

Of moths I have hardly made any notes this season, but I remember seeing *Hemaris rubens* (which is a very common insect with us, the larvæ feeding on *Symphoricarpos*) in the last week of March. Towards the end of April I cut some pupæ of *Sesia tipuliformis* from my currant bushes and on the last day of the month I bred a fine specimen of *Telca Polyphemus* from one of three larvæ taken on willow last September.

Among the *Hymenoptera* our enemy *Gymnonyctus appendiculatus* appeared on April 1st and all through the month has been busy oripositing on the currant and gooseberry bushes. Two other saw flies, *Strongylogaster distans* and *Dolerus sericeus* have also been abundant; but I think they do not meddle with our cultivated plants. Wasps and bees have been in hundreds and in thousands at the gooseberry blossoms (both wild and cultivated kinds) but as yet I know not their names. Of ants I have collected nearly 20 kinds but these too are as yet undetermined. I have also found under bark some other curious apterous Hymenoptera which I intend to send to Mr. Harrington in my next box.

In other orders I have not taken many species. The smaller of our two kinds of Cicada appeared on April 13th, very much in advance of its usual season. Our earliest and smallest grasshopper (*Tettix granulatus* I believe) has been swarming since the beginning of the month and I have also taken a few specimens of another orthopterous insect, to wit the curious little cricket *Myrmecophila Oregonensis* described and figured by Bruner in Can. Ent. XVI. p. 41-43. These I found under bark of fir logs apparently associating with a honey-coloured species of ant.

But I must stop this lengthy enumeration, having said enough I am sure to show my Ottawa brothers of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club that April has not been an unprofitable month for us Entomologically in Vancouver Island and to make you, Mr. Editor, wish that you could have a little of our British Columbia early spring in exchange for some of your prolonged, but healthy and pleasant Ottawa winter.

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