

Wildlife Notes From Rosspanel Farm

Arachnids - Spiders

Opiliones - Harvestmen

Phalangiidae, Oligolophinae

Dicranopalpus ramosus (on buildings)

Phalangiidae

Phalangium opilio

Leiobunum rotundum

Araneae - Araneomorphae

Cribellatae (make mesh webs)

Dictynidae

Dictyna arundinaceae (small on walls)

Dysderidae

Dysdera crocata /erithrina (Woodlouse killers)

Segestriidae

Segestria senoculata (on walls)

Pholcidae

Pholcus phalangioides- Daddy-longlegs spider (in rooms and buildings)

Gnaphosidae

Drassodes lapidosus ( on debris)

Thomisidae - Crab spiders

Misumena vatia (females change colour to match surroundings, males brown) Photo on website

Xysticus cristatus (Brown near the ground)

Oxyptila spp. ( toad like)

Salticidae - Jumping spiders

Salticus scenicus - Zebra spider ( on walls logs etc.)

Heliophanus cupreus ( small on low plants)

Sitticus pubescens (on walls)

Lycosidae - Wolf spiders

Pardosa spp. ( Amentata and Lugubris ?) (in lane)

Alopecosa pulverulenta ( in open heath)

Pisauridae

Pisaura mirabilis ( very numerous on herbage)

Agelinidae - House spiders and relatives

Agelina labyrinthica (makes cornucopia webs on gorse etc.)

Tegenaria saeva - Western house spider ( in buildings)

Tegenaria domestica (smaller than previous one)

Tegenaria agrestis ? (need a specimen to be sure)

Mimetidae - Pirate spiders

Ero spp. (at least one of poss. three spp. present)

Theridiidae - Tangle web spiders

Steatoda grossa - False jockey spider ( outdoors and in sheds)

Steatoda bipunctata - False Widow spider (Under bee hive roofs)

Theridion simile (on open heath)

Enoplognath ovata (dry waste ground prob. widespread)

Araneidae - Orb-web spiders

Araneus diadematus - Garden spider (two year life cycle)

Nuctenea umbratica - Evening spider (makes new web each evening)

Aremella cucurbitina - Green orb spider (needs to be verified)

Zygiella X-notata ( around or in buildings makes webs with segment missing)

Linyphidae - Money spiders

Linyphia triangularis (abundant in hedges)

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Tetragnata extensa (Photo on website)

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