

***Atlantopsocus adustus* (Hagen) (Psoc.: Psocidae) new to Britain from East Cornwall**

While surveying the coastal land east of the Fowey River in East Cornwall in August 2006 some large barkflies were retained for checking. They appeared to be an *Amphigerontia* species when netted, but proved to be an *Atlantopsocus* when taken through the new identification key (New, 2006. *Handbk Ident. Br. Insects* **1** (7)). Only *A. personatus* is covered by New (2006) although it has never been found in Britain – he comments that reports of its incidence in southern England have yet to be confirmed. It is best known in Ireland where it appears to be widespread. The wings of *A. personatus* are however un-spotted apart from the pterostigma, and the two female specimens which had been retained had noticeable dark markings on the wings – similar to an *Amphigerontia*. The specimens were accordingly sent to Bob Saville for his opinion, but he was equally puzzled and sent them on to Charles Lienhard who has now determined them as *Atlantopsocus adustus* and new to the British List. *A. adustus* is only otherwise known from Madeira and the Canary Islands where it has been found on various trees and shrubs. It can be identified using Lienhard (1998 Psocoptères Euro-Méditerranéens. *Faune de France* **83**).

The specimens had been knocked from the lower canopy of Cornish elm *Ulmus minor* and alder *Alnus glutinosa* growing along a streamside Cornish hedge in a small coastal valley near Palace Cove in Lantivet Bay, Lanteglos (SX161512), 26.viii.2006, together with *Elipsocus hyalinus* (Stephens), *E. pusillus* Lienhard and *Valenzuela flavidus* (Stephens).

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