

Varied Carpet Beetle

Anthrenus verbasci

S 3 mm **M** May-Aug.



A tiny beetle, often found indoors. It can be a pest as it feeds on the keratin and chitin in animal hair, so can damage woollen clothes and carpets.

Cockchafer

Melolontha melolontha

S 25-30 mm **M** Apr-May.



A large solid looking beetle with distinctive fan-like petals on the antennae. The larvae live in the soil feeding on roots and tubers like potatoes. Found in gardens and grasslands.

Western Conifer Seed Bug

Leptoglossus occidentalis

S 20 mm **M** All year.



A large bright brown bug with a thin white zig-zag line across the forewings and expanded lower legs. Feeds on pine trees, found in forests, parks and gardens.

S size **M** months when it is seen

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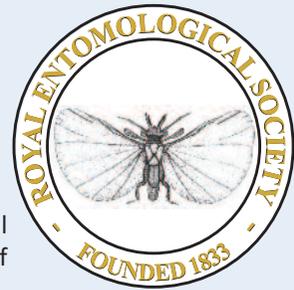
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Intriguing insects!



Each year the Royal Entomological Society receives thousands of requests for help with identification.

These are a few of the annual highlights – distinct insects to look out for over the year.

Elephant Hawk-moth Caterpillar

Deilephila elpenor

S 75 mm **M** Jun-Sep.



This is the larva of the Elephant Hawk-moth. Check for the distinctive eye-spots, trunk-like nose and hooked tail. Often found feeding on willowherbs in gardens and verges.

Harlequin Ladybird larva

Harmonia axyridis

S 10 mm **M** Jun-Jun.

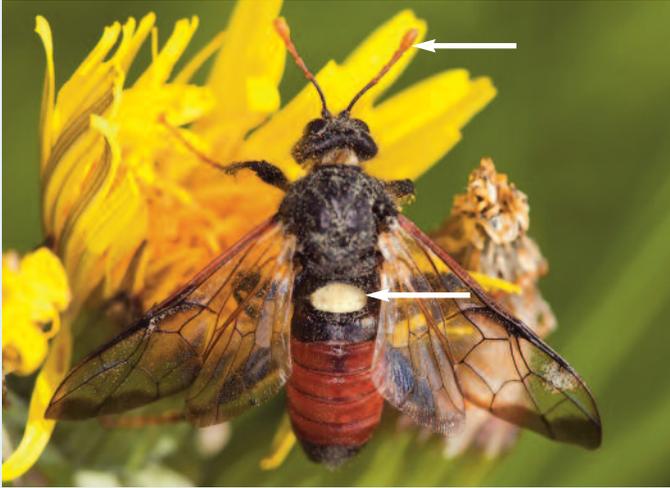


Spiky with two orange stripes and four central orange spikes at the rear. This is the larva of the Harlequin Ladybird, a non-native that has established in the UK. It eats aphids and other insects including native ladybird larvae. Found in hedges and gardens.

Birch Sawfly

Cimbex femoratus

S 25 mm M May-Aug.



Has a distinctive pale band on the dark abdomen and antennae have yellow tips. Found in woodland and gardens with Birch trees.

Longhorn moth

Adela sp.

S 14-18 mm M May-Jun.



A small day-flying moth with very long antennae and bronze or metallic forewings. Found in woodland and gardens, sometimes in swarms of 20 or more individuals.

Snakefly

Rhaphidioptera

S 15 mm M May Sep.



A long thin insect, with an elongated prothorax (neck) and long antennae. Stands with raised head in an s-shaped, snake-like pose. Found in woodland and gardens.

Hornet

Vespa crabro

S 25-35 mm M Apr-Oct.



Body has an obvious waist and yellow and brown stripes. Less aggressive than the Common Wasp, a useful pollinator. Often seen in late summer feeding on fruit trees.

Wasp Beetle

Clytus arietis

S 16 mm M May-Aug.



A harmless beetle that feeds on flowers. Its distinctive colours and stripes mimic a wasp, helping to give it protection from predators. Found in woodlands and hedgerows.

Silverfish

Lepisma saccharina

S 12 mm M All year.



A harmless, flightless insect covered in silvery scales. Found in damp, humid areas such as leaf litter and in houses in kitchens and bathrooms.