

a wide distribution in Africa and Asia. The common Nymphalid *Vanessa cardui* has recently been found in the larval stage on the Karroo bush, an important fodder plant on the Karroo. *Charaxes jahusa* is one of the small species of the genus. The Sphingids are represented by the *livornica* form of *Celerio lineata*, whose larva feeds on the valerian. The curious Notodont, *Braura truncata*, is a common species, whose larva feeds on the *Acacia*. This insect was described many years ago, and as the *Acacia* is not indigenous we have wondered what the larva fed upon years ago in Walker's time before the introduction of *Acacia*, I believe from Australia. There are two Arctiids, seven Noctuids, and one Cossid in the list.

COSMIA PYRALINA IN SOMERSET.—I was pleased to net an example of *Cosmia pyralina* ♂ at dusk in my garden on 2nd August. Although reported from the neighbouring counties of Gloucestershire and Devon, this insect has not, hitherto, been recorded from Somerset.—J. F. BIRD, Redclyffe, Walton Park, Clevedon, Somerset, 14th September 1941.

SECOND BROOD OF BRENTHIS EUPHROSYNE?—On 24th July last I took a fresh, rather small *B. euphrosyne*. Is this possibly a second brood? The species had not been seen in the district for some weeks.—G. V. BULL, Sandhurst, Kent.

A NEW VICE-COUNTY RECORD FOR TWO COMMON BRITISH ANTS.—Mr S. O. Taylor, of Leicester, recently sent specimens of *Acanthomyops* (*Donisthorpea*) *niger*, L., and *Myrmica laevinodis*, Nyl., to me from East Gloucestershire, the former at Bibury, under stones, and the latter at Fairford, under the bark of an elm trunk. This is, of course, a new vice-county record for both species. For the *Myrmica* I have still no records in England from South Wilts., Bedford, Stafford, Salop, Mid-Lancashire, Mid-West Yorkshire, Cumberland, and Northumberland; and for *A. (D.) niger*, South Wilts., Huntingdonshire, Shropshire, Cheviotland, and Westmorland.—HORACE DONISTHORPE, British Museum Natural History, Entomological Department, 6th September 1941.

ZEUGOPHORA SUBSPINOSA, F., IN CUMBERLAND.—This little Chrysomelid beetle has hitherto been uncommon in this district. In the county list of Coleoptera published in 1923 in the *Trans. of the Carlisle Nat. Hist. Soc.* I recorded it as "rare, Orton." I first took it in that locality in June 1898 and subsequently met with odd specimens from time to time. It has now turned up in abundance on young aspens in the Kingmoor Nature Reserve on the outskirts of Carlisle. I discovered it there on 3rd September last and could have taken almost any number. This was rather surprising to me as I have collected in the Reserve for more than 40 years and taken nearly 400 species of Coleoptera there but never met with *Z. subspinosa* before. At one time, however, there was not much aspen on the ground but lately a good many young saplings have sprung up and it was noticeable that the beetle occurred mostly on these.—F. H. DAY, 26 Currock Road, Carlisle, 18th September 1941.

COLIAS CROCEUS, FOURC., ETC., NEAR CARLISLE.—A few examples of the "Clouded Yellow" have been observed this month in this district, some in the Solway area, others on the east and west sides of the city.