

Activities and publications

- 🦋 **Dipterists Bulletin** – a twice yearly newsletter with brief notes, observations and latest updates from the recording schemes
- 🦋 **The Dipterists Digest** – a popular twice yearly journal for all Dipterists with articles on identification, taxonomy, ecology, recording, conservation and behaviour of flies in Britain and NW Europe
- 🦋 **Annual Conference** – a 1-2 day event in November has a stimulating programme of presentations, discussions, exhibits and demonstrations, often with a social ‘Dipterists Supper’



Criorhina floccosa

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Ctenophora flaveolata

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- 🦋 **Field meetings** – a 7-9 day residential summer meeting organised in an area with interesting and varied habitats provides opportunities for studying and recording flies and learning identification skills. In addition shorter 2-3 day spring and autumn field meetings may be organised
- 🦋 **Workshops** – a weekend in March at a Field Study Centre where the focus is on identification skills. These can be for beginners but also at a higher level for Dipterists wanting to tackle more difficult groups of flies
- 🦋 **Recording Schemes** – the Dipterists Forum volunteers coordinate the gathering of records for 18 different fly families or groups. This important information is essential data for conservation and charting phenology. It is fed directly into the National Biodiversity Network. Some recording schemes have their own websites and newsletters

More information & contacts:

1 **Website:** www.dipteristsforum.org.uk

For information on meetings and events, fly photographs, Diptera checklist, useful links and details on the recording schemes

2 **Or write to us at:**

Dipterists Forum,
c/o BENHS,
The Pelham-Clinton Building,
Dinton Pastures Country Park,
Hurst,
Reading,
RG10 0TH, UK



Dioctria rufipes

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Why study flies?

- **Many are beautiful, spectacular and fascinating**
- **They are a hugely diverse group of invertebrates – using all natural habitats and niches (ways of living). Thus studying the flies in an area gives a really good summary of the quality of a habitat**
- **There are huge gaps in our knowledge of even common flies –**
- **Some species of flies are seriously threatened and more study is needed to aid their conservation- they really need your help!**



Oplodontha viridula

Roger Key



Chrysops relictus

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Joining the Dipterists Forum:

Email: membership@dipteristsforum.org.uk
Or visit the website and download a membership form and banker's order.

Or write to:

Dipterists Forum Membership Secretary,
9 East Wyld Road,
Weymouth,
Dorset, DT4 0RP, UK

Membership costs:

UK yearly rates are:

- **Forum Membership £6** (entitles free receipt of the Dipterists Bulletin)
- **Subscription to Journal 'Dipterists Digest' £9**
- **Forum membership plus subscription to the Journal 'Dipterists Digest' £15**

For rates for overseas members contact the secretary.



DipteristsForum

The Society for the study of flies (Diptera)

Affiliated to the British Entomological and Natural History Society
(BENHS)



Episyrphus balteatus

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Objectives

- To encourage all aspects of the study of Diptera, including their relationships with other animals and plants (ecology, life cycles, behaviour) and taxonomy
- To introduce people to the fascinating world of flies
- To support the needs of professional entomologists specialising in flies
- To promote recording in order to map spread or decline of fly species, encourage conservation and reveal the effects of climate change