

BRITISH ODONATA AND ORTHOPTERA: RARE AND
ENDANGERED SPECIES

ISSUED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BRITISH
INSECTS

Following publication of its list of rare and endangered Macrolepidoptera the Joint Committee for the Conservation of British Insects has compiled a list of Odonata and Orthoptera which it considers are also at risk. The Committee urges restraint in the collecting of these species and recommends that such collecting should be confined to the end of the season. In its Code for Insect Collecting (see 1972, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, 107 (1971): 193-5) the Committee suggests that a pair of specimens of each species is sufficient. Names of species follow Kloet & Hincks, *A check list of British Insects* (2nd ed., 1964, *Handbk Ident. Br. Insects.* 11 (1): 14-15, 18-19).

ODONATA

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| <i>Ischnura pumilio</i> (Charp.) | Scarce Ischnura |
| <i>Coenagrion armatum</i> (Charp.) | Norfolk Coenagrion |
| <i>C. hastulatum</i> (Charp.) | Northern Coenagrion |
| <i>C. mercuriale</i> (Charp.) | Southern Coenagrion |
| <i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i> (L.) | Club-tailed Dragonfly |
| <i>Aeshna caerulea</i> (Ström) | Blue Aeshna |
| <i>A. isosceles</i> (Müll.) | Norfolk Aeshna |
| <i>Somatochlora arctica</i> (Zett.) | Northern Emerald |
| <i>S. metallica</i> (v. Lind.) | Brilliant Emerald |
| <i>Oxygastra curtisii</i> (Dale) | Orange-spotted Emerald |
| <i>Libellula fulva</i> Müll. | Scarce Libellula |
| <i>Leucorrhinia dubia</i> (v. Lind.) | White-faced Dragonfly |

ORTHOPTERA

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| <i>Decticus verrucivorus</i> (L.) | Wart-biter |
| <i>Conocephalus discolor</i> (Thunb.) | Long-winged Conehead |
| <i>Gryllus campestris</i> L. | Field Cricket |
| <i>Mogoplistes squamiger</i> (Fisch.) | Scaly Cricket |
| <i>Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa</i> (L.) | Mole Cricket |
| <i>Tetrix ceperoi</i> (Bolivar) | Cepero's Ground-hopper |
| <i>Stethophyma grossum</i> (L.) | Large Marsh Grasshopper |
| <i>Stenobothrus stigmaticus</i> (Ramb.) | Lesser Mottled Grasshopper |
| <i>Omocestus rufipes</i> (Zett.) | Woodland Grasshopper |
| <i>Chorthippus vagans</i> (v. Evers.) | Heath Grasshopper |

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Occurrence of Heptagenia fuscogrisea (Retz.) (Ephemeroptera) in a stream in South-West Scotland.—On May 14th, 1972, nymphs of *H. fuscogrisea* (Retz.) were collected with other insects from aquatic vegetation in the slowly flowing stream draining Fell Loch and Loch Hempton, Mochrum, Wigtownshire (Grid Ref. NX(25) 308543). These distinctive nymphs were identified using Macan (1970, *Scient. Publs Freshwat. biol. Ass.*, 20). One nymph was reared to the adult stage, which was identified using Kimmins (1954; *Scient. Publs Freshwat. biol. Ass.*, 15). This species is recorded by Kimmins (*op. cit.*: 67) as being common in rocky, limestone lakes and rivers in Ireland, but elsewhere in Britain it has only been definitely recorded from the Kennet and Avon Canal, near Reading, Berks. (Macan, *op. cit.*: 23). S. W. SHIRES & I. D. WALLACE, Dept. of Zoology, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU: July 31st, 1972.