

Book Reviews

CONIFER LACHNIDS

C. I. Carter and N. R. Maslem. 75pp. Forestry Commission Bulletin 58, 1982. H.M.S.O., London. Price UK£3.50.

This bulletin brings together recent information on the various species of conifer-feeding aphids belonging to the family Lachnidae that are known to occur in Britain and a number of Irish records are included. Few of the species dealt with are of particular economic importance but several are of common occurrence and their exact identification is of interest to foresters and ecologists generally. Keys are provided for both living and prepared specimens. These are well constructed and easy to use as they are generously supplemented by sketches and photographs. In addition to the morphological keys, a field key is provided in which the species occurring on various coniferous hosts are described in non-technical terms. This will be much appreciated by amateur collectors and by those denied access to sophisticated optical equipment. Individual accounts for each species include descriptions of feeding sites, host plants, life history, economic importance and distribution. A comprehensive and up-to-date list of references is also provided.

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