

The Tachinid Fly *Cylindromyia brassicaria* at new Cornish location. Bernard Hocking

Pauline Penna had arranged a Fungi Foray on the 14 Oct. 2015 in the woods at St. Loy SW422231, where the stream that runs through our farm enters the sea about two miles South of here. As the weather was reasonable I took a small net with me on the off-chance that I may catch some insects of interest. I netted a few flies on the occasional Hogweed flower and potted them to identify later at home.

Amongst them one was of particular interest, as it proved to be *Cylindromyia brassicaria*, a Tachinid Fly that uses the Hairy Shield-bug, sometimes known as the Sloe-bug, *Dolycoris baccarum* as it's host, overwintering as a larva and then pupating in the soil. Previous records had been in July or August, so this sighting extends our knowledge of its flight season.

Further interest was added, as I received the latest Dipterists Digest some weeks later, which was a special 120 page Supplement devoted to the lives of Dr. J H Wood and Col. J W Yerbury by Peter J Chandler.

Colonel John William Yerbury visited the Lizard from 6 - 11 August 1896 and made the first British record of *C. brassicaria* on the 8 Aug. 1896 on the coast near Cadgwith. There have been very few other British records in the intervening years of this species.

Frank Johns has very kindly set the specimen and it is now in his collection near Cury on the Lizard Peninsula, only a few miles from where Col. Yerbury had caught his in 1896.

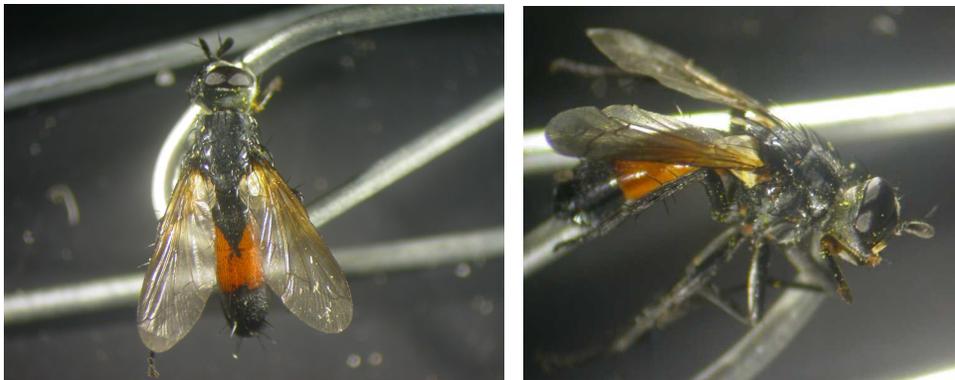
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Record shots by Bernard Hocking