

More cases were found on *Luzula multiflora* at Taynish and Lock Tromlee, Argyll, in June, though unfortunately no moth emerged. — Dr. J. R. LANGMAID, 38 Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hans. PO4 0NH.

A PREVIOUSLY UNRECORDED FOODPLANT OF *TELEIODES PROXIMELLA* (HUBNER). — On 21st September, 1977 I joined Messrs. Bradley, Emmet, Pelham-Clinton and Uffen for a day's collecting in the Isle of Wight. When examining a plantation of *Alnus cordata* near Ryde, several larvae were found between spun leaves of this tree. Moths emerged between 2nd and 5th April, 1978, and examination of the male genitalia confirmed the identification as *Teleiodes proximella* (Hübner). — Dr. J. R. LANGMAID, 38 Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hants. PO4 0NH.

AN ABNORMAL OAK EGGAR. — I would like to report the emergence of an unusual *Lasiocampa quercus* L., mostly female but with male antennae and a fairly large part of the left hindwing male. It originated from ova laid by a female taken at Faversham, Kent, in 1977, the larvae of which were reared firstly on bramble and then taken through the winter on ivy. — D. A. SAUNDERS, Flat 4, 1 Lower Fant Road, Maidstone Kent. [We have seen Mr. Saunders's insect, which is very striking and clearly gynandromorphous. — Editor.]

SUMMER MIGRANTS AT PEACEHAVEN, SUSSEX, IN 1978. — Whilst most migrant species of lepidoptera are either in low numbers or altogether absent this summer, a single male of *Agrius convolvuli* L. made an appearance in the trap on the night of 12th July. The only other notable species of possible migratory origin, has been a male *Rhodometra sacraria* L. on 25th August. — COLIN PRATT, "Oleander", 5 View Road, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Sussex.

NOTES ON THE LIFE HISTORY OF *HYPENODES TURFOSALIS* WOCKE. — It seems strange that no information on the life history of this moth has been published in spite of the fact that various correspondents of the *Entomologist's Record* in past years have suggested that such work could be done on this insect (in particular see "Notes on Life Histories", p.114, Vol. 63, 1951). I was therefore pleased to find in the collection of the late Mr. H. L. Burrows of Plumley, Cheshire, which I inherited from his sister in 1970, proof that he had not only bred the insect from the egg to adult, but had also photographed the early stages. This consists of a small glass-topped box in my possession, which contains small photographs of the eggs and caterpillars, together with microscopical slide mounts of the caterpillars, eggs on the foodplant, and adult moths.

It may be wondered why I did not record this earlier, in view of the fact that I received the collection in 1970, but the reason is that Mr. Burrows, although making records of many of his activities over a period of 50 years, did not make a day to day record of all his rearing successes, which were extensive. However, during the course of the last few days, I came across

some scribbled notes which indicate that he did make some observations on the progress of the life history of *turfosalis*. He mentioned that pairing took place on July 21st, and ova appeared in July 23rd onwards, whilst the larvae appeared on July 30th. These would be from some *turfosalis* taken at Whixall Moss, Shropshire, on July 17th, 1953, when I was with him. Whixall Moss is one of the various peat mosses in the North-west where *turfosalis* is abundant in July and August. The foodplant, incidentally, is the Cross-leaved Heath, or Bog Heath, *Erica tetralix*, a specimen of which is included in the glass-topped box referred to above. I hope this information will be of use to readers who may like to try to find the caterpillars and to rear *turfosalis* for themselves. — E. H. FIELDING (President, Manchester Entomological Society), 83b Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, 5.ix.1978.

SOME NEW FOREST LEPIDOPTERA AND ODONATA IN 1978. — I visited the New Forest from 21st June to 5th July, 1978 staying at Brockenhurst and concentrating on the southern half of the forest. It was slightly early, especially in this generally late season, for certain of the butterflies and this, together with the rather mixed weather, resulted in the absence of some species which may normally have been expected.

The only butterflies recorded in reasonable numbers and widespread localities were Speckled Wood (*Pararge aegeria* L.), Meadow Brown (*Maniola jurtina* L.), Small Heath (*Coenonympha pamphilus* L.) and Large Skipper (*Ochlodes venata* B. & G.). A few "whites" and Small Tortoiseshells (*Aglais urticae* L.) were seen, mainly in village gardens, and a single male Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni* L.) was noted at Rowbarrow. A lone Small Pearl-bordered (*Boloria selene* D. & S.) in New Copse Inclosure was the sole representative of the fritillaries. Silver-studded Blues (*Plebejus argus* L.) did not put in an appearance until 3rd July, when a male was seen at Hinchleslea Bog, but a favourite locality at Bishop's Dyke produced a few on the following day. This site has suffered from the ravages of fire but the species was still present though in reduced numbers.

Day-flying moths were equally elusive with the exception of the Bordered White (*Bupalus piniaria* L.), which was common in the pine woods even flying in the rain. Heathland species encountered, were the Grass Wave (*Perconia strigilaria* Hb.), Common Heath (*Ematurga atomaria* L.) and Clouded Buff (*Diacrisia sannio* L.); the last-named only on Black Down (east of the railway) and at Bishop's Dyke, whilst some reddish brown moths dashing madly around at the latter locality were surely male Fox Moths (*Macrothylacia rubi* L.). These were also in evidence at Trenley Lawn. The Hollands Wood toilet blocks produced a Sharp-angled Peacock (*Semiothisa alternaria* Hb.) and one of the hotel bathrooms at Brockenhurst contributed a Lilac Beauty (*Apeira syringaria* L.). An evening stroll around a bushy area in the village added several Brimstone (*Opisthograptis luteolata* L.) and a



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