

## TEPHRITIDAE RECORDING SCHEME

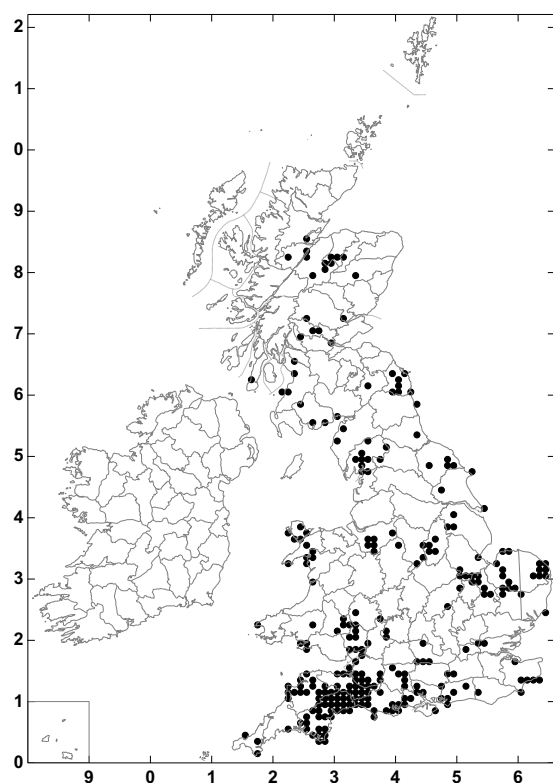
As of 13 December 2025 the database contains 51615 records from 80 species, 2182 named recorders or associations and 2102 hectads. Earlier records with an Unknown recorder were frequently from the literature. For example Montague Niblett (Niblett, 1956) gave only a site name and it is clear that many of those mentioned e.g. Thames Marshes, Stone were from the recording of Henry William Andrews. In all 1964 records have the recorder name given as Unknown and this includes those who gave only a pseudonym on iRecord/iNaturalist without an email address for confirmation of their true identity.

The following gives some recorder data as the top 10 tabulated by number of records, species and Watsonian vice counties visited followed by the distribution of hectads for the most travelled. These, and other maps, were prepared using DMAP for Windows.

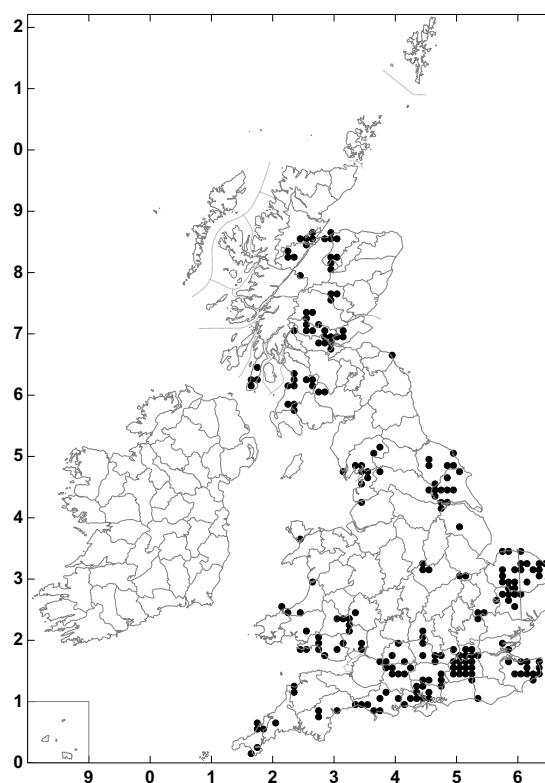
Recorder	Records
Laurence Clemons	2909
Montague Niblett	1950
Malcolm Jennings	1932
Peter Harvey	1773
Andrew Halstead	1677
Martin Drake	1433
Mick Parker	1420
Adam Wright	1151
Steven Falk	1117
Derek Whiteley	911

Recorder	Species
Ivan Perry	69
Mick Parker	63
Martin Drake	62
Andrew Halstead	61
Jon Cole	60
Peter Chandler	58
Adam Wright	54
Laurence Clemons	53
Henry Andrews	53
Alan Stubbs	53

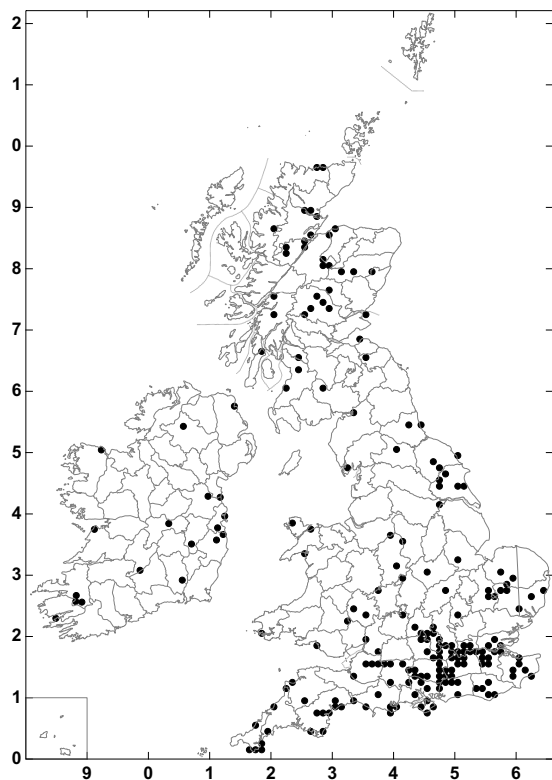
Collector	VCs
Peter Chandler	75
Martin Drake	66
Jon Cole	58
Andrew Halstead	56
Mick Parker	50
Alan Stubbs	48
Mike and Liz Howe	48
Roger Morris	47
Ivan Perry	41
Keith Alexander	40



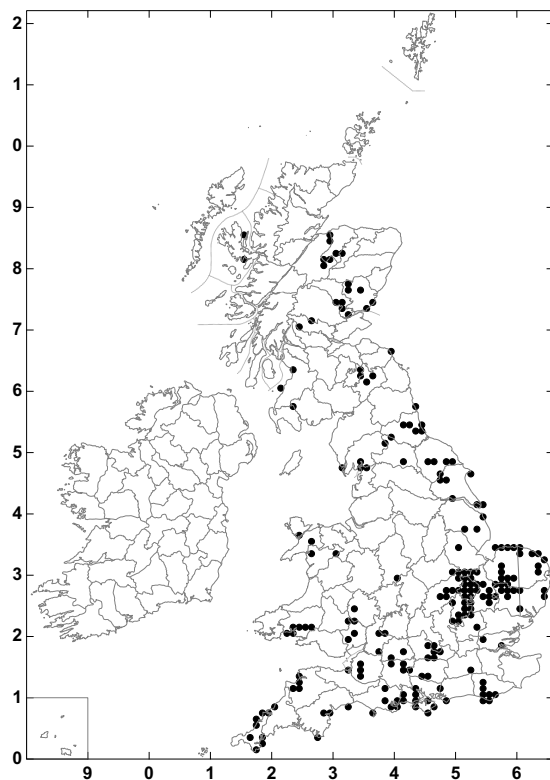
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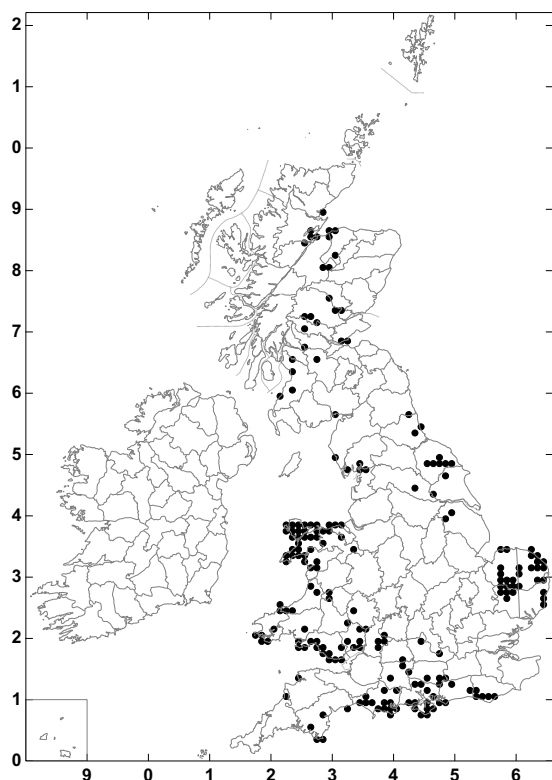
Andrew Halstead (227)



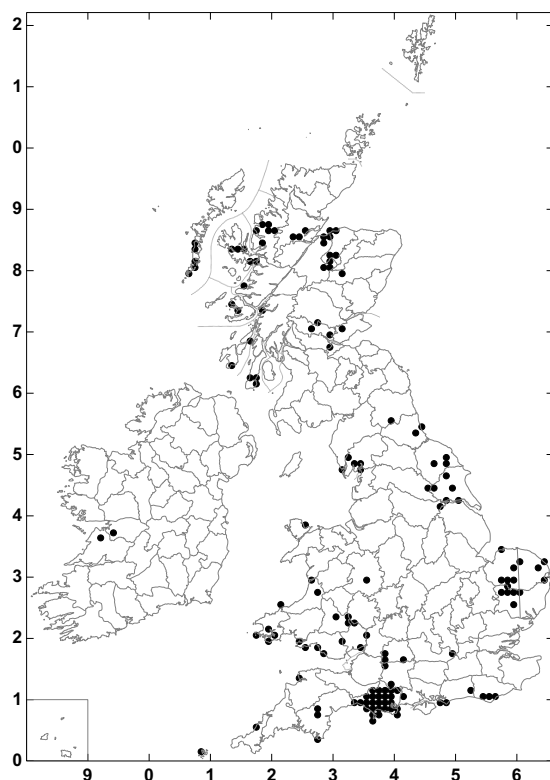
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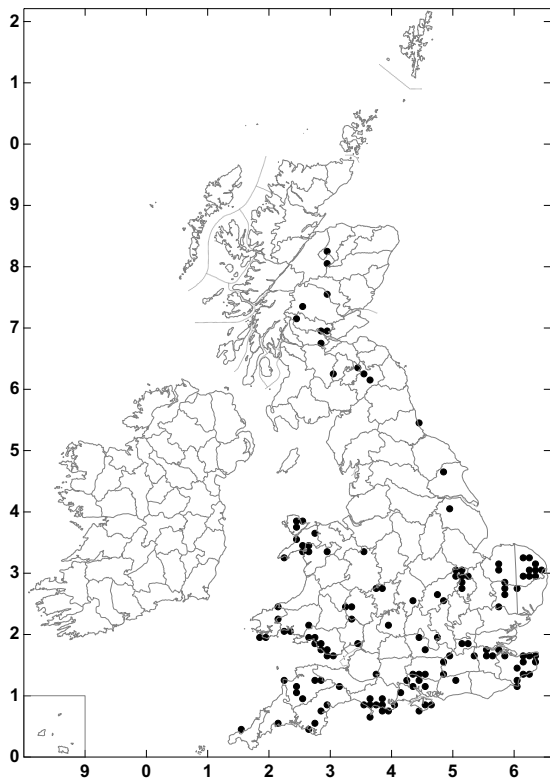
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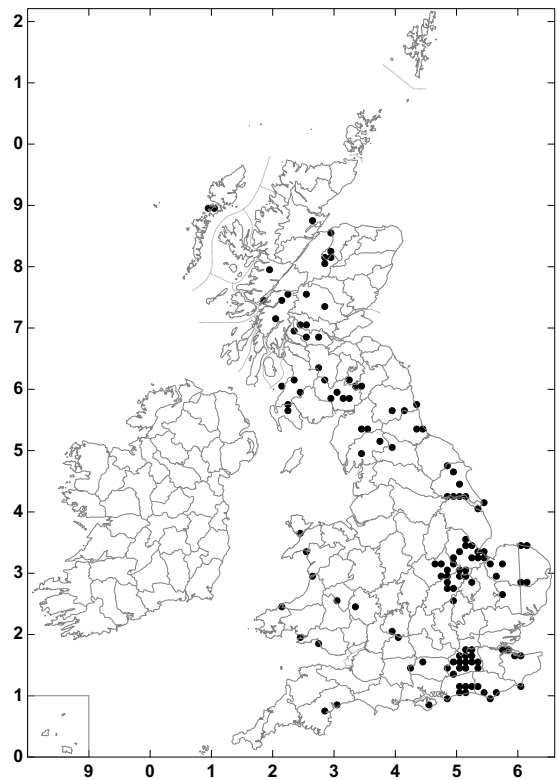
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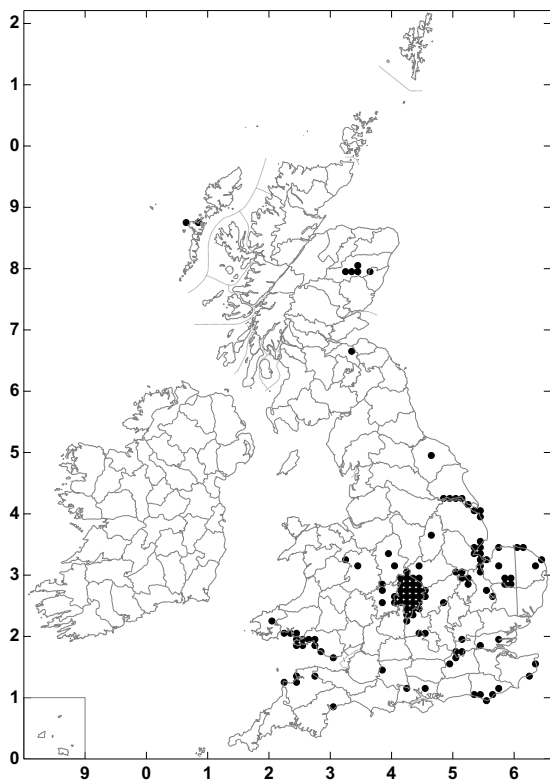
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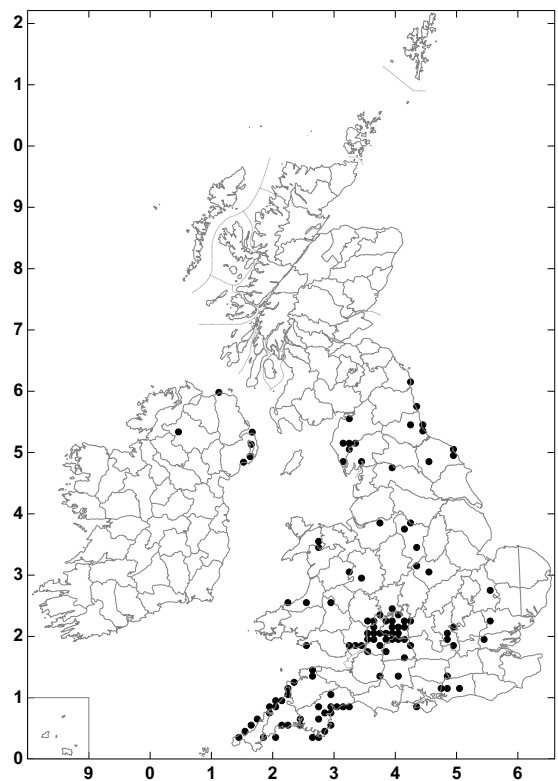
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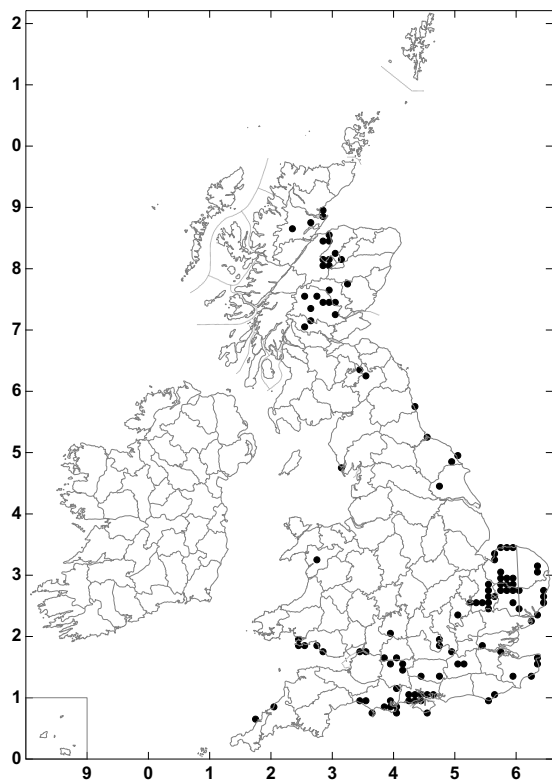
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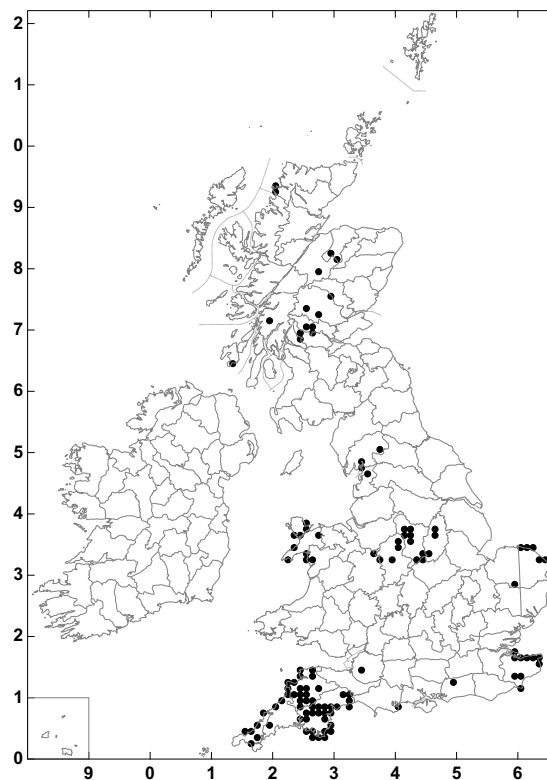
Steven Falk (121)



Keith Alexander (116)



Ivan Perry (116)

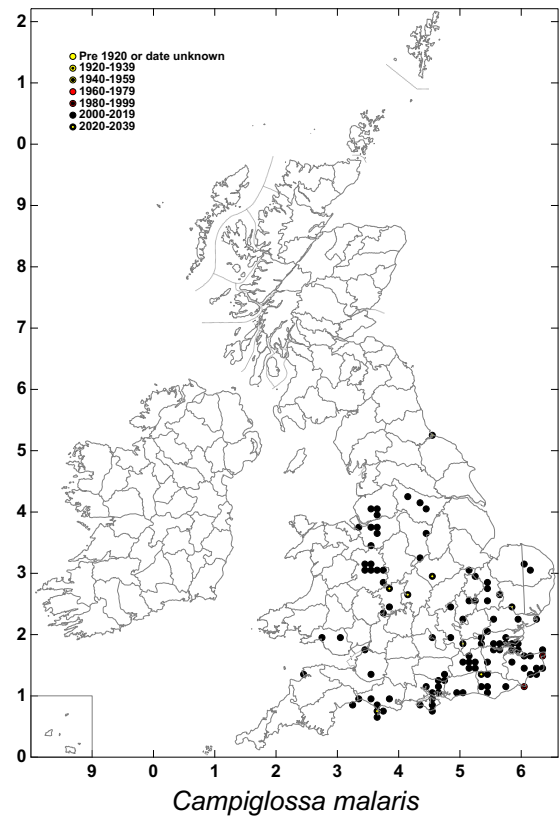
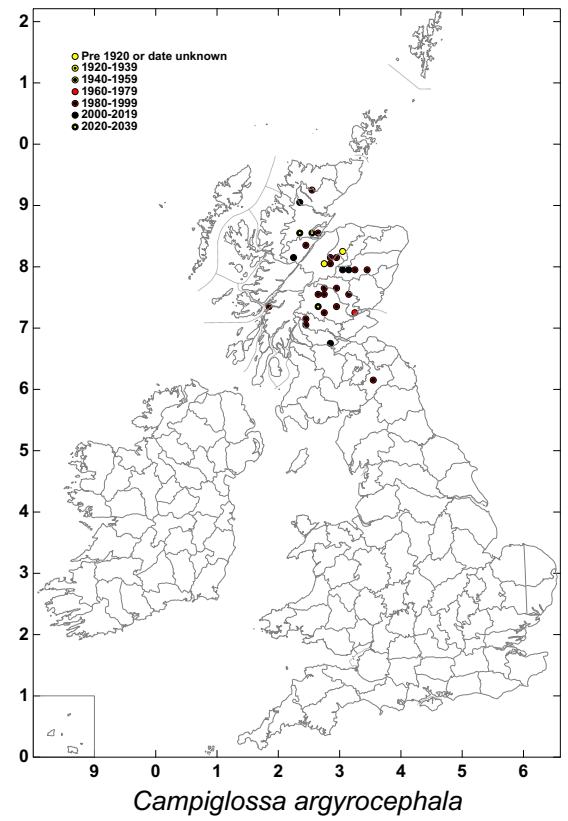
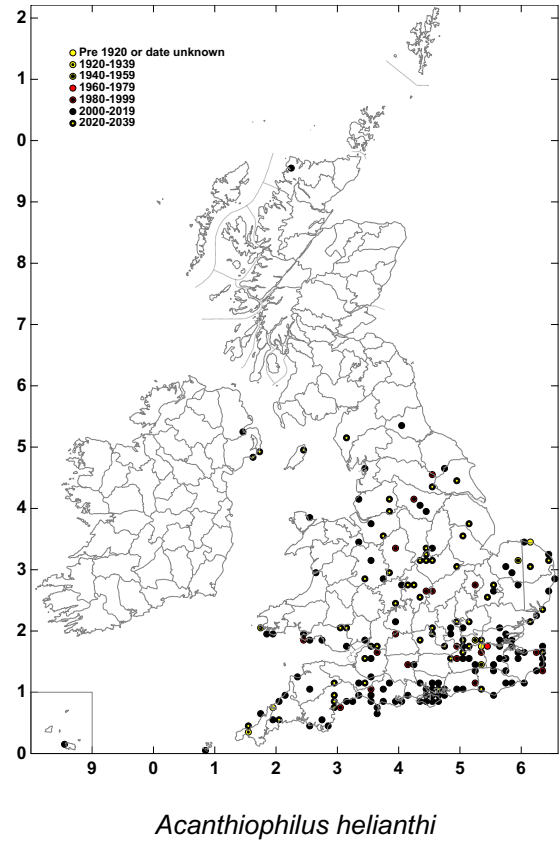
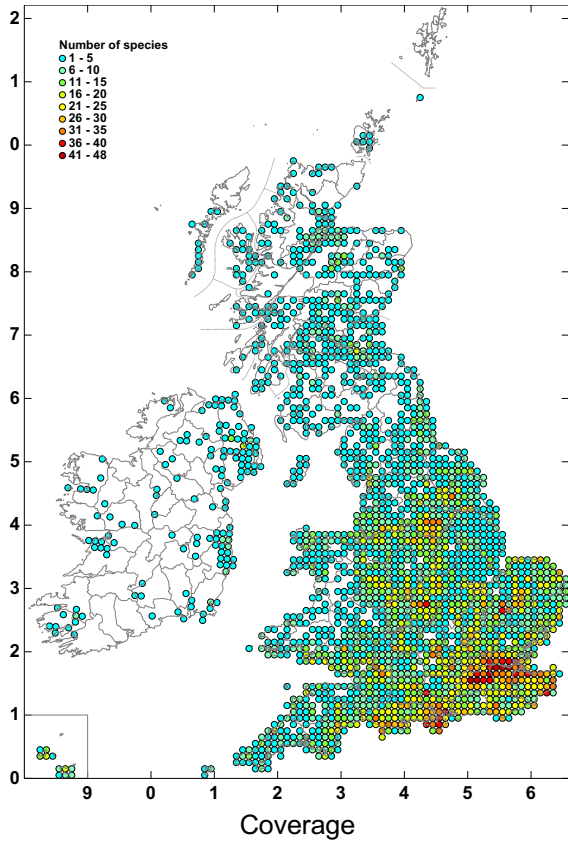


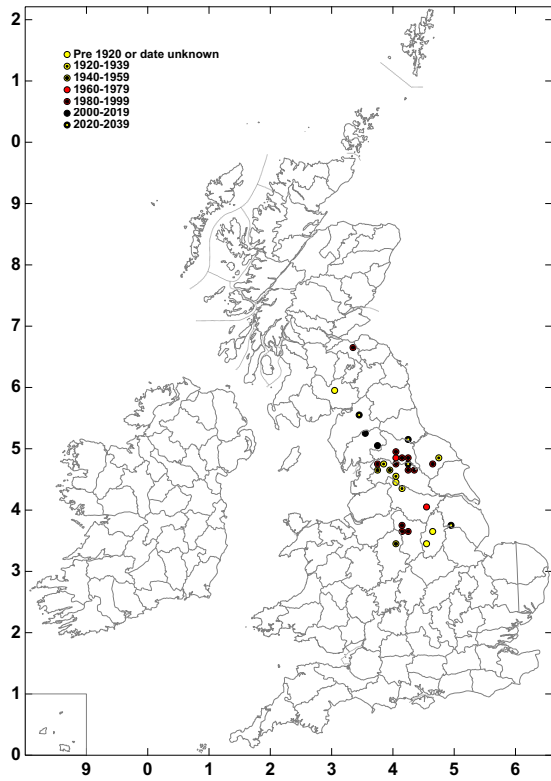
Robert Wolton (116)

Since the publication of Ian White's Handbook (White, 1988) there have been five main additions – *Bactrocera cucurbitae* (Allen, 1999), *Tephritis matricariae* (Clemons, 2000), *Terellia fuscicornis* (Whittington, 2000), *Tephritis divisa* (Hodge, 2006) and *Rhagoletis cingulata* (Bowyer, 2016). Reid & Malumphy (2009) listed a number of imported species without full data. There have been no further records of *Bactrocera cucurbitae* or *Terellia fuscicornis* subsequent to the published accounts but *Rhagoletis cingulata* was found in 2025 near Sevenoaks, Kent by Andrew Stanger; this and the Portland specimen attracted to light. Details of another species of *Rhagoletis* found abundantly in North Lincolnshire in 2025 await publication. The current distribution of the other two, and other selected species are shown below.

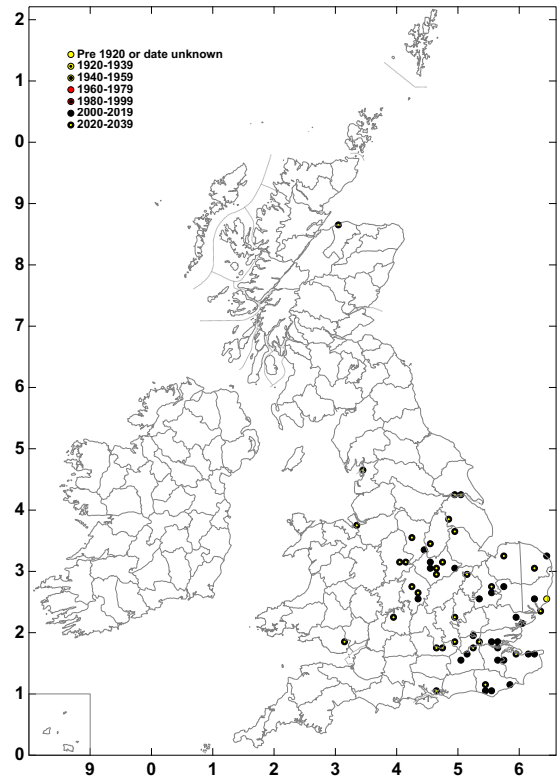


*Urophora cardui*. Adult male (left), gall (right). Photos Steven Falk

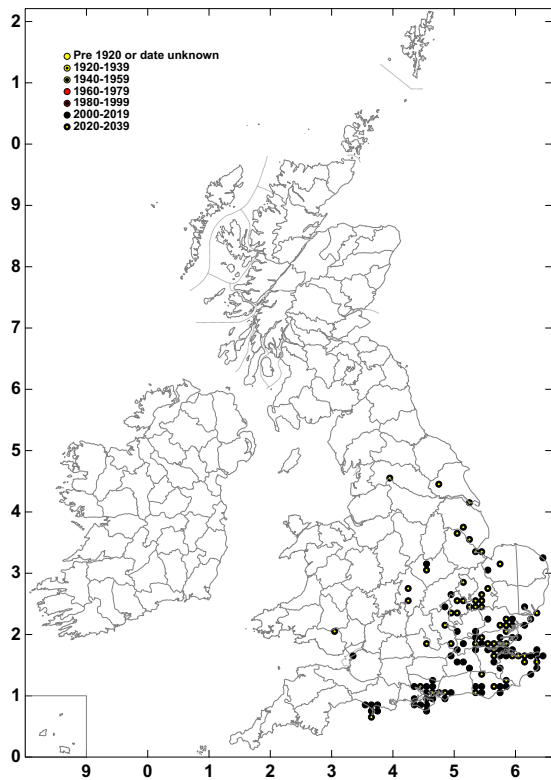




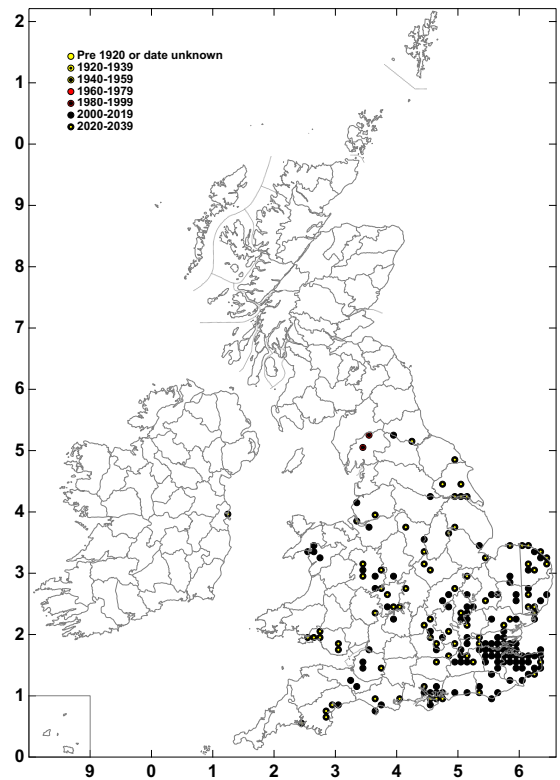
*Platyparea discoidea*



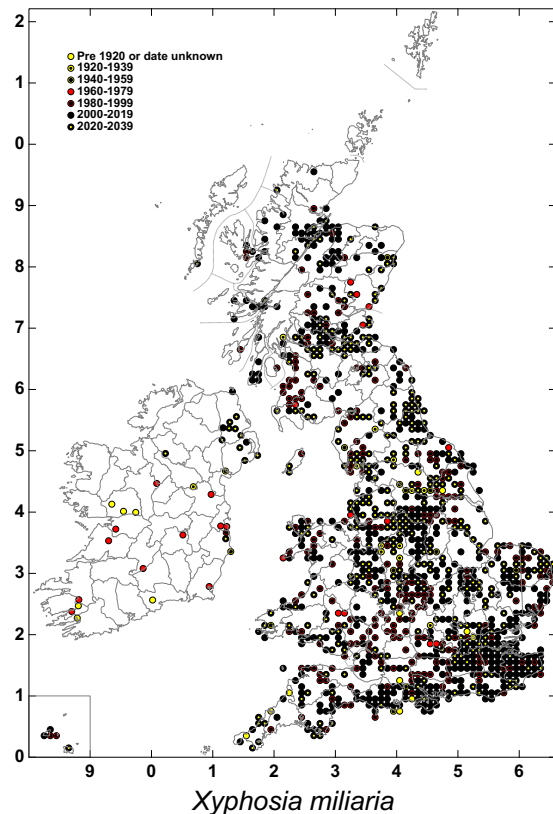
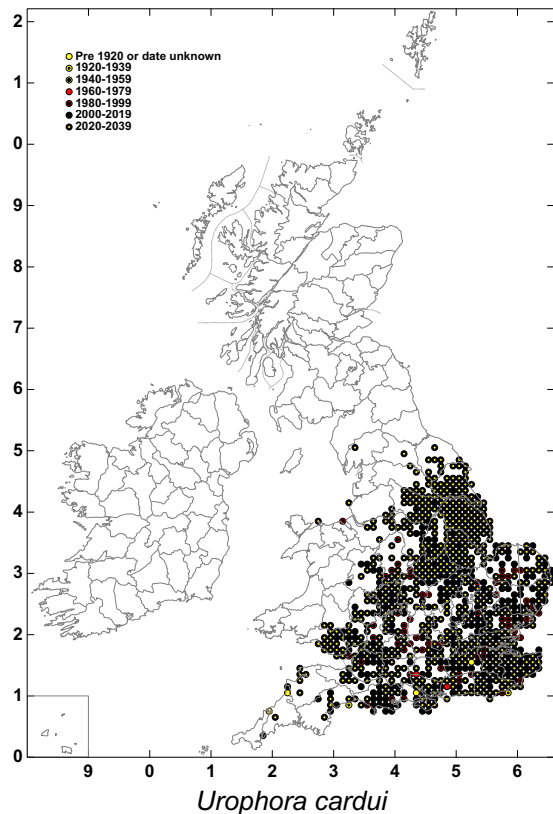
*Tephritis praecox*



*Tephritis divisa*



*Tephritis matricariae*



#### *Acanthiophilus helianthi*

Listed as *Tephritis eluta* by Stephens (1829) and, as *Urellia eluta*, a species requiring confirmation by Verrall (1888) it was officially added to the British fauna by Billups (1894) who stated "A solitary male of this rare species of Trypetidae was taken by myself while sweeping herbage at Lewisham in September last". Bradley (1901) wrote "This is in italics in Mr. Verrall's list. Mr. Wainwright took a single female at West Runton, and he has also met with *Trypeta onotrophes* at Selsby and Sutton Coldfield". In 1904 C.W. Dale, who had a long-running feud with Verrall, said "One was taken in Portland by J.C. Dale on July 16th, 1839; and a second was taken by G.A. Ridley at West Runton in 1902. Ent. Mo. Mag., new ser., vol xii, p. 9." Listed as Nationally Notable by Falk (1991) it has now been found in 190 hectads.

#### *Campiglossa argyrocephala*

Collin (1937) mentioned this simply as occurring in the Aviemore district of Scotland. Listed as Rare by Falk (1991) it has been recorded from 30 hectads mostly in the Highlands of Scotland.

#### *Campiglossa malaris*

First taken from Sugarloaf Hill, Folkestone, Kent by Stubbs (1974). Adults are associated with *Jacobaea* spp., mostly *Jacobaea erucifolia*. Listed as Endangered by Falk (1991) and known from 108 hectads.

#### *Platyparea discoidea*

Walker (1835) described this as *Aciura lychnidis* and his figure 15 is clearly the wing of *discoidea* (see also Collin, 1910) but his figure 16, *Aciura discoidea*, is the wing of *Philophylla caesio*. Listed as Vulnerable by Falk (1991) it has been found in 31 hectads.

#### *Tephritis praecox*

Collin (1937) initially took one female at Aldeburgh, Suffolk on September 19th 1907 and this remained the only record until a male was found on 1 August 2003 from a private garden in Newhaven, Sussex by A.W. Jones (Jones, 2004). White (1988) referred to an old single specimen from the Hants coast but further data have not been ascertained. Listed as Endangered by Falk (1991) it is now known to occur in 58 hectads, with the northernmost Scottish record being in 2025.

#### *Urophora cardui*

Norrbom *et. al.* (1998) gave the global distribution of the species as "Britain & Sweden E to Ural Mts., S to n. Italy, Bulgaria, Syria, & Kazakstan; introduced North America" and hence it is at the western limit of its natural range here. Rotheray (1986) demonstrated experimentally that adult flies can only emerge from their woody galls after the latter have been softened by winter wet and hence its absence from the wetter parts of the British Isles must involve some other ecological factor.

## *Xyphosia miliaria*

The most widespread species in Britain and Ireland recorded from 1066 hectads.

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