

Fairy-ring longhorns *Pseudovadonia livida* at Besford. 2019 update.

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In the last few years I have noticed a large number of Fairy-ring longhorn beetles *Pseudovadonia livida* in a field at Besford where Fairy-ring mushrooms *Marasmius oreades* are abundant. My observations were reported in *Worcestershire Record* 45:63-65. As a follow up I thought it would be worthwhile to check how numerous they were this year. They started to appear at the beginning of June and on 22nd June 2019 my husband and I checked the ox-eye daisies and hogweed and between us found 368 beetles.

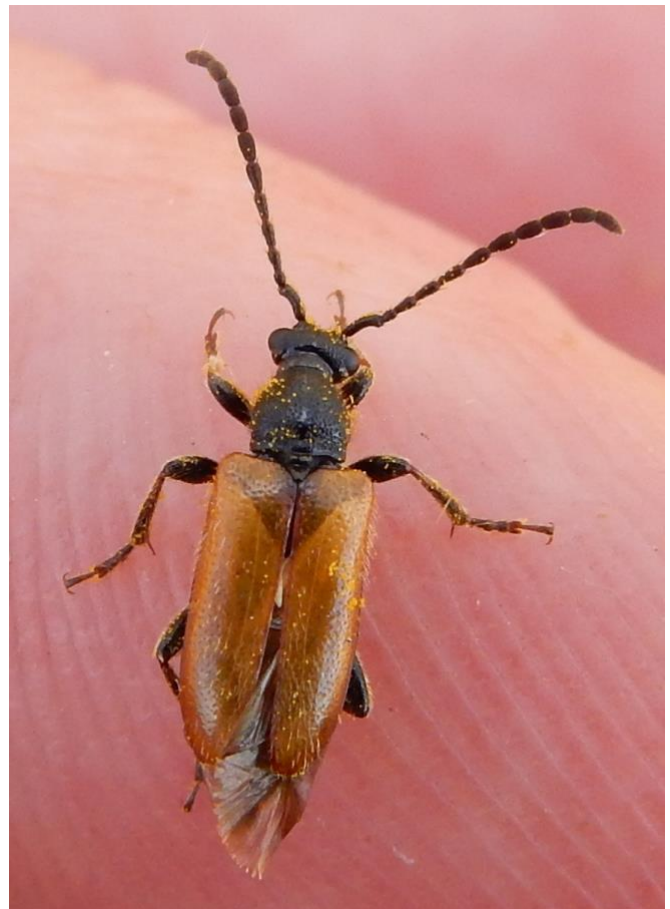
We did not cover the whole field, but estimate that we spent 20-30 minutes looking which was sufficient to see that they were having another good year! It will be interesting over the next few years to monitor the numbers to see whether conditions continue to be favourable for the beetles. It seems unlikely that this is the only field with such an abundance of *Pseudovadonia livida* so when you're out for a walk and come across grasslands with fairy-rings it may be worth making a note to go back and check in the Summer. Your challenge is to beat 368!



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