis dolabraria</i> L. (Scorched Wing)	10	15	31

With the revised position of the trap it became quite a common occurrence to record totals upwards of a thousand per night and, by the end of the season, I became quite experienced at sorting and recording such vast numbers.

19th June	1,300
4th July	1,100
6th July	2,500
7th July	6,000 (Record for Charlecote)
16th July	1,052
3rd August	1,772
5th August	1,391
6th August	2,252
7th August	3,000

I would be interested to hear the size of other collectors' most prolific catches.

PARASCOTIA FULIGINARIA L. — Following Dr G. A. Neil Horton's Monmouthshire records in 1970 (*antea*: 25), I have captured *Parascotia fuliginaria* L. at my home in Gloucestershire, about 24 miles north-east of Usk, regularly for the past four years. The numbers captured have varied from 2 to 7 in one year. Last year a female was captured, all the other specimens being males. Whether or not the fact that I have not seen it prior to the last four years may or may not be coincidental since it is only in these years that I have run a mercury vapour trap.

Since *P. fuliginaria* L. is known to feed on bracket fungi common on birch and pine, I suggest that the insect may be well established in the Forest of Dean and surrounding areas, since the Forest is continually being replanted with birch and pines where oak woodland once stood. Both Usk and Westbury-on-Severn are reasonably near to the Forest.—R. A. WATSON, Vine Tree Cottage, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 19.iv.1971.



Watson, R A. 1971. "Parascotia fuliginaria L." *The entomologist's record and journal of variation* 83, 112–112.

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