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SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Ulopa trivialis* Germar (Homoptera: Cicadellidae) in Wales**—Two species of the cicadellid (leafhopper) genus *Ulopa* are found in Britain (Le Quesne, 1965). Both species are usually flightless, with convex thickened forewings, and are found near ground level. *Ulopa reticulata* (Fab.) is found commonly under *Erica* and *Calluna* over almost all Britain. *Ulopa trivialis* Germar is a very local species (designated Notable B by Kirby, 1992) with scattered records in southern England (Morris, 1971; Kirby, 1992). It is a species of chalk and limestone grassland and calcareous dunes, although its hosts plants are not known with certainty. An association with *Plantago* is possible (Morris, 1971). It appears that the species is univoltine with females overwintering to lay eggs in the spring. A short visit on 4.ix.98 to Whiteford Burrows NNR (SN437944) on the north Gower coast in south Wales (VC 41, Glamorgan) produced 4 females of *U. trivialis* by vacuum sampling. The site was a large, warm, south facing, dune slack with short, rabbit-grazed vegetation. Poor weather prevented further examination of other areas of the dunes on this occasion. This record appears to be the first for the species in Wales, and is some distance from other recorded sites (the nearest being Brean Down, nr Weston-super-Mare, N. Somerset, according to Morris, 1971).—M. R. WILSON, Department of Biodiversity and Systematic Biology, National Museums and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff CF1 3NP.

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