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### ***Opilo mollis* (L.) (Col.: Cleridae) and other beetles at Kimbers, Maidenhead, Berkshire**

On 7 March 1997, I found a specimen of *Opilo mollis* (L.) at Spring Cottage, Kimbers, Maidenhead crawling across the dining-room table. It was completely covered with dust but when cleaned up showed the distinctive pattern. Although *Anobium* (upon which *O. mollis* preys) was formerly common in the cottage in massive oak beams where it did little damage, once it spread to softer wood I banished it and have seen none for several years; thus I do not believe this *Opilo* resulted from a larva living in woodworm burrows in the house. A more likely source is logs brought into the house to burn. I do not recollect having seen this beetle before anywhere. Since there are similar species in Europe I checked the identification against specimens in the BENHS collections at Dinton Pastures. It may be of interest to list the localities of specimens preserved there, and of some noted in the literature, whilst attempting to find out about its distribution. Donisthorpe (1939. *Prelim. list Col. Windsor Forest*: 83) states it was scarce and a specimen from Windsor (26.iv.1931) is at Dinton Pastures. Other specimens seen have been from Kent (Cobham, vii.1944; East Malling, iii.1935; Cliffe, xi.1953; Keston, v.1948; Southfleet, vii.1943; Swanscombe, vi.1943); Huntingdonshire (Monks Wood, vi.1951 and see also Stelle & Welch, *Monks Wood*: 225 (1973)); Surrey, Richmond Park, on oak trunks at night, vi.1992; Parsons in *Br.J.Ent.Nat.Hist.* **6**: 30 (1993)); Bedfordshire (Amphill, Roche in *Ent.Mon.Mag.* **80**: 30 (1944)); Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, Badgeworth, dead elms and under elm bark, vi.1942 and xii.1943, Airy Shaw in *Ent. Mon. Mag.* **80**: 81); Hampshire (Hayling Island, i.1902); Essex (Writtle, v.1945). Hyman & Parsons (*A review of the scarce and threatened Coleoptera of Great Britain* **1**:214 (1992)) give its status as Notable B and state "widespread but local in southern and central England (south-east, south East Anglia, east Midlands, west Midlands, north-east and north Wales) and record adults from February and June to December.

I take this opportunity to add the following species to the list I published in 1995 (*Ent. Rec.* **107**: 299-304).



## HYDROPHILIDAE

*Megasternum obscurum* (Marsh.) – in turf whilst cutting out a flowerbed, 18.vi.1995.

## STAPHYLINIDAE

*Xylodromus concinnus* (Marsh.) – on desk, x.1994.

*Atheta aquatica* (Thomson) – under thick cut roots of *Robinia pseudacacia* removed whilst digging a hole and put to dry our for kindling.

*Stenus junco* Fabr. – Spring Hill, *Juncus* beds, 27.iv.1990.

*Quedius maurorufus* Grav. – Spring Hill, *Juncus* beds, 27.iv.1990.

*Philonthus cephalotes* Grav. – in plastic bag thrown away in fireplace laid with logs, 10.v.1997.

## DASYTIDAE

*Dasytes aerosus* Kiesenw. – on white wall, 11.vi.1995.

## THROSCIDAE

*Trixagus carinifrons* (de Bonvouloir) – in garden, 10.vi.1991.

## NITIDULIDAE

*Meligethes ovatus* Sturm – on walls of cottage, 14.iv.1995.

*M. flavipes* Sturm – with *M. ovatus*, above.

*Eपुरaea aestiva* (L.) – on desk, 1996.

## LATHRIDIIDAE

*Corticarina fuscula* Gyll. – on walls of cottage, 14.iv.1995.

## TENEBRIONIDAE

*Alphitobius diaperinus* (Panz.) – On dead dried mice, spiders etc. behind a bookcase, 2.viii.1996.

## LUCANIDAE

*Lucanus cervus* (L.) – a similar collection of wing cases and other bits at almost exactly the same place in Spring Hill as reported before, 30.vi.1995 (see *ent. Mon. Mag.* **126**: 196(1990)).

## CERAMYCIDAE

*Arhopalus rusticus* (L.) – at light in study, 17.vii.1996.

## CHRYSOMELIDAE

*Lochmaea crataegi* (Forst.) – dead on car, probably from spider's web, 23.iii.1997.

*Phyllotreta nigripes* (Fabr.) – on desk, ii.1996.

*Altica lythri* Aubé – Spring hill, *Juncus* beds, 27.iv.1990.

## CURCULIONIDAE

*Sitona regensteiniensis* (Herbst) – dead in sunroom, 16.iii.1997.

*Barypithes pellucidus* (Boheman) – on walls of cottage, 16.v.1996.

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