

### Notes on *Coleophora fuscicornis* Zeller (Lep.: Coleophoridae)

During late May 2001, I was surprised to find *Coleophora fuscicornis* to be common on fields at High Woods Country Park, Colchester, 200 metres from my home. This locality is approximately 10 kilometres from the coast and so represents the first inland record for the species in Britain. The site has a fair mixture of ground flora, which includes the larval foodplant smooth tare *Vicia tetrasperma*. During early August, a brief search revealed numerous cases, or rather the *Vicia* seedpods used by larvae during their search for food. One case was found on the side of a seedpod of meadow vetchling *Lathyrus pratensis* and the larva happily feeding on the seeds therein (though its case was constructed of a *Vicia* seedpod and it is unlikely to be able to survive in areas lacking *Vicia tetrasperma*). To complement the larval description given in *The moths and butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* 3: 250, the head is pale to mid brown and the body a pale straw colour, the abdomen widening gradually so as to be broadest at segments 4, 5 and 6.— BRIAN GOODEY, 298 Ipswich Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 4ET (E-mail: brian.goodey@dial.pipex.com).

### *Limenitis camilla* (L.) (Lep.: Nymphalidae) in north-west Kent

On 7 August 2001, I watched, for some time, a White Admiral butterfly *Limenitis camilla* skimming across the front gardens of my road at Dartford, a very short distance from the large woodland of Joyden's Wood. The butterfly was a common resident of the area from about 1947 until the mid-1950s. Asher et al (2001. *The Millennium Atlas of Butterflies in Britain and Ireland*), indicates an absence of records of this species in this ten-kilometre map square (TQ 57) since 1995, and also the adjoining squares to the west, east and north, despite recent territorial expansion of the species.— B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent DA5 2HN.

### Cypress Carpet *Thera cupressata* Geyer (Lep.: Geometridae), assumed to be breeding in Devon

Further to the single specimen of *Thera cupressata* taken at light at Dawlish, 23.xi.1999 (*Ent.Rec.* 112: 106; *Rep. Trans. Devon Ass. Advmt. Sci.* 132: 343; *The Moths of Devon*: 115), a further six were seen at light at the same locality – two on 28.x.2001, two on 11.xi.2001, one on 23.xi.2001 and one on 24.xi.2001. The first four were males, of which two were taken. The last two were females and were released to increase the probable colony. Further work to find larvae and confirm the colony will be carried out in 2002.— ROY McCORMICK, 36 Paradise Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NR.

### Early emergence of *Erebia aethiops* (Esper) (Lep.: Nymphalidae) in north-west Scotland

On 7 July 2001, my wife and I joined nineteen other members of the Dingwall Field Club on a botanical outing to the limestone pavements of Inchnadamph in Sutherland. The weather was warm but overcast, with cloud below 2000 feet shrouding the spectacular peaks of Stac Polly, Ben More Assynt, Suilven and Quinaig. Despite the



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