

Earlham Cemetery, Norwich – Beetles, order Coleoptera (excluding ladybirds)

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This is a work in progress; a lot more research is necessary to provide a beetle list worthy of this site.

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Family/species	Comments
Histeriidae	
<i>Abraeus perpusillus</i>	Recorded by Tony Irwin TG213089 on 18 Oct 1987.
Ptiliidae	
<i>Ptinella errabunda</i>	Recorded by Tony Irwin TG213089 on 18 Oct 1987.
Leiodidae	
<i>Colenis immunda</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983.
<i>Nemadus colonoides</i>	Recorded by Tony Irwin TG213089 on 18 Oct 1987.
Staphylinidae Rove beetles	
<i>Euplectus karsteni</i>	Recorded by Tony Irwin TG213089 on 18 Oct 1987.
<i>Oligota punctulata</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983.
<i>Anotylus sculpturatus</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983.
<i>Bisnius fimetarius</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983.
<i>Ocypus olens</i>	Recorded from a garden in Helena Road adjoining the Cemetery (JB & VB).
Cantharidae Soldier Beetles	
<i>Cantharis rustica</i>	Common species occurring in areas of grassland and open woodland.
<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>	Very common beetle in areas of long grassland where it is usually abundant on umbellifer flowerheads.
Carabidae Ground Beetles	
<i>Carabus violaceus</i>	Recorded from gardens adjoining Cemetery so probably occurs there too.
<i>Harpalus tardus</i>	Recorded from gardens adjoining the cemetery so probably occurs there too.
<i>Pterostichus madidus</i>	Recorded from gardens adjoining the Cemetery so probably occurs there too.
Cerambycidae Longhorn Beetles	
<i>Clytus arietus</i>	Wasp Beetle. Recorded in June 2008 (JB) and May 2009 (SP), the latter on

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	cow parsley TG212089. Larvae live in fence posts and dead branches esp.willow and birch. Seen on Cemetery walk on 10 th June 2018 (JE).
<i>Grammoptera ruficornis</i>	A common species to be found about flowering shrubs such as hawthorn. Seen on Cemetery walk on 10 th June 2018 (JE).
<i>Pogonochoerus hispidulus</i>	Found on spindle TG213089, 17 th August 2014 (SP). Very distinctive with teeth at the tip of the elytron (see Chinnery page 280) and probably widespread on a range of other trees and shrubs in the Cemetery.
<i>Pogonocherus hispidus</i>	Several found on grave stones in early 2021 and November/December 2021 (VB).
<i>Pseudovadonia livida</i>	Recorded in some numbers visiting daisy (Bellis) and bramble TG210086 in June 2007 (SP) and on Cemetery walk on 10 th June 2018 (JE).
<i>Rutpela maculata</i>	A very common beetle frequently encountered on hogweed flowers and bramble blossom.
Chrysomelidae Leaf Beetles	
<i>Aphthona euphorbiae</i>	Large Flax Flea Beetle. A small, shiny black or dark metallic greenish to bronze beetle. Recorded by Tim Hodge TG212090 on 26 Feb 2019.
<i>Cassida vibex</i>	A tortoise beetle identified as this species was discovered on foliage of cherry laurel within the war graves cemetery near Dereham Road in late May 2005. (S.P)
<i>Chrysolina oricalcia</i>	Adults of this species were seen on Cow Parsley TG210089 on 5 June 2016 and also on our monthly walk on 11 June 2016 (SP). The latter were photographed by JB. Only the ninth site in Norfolk, but probably under-recorded, as it often feeds on Cow Parsley in the evenings and hides on the ground during the day.
<i>Galeruca tanacetii</i>	
<i>Lilioceris lili</i>	Adults of this conspicuous pest of Liliaceae have been found in the Memorial garden near the pond.

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<i>Oulema melanopa</i>	A common species occurring in grassland, adults and larvae feeding on grass leaves. Recorded Aug 2005 (SP).
Cleridae Chequered Beetles	
<i>Tillus elongatus</i>	Found in woods, forests and parkland in southern England. Seen on Cemetery walk on 10 th June 2018 (JE).
Curculionidae Weevils, Snout Beetles	
<i>Phyllobius argentatus</i>	A common species associated with a range of deciduous trees. Adults are found usually singly on tree foliage in spring.
<i>Polydrusus cervinus</i>	Associated with trees, especially birch. Found (as a hitchhiker on a rucksack!) after our monthly walk on 11 th June 2016 (VB). Photographed by JB.
<i>Rhinoncus pericarpus</i>	A tiny weevil likely to be widespread and common in the Cemetery. One recorded at roadway edge east of burial chapel in June 2006 (SP). Lives on docks and knotgrass.
<i>Rhynchaenus fagi</i>	Evidence of this weevil provided by galleries and adult feeding holes on foliage of beech hedge in the Memorial garden; Sept 2009 (SP).
Elateridae Click Beetles	
<i>Athous haemorrhoidalis</i>	Recorded from garden adjoining the Cemetery (Helena Road) (JB & VB).
<i>Prosternon tessellatum</i>	Chequered Click Beetle. One recorded in area of scrub and tall herbage TG213087 in May 2006 (SP).
Lucanidae Stag Beetles	
<i>Dorcus parallelipipedus</i>	Recorded from Helena Road garden adjoining the Cemetery (JB & VB).
Melyridae Soft-winged Flower Beetles	
<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>	Widespread in flower rich grassland.
Monotomidae Minute Clubbed Beetles	
<i>Rhizophagus parallellocollis</i> , Graveyard Beetle	One found on a headstone on 2 January 2023, then on several occasions under nearby fallen Common Lime branches in contact with the ground (VB). Previously recorded in Earlham Cemetery circa 1904 and more recently from Felbrigg.
Mycetophagidae Hairy Fungus Beetles	
<i>Mycetophagus quadripustulatus</i>	On rotten beech stump TG212086 in July

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	2007. (SP)
Nitidulidae Sap Beetles	
<i>Carpophilus sexpustulatus</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983. Only one modern county record although not a rare species (M.Collier pers.comm.)
<i>Epuraea biguttata</i>	Recorded by Tim Hodge TG 212090 on 22 February 2019, and Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983 and 24 Sep 1985.
<i>Glischrochilus hortensis</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 24 Sep 1985. Also recorded more recently from Helena Road garden adjoining the Cemetery (JB & VB)
<i>Glischrochilus quadripustulatus</i>	Recorded from Helena Road garden adjoining Cemetery (JB & VB)
Oedemeridae False Blister Beetles	
<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>	Commonly seen at flowers on open grassland sites over a wide area of the Cemetery.
Phloiophilidae	
<i>Phloiophilus edwardsi</i>	This beetle is associated with the fungus <i>Peniophora quercina</i> on decaying oak branches. One found on a grave stone on 24 th December 2021 (VB)
Rhipiphoridae Wedge-shaped Beetles	
<i>Metoecus paradoxus</i>	An adult of this infrequently encountered beetle was discovered on a trunk of silver birch beside the cycleway north of the burial chapel in late Sept 2007 (SP). The larvae develop in nests of the wasp <i>Vespula vulgaris</i> .
Scarabaeidae Scarab Beetles	
<i>Aphodius contaminatus</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG2108 on 25 Sep 1983 and 24 Sep 1985.
<i>Aphodius prodromus</i>	Very common species associated with herbivorous dung. Present in the Memorial Garden in early March 2013 when the rose beds had been very recently manured with horse dung.
<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>	Attracted to m.v moth trap operated in Helena Road garden adjoining the Cemetery (JB & VB)
<i>Phyllopertha horticola</i>	Garden chafer. Adults often found on the ground after emergence, they also swarm about trees in open areas. Many

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	about limes south west of Crematorium in June 2007 (SP). Seen on Cemetery walk on 10 th June 2018 (JE).
<i>Sericea brunnea</i>	Attracted to m.v moth trap operated in Helena Road garden adjoining Cemetery (JB & VB). Two individuals were discovered in a large spider web on a privet bush in the Cemetery in Sept 2013.
Cryptophagidae	
<i>Atomaria lewisi</i>	Recorded by Martin Collier TG 2108 on 25 Sep 1983.
Tenebrionidae Darkling Beetles	
<i>Prionychus ater</i>	Recorded by Tony Irwin TG213089 on 18 Oct 1987. A Nationally Scarce (Notable B) species with about a dozen modern county records (M.Collier pers.comm).
<i>Tenebrio molitor.</i>	Mealworm Beetle. Recorded from Helena Road adjoining the Cemetery.(J.B & V.B). Associated with stored food so may not occur in the Cemetery

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