

Some insects of Richmond Park
and Ham Common - Part 3



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Part 3 of a series of booklets that illustrate some of the common (and a few rarer) insects found in Richmond Park and the adjacent Ham Common, especially the Woods. This volume covers the Hymenoptera, Ham Common Woods is good with a good colony of Ashy Mining Bee and its clepto-parasite Lathburys Nomad Bee, as well as other mining and nomad bees (some identified and some not!)

Such an interesting group with Sawflies, Bees, Solitary Wasps (I have not worried with the social wasps...) and of course the clepto-parastic wasps many of which prey on other bees and wasps!

The photographs are grouped by taxonomic group although not necessarily in the correct order.

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Front cover - Lathburys Nomad Bee and photo on the left is an Ashy Mining Bee



Top - Flying ants , Bottom left - Larva of an Oak Sawfly (one of three species) and Bottom right - Alder Sawfly larva



Top - Un-specified Sawfly larva and Bottom - Un-identified Sawfly



Pimpla sp.



To - Honey Bee, Bottom left - *Anthophora plumipes* and Bottom right *Anthophora* sp.



A group of *Andrena* sp. Not too easy to speciate



Top - Ashy Mining Bee and Bottom - *Andrena labiata*, a red bodied species easily confused with Blood Bees



Tawny Mining Bee



Top left - *Chelostoma* sp. and Top right - Yellow Loosestrife Bee (male)
Bottom left - *Megachile centuncularis* and Bottom right - *Colletes* sp.



Top - mating *Nomada lathburiana*, Bottom left - *Nomada flava* and Bottom right - *Nomada fabriciana*



Top left - *Nomada signata*, Top right - *Nomada goodeniana*, the commonest of the Nomad Bees
Bottom - Large Shaggy Bee



Top left - *Oxybelus* sp., Top right - *Crabro peltarius* (with a mite) and Bottom - *Astrata boops* (probably)



Top - *Ectemnius* sp., Bottom - face patterns of *Cercheris* species, left - *C.rybyensis* and right - *C.arenaria*



Cerceris arenaria with its weevil prey used to feed the larva



Top - *Cerceris arenaria* carrying a weevil and Bottom - mating *Cerceris rybyensis*



Top - Bee Wolf and Bottom - *Agrogorytes* sp.



Hornet - Top with a Honey Bee as prey



Top - nesting wasps probably *Trypoxylon* sp. and Bottom *Hedychrum niemelia/nobile*.
This clepto-parasite targets *Cerceris* sp. and is common around their nest holes



Top left - the all blue-green *Trichrysis cyanea*, and Top right - the rather small *Ormyrus nitidulus* that lays its eggs in galls
Bottom - a Ruby-tailed Wasp (*Chrysis* sp.)



Parastitic wasps



Ichneumon xanthorius