

COLEOPHORA TRIGEMINELLA (FUCHS) AND *C. CORACIPENNELLA* (HUBN.) IN N. KENT. — On 10th June, 1974, I bred a specimen of *C. trigeminella* (Fuchs) from its distinctive red-brown trivalved case, taken off apple in May 1974, at a locality in N. Kent. This appears to be the first time that this species has been observed in Britain since 1906, when A. Sich bred it from Putney and Brentford, Middlesex.

On 18th June, 1975, I bred a specimen of *C. coracipennella* (Hüb. n.) from a case taken off the same apple tree, in May 1975. Nothing seems to be known about the status of this species in Britain, except that it is the true *nigricella* (Steph.). Stephens recorded it as apparently not uncommon at Darenth Wood and near Dover. It is noteworthy that the case from which I bred my specimen was not like the neat brown case of *C. cerasivorella* Packard which is commonly found on hawthorn, but more like the case of *C. serratella* (Linn.), being a little more untidy. However, it differs from all my cases of *cerasivorella* and when seen end-on, the valve forms a Y shape. In the other two species, this character is the other way up. The genitalia of these species as well as all but twelve of the other British Coleophoridae appear in Insektenfauna DDR: Lepidoptera-Coleophoridae by H. Patzak, *Beiträge zur Entomologie*, 24 (5-8), 153-278. — S. E. WHITEBREAD, 2, Twin Cottage, Grove Farm, Higham, near Rochester, Kent.

APATELE EUPHORBIAE VAR. MYRICAЕ GN. — In early August 1975 whilst on holiday in Co. Galway, Eire, a fresh and a not so fresh specimen of this moth visited my mercury vapour light trap. Since the text books state that this species flies in May and June, how can its emergence in August be explained? — J. N. d'ARCY, Monkswell Cottage, Edington, Westbury, Wiltshire.

HEMARIS FUCIFORMIS L. IN HAMPSHIRE. — I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing *The Butterflies and Moths of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight* (B. Goater, 1974) and so was not aware of the scarcity of *H. fuciformis* in Hampshire until I read L. W. Siggs's note (*Ent Rec.*, 87: 254).

In August 1965 I was camping just outside the Rhinefield enclosure, near Brockenhurst, and found two half-grown larvae of this species feeding on honeysuckle. One of them I subsequently reared successfully. — M. R. YOUNG, Department of Zoology, University of Aberdeen.

OBSERVATIONS ON *AGLAIS URTICAE* L. AND *VANESSA CARDUI* L. AT SLAPTON SANDS, S. DEVON, IN 1975. — Peak numbers of *A. urticae* feeding on valerian during August were: 38 on the 18th; 68 on 21st; 93 on 22nd; 107 on 24th; 121 on 26th; 101 on 27th; 47 on 28th. Total for month, 617. *V. cardui* total for August was 49, with 15 on 26th. — H. L. O'HEFFERNAN, 3, Coombe Meadows, Chillington, Kingsbridge, S. Devon.