

C.W. Plant (1993, *The Larger Moths of the London Area*. LNHS) notes that the species has been recorded for a number of places in recent years along the southern and south-eastern periphery of the London area, in Surrey and Kent, including suburban locations, and for Kent at least this would now seem to be the main centre of distribution of the species. The above record extends this area a little further to the north-east.— B.K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent DA5 2HN.

Further records of *Ectoedemia amani* Svensson (Lep.: Nepticulidae) in Waresley Wood, Huntingdonshire, VC31

Following the discovery of *Ectoedemia amani* in Waresley Wood on 12 July 1994, and the subsequent undecisive search for mines on 11 February 1995 (Dickerson, 1995. *Ectoedemia amani* Svensson, 1966 (Lep.: Nepticulidae) new to Britain. *Ent. Rec.* **107**: 163-164.), I decided to run a light in the same place during July 1995 to see if further specimens could be obtained.

On 10 July 1995 conditions were similar to those of the 12 July 1994, so I set up the light as before switching it on at 22.30 hours with the temperature at 20°C. The moths were identified as they settled on the sheet below the light. Those not readily identifiable were placed in boxes for identification later. Extra care being taken in collecting the smallest of the micros as we did not wish to miss any that could be *E. amani*.

The following day I looked through the micros and found nine moths which I thought possibly matched the specimen I took in 1994. Five of these were set for cabinet specimens while the other four were placed in tubes to dry out ready for dissection. These were dissected during the first week of August and all were found to be *E. amani*.

In Johansson *et al.* (1989. The Nepticulidae and Opostegidae (Lepidoptera) of North West Europe. *Fauna ent. scand.* **23**: 1-739.) it is stated that this moth flies in July and August, so I returned to the wood on 11 August as, once again, the weather conditions were similar to the previous nights, but this time no *E. amani* were seen.

As nine moths were taken on 10 July one must conclude that *E. amani* is breeding in Waresley Wood. Further work is planned for the autumn when I hope to locate the mines, and during the coming summers further light trapping will be done so that the flight period of *E. amani* in Waresley Wood can be discovered.— BARRY DICKERSON, 27 Andrew Road, Eynesbury, St. Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 2QE.

***Ampedus nigrinus* (Herbst) (Col.: Elateridae) larvae in birch**

In June 1994, I dug three *Ampedus* larvae out of a rotten birch (*Betula*) stump in Glen Lonan, Argyll. I kept them in a jar with some of the wood from the log, expecting them to produce adults of *A. pomorum* (Herbst). Breaking open a piece of the wood in September 1994, I was surprised to



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