

***Paykullia maculata* The Woodlouse Fly, Diptera,  
Rhinophoridae**

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Casting an eye over the shady bark of an Oak tree whilst out walking in Blakedown on 5th September my attention was drawn to a Picture Winged Fly thereon. I decided to pot it for a better look later (01).



01. *Paykullia maculata* Blakedown, Worcestershire. Mark Peacock

The fly was identified with the help of the Dipterists Chris Raper and Ian Andrews as *Paykullia maculata* in the Rhinophoridae, Woodlouse Fly, family.

*Paykullia maculata*, commonly called the Picture-winged Woodlouse-fly, is most frequently seen between June and August, and is known to favour the shade. Its larvae are known to be internal parasites of both the Common Rough Woodlouse *Porcellio scaber*, and The Common Shiny Woodlouse *Oniscus asellus*.

Its UK status is regarded as widespread though somewhat localised and probably overlooked. There are four previous records for VC 37 Worcestershire in the Worcestershire Biological Records Centre database.

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