

***Lasioglossum xanthopus* (Kirby, 1802) (Hym: Halictidae) at Knightwick, Worcestershire.**

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A brightly marked medium-sized mining bee collected from an Ox-eye daisy at a roadside bank near Knightwick on 17.06.21 is my first record of *Lasioglossum xanthopus*. This is an uncommon declining species classified as Nationally Notable B. The map available on the NBN Atlas website indicates a mainly southern distribution; however, there are a distinct but small number of records from the Worcestershire/Herefordshire region.

L. xanthopus is normally found in small numbers on steep banks at flower-rich sites in limestone areas where just a few single females nest sporadically in ground burrows: it is unusual to find larger aggregations. Cleptoparasites known to attack *L. xanthopus* are *Sphecodes monilicornis* and *S. spinulosus*.



01. *Lasioglossum xanthopus* (female) at a roadside bank near Knightwick on 17.06.2021. K.McGee.

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Images

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