

TWO SPECIES OF *SYNTORMON* CONFUSED UNDER THE NAME *S. MONILIS* (HALIDAY)

Syntormon monilis in British collections consists of two distinct but closely related species. This preliminary note should enable the two forms to be readily separated although it is not yet possible to apply names to either form or even to say which one is the true *S. monilis*. For the purpose of this note the two forms have been labelled 'species A' and 'species B'. The colour of the front femora and abdomen should only be used in conjunction with the differences in the leg structure since only a short series has been examined.

	'SPECIES A'	'SPECIES B'
Front femora	Darkened along front margin	Entirely yellow
Front tibia	Dorsal hairs longer	Dorsal hairs shorter
1st segment foretarsus	Long haired ventrally	Short haired ventrally
2nd segment foretarsus	Shorter and swollen basally	Longer and not swollen basally
Abdomen	Entirely green	Yellow ventrally at base

Both species are likely to be widespread in Britain although I have only found 'species B' at one site in the New Forest, Hampshire.

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DOLICHOCEPHALA IN EUROPE

Jon Cole has kindly drawn to my attention a recent paper, Jonassen T. 1992. Further Empidoidea (Dipt.) new to the Norwegian fauna. *Fauna norv. Ser. B* 39: 73-75. Oslo 1992.

Under *Dolichocephala thomasi* Wagner 1983, Terje Jonassen states, inter alia, "The *D. ocellata* (Costa) of Collin (1961) and other previous authors, has subsequently (Wagner 1983) been proved to be a species group consisting of *D. ocellata*, *D. thomasi* and *D. austriaca* Vaillant 1968. The latter seems to be distributed exclusively in the Alps, while *D. ocellata* probably is a Mediterranean species. Thus, any European records of *D. ocellata* outside this area should be re-examined, as *D. thomasi* seems to be the only one of these three species occurring north of the Alps".

A description of *Dolichocephala engeli* Vaillant in litt. has recently been published, in Polish, by Stefan Niesiolowski: Empididae Aquatica, Wodne wujkowate (Insecta: Diptera), Polska Akademia Nauk Instytut Zoologii. The distribution of the new species includes Great Britain and it would appear that records of this species may now be published.

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