



01. Part of the stretch of ivy at Foregate Street Station, looking east, 22 November 2015. David M. Green.

The Ivy Bee *Colletes hederæ* Schmidt & Westrich, 1993 (Hymenoptera: Colletidae) at Worcester Foregate Street railway station, on an extensive growth of ivy.

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The eastern half of Platform 1 of Worcester Foregate Street railway station (city of Worcester) is uncovered, and extends over a bridge and further on to an embankment at a height of about two stories high. There is a lengthy stretch of ivy against a wall, near or over the bridge, then continuing along a fence on top of the steep embankment. It seems unusual to see such a long horizontal stretch of abundant ivy - also at ground level so insects feeding on the flowers may be viewed. The ivy further extends some way beyond the platform alongside the track. The Ivy Bee *Colletes hederæ* was easily found feeding on the ivy flowers 02 October 2015 in some numbers. A possible place for burrows is the earth embankment extending steeply downwards and out of view.



02. The Ivy Bee *Colletes hederæ* flying about ivy, Worcester Foregate Street station, 02 October 2015. David M. Green

Editor's note

Jane Scott (2014) reported the first known large Ivy Bee colony in Worcestershire at Stourport in 2013. In 2015 there has been sightings of the bee in Malvern, Bransford, Evesham, near Grimley and elsewhere and two large colonies have been found in Worcester gardens. Full reports will be in *Worcestershire Record* April 2016. If readers have records of the bee please send them to Worcestershire Biological Records Centre if possible by the end of January 2016.

Reference

Scott, J. 2014. Breeding colony of Ivy Bees *Colletes hederæ* in Stourport. *Worcestershire Record* 37:7-8.

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