

***Cimbex connatus* (Schrank, 1776) (Hym:
Cimbicidae) at Monkwood.**

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A single specimen of *Cimbex connatus* (Schrank, 1776) was photographed on 16.05.2020 at Monkwood Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Reserve and SSSI, Worcestershire. Grid Ref: SO 804606. This impressive sawfly, approaching 30mm in length, was photographed using a mobile phone by Dr C J Betts. The insect was on the ground near the side of the road close to Monkwood car-park. Dr Betts emailed the image to me the following day for confirmation of the identity.



01. *Cimbex connatus* near Monkwood car-park on 16.05.2020. Dr C. J. Betts.

C. connatus is a rarely seen localised species with scattered records, mainly throughout the south and south-east of England, and a few records from eastern England and parts of the midlands; including Worcestershire (NBN Atlas, 2020). The large pale green larvae develop on Alder *Alnus* foliage (Benson, 1951).

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Images

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