

## Addendum to the Invertebrate recorder's report 2005

The following records arrived just after the publication of the Naturalist but I think it is important that they are published now and so decided to issue them here in an addendum. All records and comments are by Tom Harrison - many thanks to him for sending them in.  
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### Coleoptera

#### *Polistichus connexus* Fourcroy

6/9/04, Reading, Berkshire. SU 735708. This ground beetle is a RDB2 species and tends to be found on the coast or on river banks. This specimen made the mistake of flying into my house, probably attracted by light.

#### *Phyllodrepa nigra* Gravenhorst

20/11/04, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. SU 936725. Caught in a baited trap inside a dead standing oak. This RDB1 species is only known from Windsor in the UK but is also found on the continent. It is associated with sap and flower blossom; the larvae possibly develop inside bird's nests. It is quite an elusive Rove beetle; more active in the winter months.

#### *Velleius dilatatus* Fabricius

15/8/04, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. SU935726. Caught in a baited trap inside a dead standing oak. This RDB1 species lives on the debris associated with hornet nests. It has returned to Windsor after an absence of 50 years probably as a result of hornets themselves becoming more widespread.

#### *Xestobium rufovillosum* Degeer

2/5/04, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. SU935726. Caught in a baited trap inside a dead standing oak. This is the 'Death-watch' beetle commonly found infesting old timbers and less commonly found in the wild.

#### *Phalacrus brunnipes* Brisout

19/12/04 and 27/12/04, Hartslock Nature Reserve, near Goring, Oxfordshire. SU616795. This is a fairly scarce beetle (Notable A). The larvae feed on the spores of smut fungi on grasses and sedges. This beetle over winters as an adult. My specimens were obtained by sieving moss on calcareous down land.

#### *Laemophloeus monilis* Fabricius

28/8/04, Streatley, Berkshire. SU5979. One specimen was found under bark of a short beech log, in beech woodland. This RDB1 species is usually found in the burrows of the bark beetle *Taphrorychus bicolor*. Last found at Streatley in 1905 and known only from one other site in the UK (Arundel Park).

#### *Tribolium castaneum* Herbst

31/8/04, Otmoor, Oxfordshire. SP581142. Beaten from Oak in a hedgerow. This is the common "Flour beetle" which occasionally turns up in the wild.

#### *Cryptophagus micaceus* Rey

11/9/04, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. SU935726. Caught in a baited trap inside a dead standing oak. This is a RDBK species associated with hornet nests.

#### *Mycetophagus quadriguttatus* Müller P.W.J

2/5/04, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. SU946702. Caught in a baited trap inside a hollow living Beech. This Notable A species is sometimes found on stored grain and in the wild is associated with fungi in hollow trees.