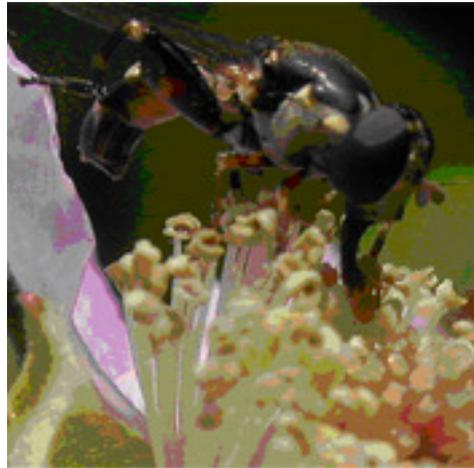


Some recent diptera recorded by Bernard

Diptera are ignored by most recorders, I'm sure, because of the difficulty in establishing any name to record them by. Fools tread where angels fear to go, I think that's where I step in.



Syritta pipiens

One of the smaller Hoverflies.

Pictured here on Bramble flower, which gives an idea of actual size

Wing length less than 7mm

Sometimes much less.

Easily identified because of the large hind femora.

Can be very common on flowers in late Summer.



Tabanus autumnalis

Fairly common in damp areas.

About 15mm

long, not the biggest *Tabanus*.

Markings on the abdomen and a dark stripe on the underside are diagnostic.

Further reading.

British Soldierflies and their allies.

Stubbs and Drake

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A Moth fly *Psychodidae* or Owl midge
This is a typical example of the species.
There are around 89 species that have been
recorded in Britain.
Mostly very small like midges and rarely over
5mm. in length.

Further reading.
Moth Flies by Phil Withers



3rd. July 2008
Rospannel Farm SW390262
SCIOMYZIDAE. *Sepedon sphegea*
Wing length. 8 mm.
Host. Thought to be slugs and snails.
Only a couple of other records from 1980s on
ERICA from Lizard area.
(Image on left is photo enhanced by hand using
felt tip pen)
The unusual antennae are the import feature to
aid identification.

2nd. August 2008
St. Uny churchyard SW548378
TACHINIDAE. *Eriothrix rufomaculata*
Wing length. 6 mm.
Very common but under-recorded.
Have seen them all around W.Penwith
but little is known about breeding etc.
Many similar, easily confused.



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4th. August 2008

Cape Cornwall SW354315

TACHINIDAE *Thelaira nigripes*

Wing length. 9 mm.

Host. Lepidoptera,

mainly ARCTIIDAE and LASIOCAMPIDAE

Only other records in ERICA from W. Penwith
are from the St. Ives area.

Could be confused superficially with the more
common *Mesembrina meridiana* because of the
orange base to the wings, and being of similar
size.

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