

Provisional list for Carabidae (Ground Beetles) of Herefordshire

This is a draft list of the Carabid beetle fauna for VC36, Herefordshire produced by Tim Kaye, January 2025 with contributions from Giles King-Salter, Ian Draycott and Herefordshire Biological Records Centre. The entire list for the group is given below from Luff (2007) with the current species found in bold. To date Herefordshire has 167 of the 355 species listed. Only one species the Green Tiger Beetle (*Cicindela campestris*) is on the Red Data book list with 4 Nationally scarce A and 27 Species Nationally Scarce B. Rarity is taken from the Atlas by Luff (1998) so is out of date. The last known date and location is given for these.



Loricera pilicornis uses its long hairs on its antennae to trap its springtail prey. Common

Carabus monilis is a scarce species of arable and grassland situations.



Cicindela campestris More common in other parts of the UK, here it is confined to the Black Mountains and the Doward.



Demetrias atricapillus, a common species, unusual in that it climbs vegetation and can be caught by sweep netting.

Categories for Scarce or Rare Species

RDB 1 Endangered. These species are in danger of extinction and found in only 1 to 5 10km grid squares.

RDB 2 Vulnerable. These species are likely to become endangered and found in 1 to 10 10km squares.

RDB 3 Rare. These species have small populations and found in no more than 15 squares.

Nationally Scarce A. Uncommon and found in more than 30 squares

Nationally Scarce B. Uncommon and found in 31 to 100 squares.

Scientific	Common	Status	Last known sighting
<i>Cicindela campestris</i>	Green Tiger Beetle	RDB3	Olchon Valley 2021
<i>Cicindela hybrida</i>	Northern Dune Tiger-beetle	RDB2	
<i>Cicindela maritima</i>	Dune Tiger Beetle	NS B	
<i>Cicindela sylvatica</i>	Wood Tiger Beetle	NS A	
<i>Cicindela germanica</i>	Cliff Tiger-beetle		
<i>Brachinus crepitans</i>	Bombadier Beetle	NS B	Cradley 2019
<i>Brachinus sclopeta</i>	Streaked Bombadier Beetle		
<i>Omophron limbatum</i>	Spangled Button-beetle	RDB1	
<i>Calosoma inquisitor</i>	Lesser Searcher	NS A	Doward 1934
<i>Calosoma sycophanta</i>	The Sycophant		
<i>Carabus arvensis</i>	Moorland Ground Beetle		
<i>Carabus auratus</i>	The Goldsmith		
<i>Carabus clatratus</i>	Immigrant Ground Beetle	NS A	
<i>Carabus glabratus</i>	Smooth Ground Beetle		
<i>Carabus granulatus</i>	Sausage Ground Beetle		
<i>Carabus intricatus</i>	Blue Ground Beetle	RDB1	
<i>Carabus monilis</i>	Necklace Ground Beetle	NS B	Kings Caple 2022
<i>Carabus nemoralis</i>	Bronze Ground Beetle		
<i>Carabus nitens</i>	Heath Goldsmith	NS A	
<i>Carabus problematicus</i>	Ridged Violet Ground Beetle		
<i>Carabus violaceus</i>	Violet Ground Beetle		
<i>Cychrus caraboides</i>	Buzzing Snail Hunter		
<i>Leistus montanus</i>	Mountain Plate-jaw	NS A	
<i>Leistus rufomarginatus</i>	Red-rimmed Plate-jaw		
<i>Leistus spinibarbis</i>	Prussion Plate-jaw		
<i>Leistus fulvibarbis</i>	Bluish Plate-jaw		
<i>Leistus ferrugineus</i>	Rusty Plate-jaw		
<i>Leistus terminatus</i>	Black-headed Plate-jaw		
<i>Nebria livida</i>	The Cliffcomber	NS A	
<i>Nebria brevicollis</i>	Common Heart-shield		
<i>Nebria salina</i>	Bare-footed Heart-shield		
<i>Nebria nivalis</i>	Snow-patch Heart-shield	NS A	
<i>Nebria rufescens</i>	Upland Heart-shield		
<i>Eurynebria complanata</i>	The Beachcomber	NS A	
<i>Pelophila borealis</i>	Ten-lined Dimple-back	RDB3	
<i>Notiophilus aesthuans</i>	Mountain Springtail-stalker	NS B	
<i>Notiophilus aquaticus</i>	Black-legged Springtail-stalker		
<i>Notiophilus biguttatus</i>	Common Springtail-stalker		
<i>Notiophilus germinyi</i>	Heath Springtail-stalker		
<i>Notiophilus palustris</i>	Rough-necked Springtail-stalker		

<i>Notiophilus quadripunctatus</i>	Four-dimpled Springtail-stalker	NS B	
<i>Notiophilus rufipes</i>	Red-legged Springtail-stalker		
<i>Notiophilus substriatus</i>	Frosted Springtail-stalker		
<i>Blethisa multipunctata</i>	The Many-Dimpled	NS B	
<i>Elaphrus cupreus</i>	Copper Peacock		
<i>Elaphrus lapponicus</i>	Northern Peacock	NS A	
<i>Elaphrus uliginosus</i>	Fen Peacock	JNS B	
<i>Elaphrus riparius</i>	Green-socks Peacock		
<i>Loricera pilicornis</i>	Hair-trap Ground Beetle		
<i>Clivina collaris</i>			
<i>Clivina fossor</i>			
<i>Dyschirius angustatus</i>		RDB3	
<i>Dyschirius extensus</i>		RDB1	
<i>Dyschirius obscurus</i>		RDB2	
<i>Dyschirius thoracicus</i>			
<i>Dyschirius aeneus</i>			
<i>Dyschirius globosus</i>			
<i>Dyschirius impunctipennis</i>			
<i>Dyschirius tristis</i>			
<i>Dyschirius nitidus</i>		NS A	
<i>Dyschirius politus</i>			
<i>Dyschirius salinus</i>			
<i>Brosicus cephalotes</i>	Strand-line Borrower		
<i>Miscodera arctica</i>	Moraine Burrower	NS B	
<i>Perileptus areolatus</i>		NS A	Fownhope 1980
<i>Aepus marinus</i>		NS B	
<i>Aepus robinii</i>		NS B	
<i>Trechus rivularis</i>		RDB3	
<i>Trechus secalis</i>			
<i>Trechus fulvus</i>		NS B	
<i>Trechus obtusus</i>			
<i>Trechus quadristriatus</i>			
<i>Trechus rubens</i>		NS B	
<i>Trechus subnotatus</i>		RDB1	
<i>Thalassophilus longicornis</i>		NS A	
<i>Blemus discus</i>		NS B	Ross-on-Wye 1939
<i>Trechoblemus micros</i>			
<i>Tachys bistriatus</i>		NS B	
<i>Tachys micros</i>		NS A	
<i>Tachys obtusiusculus</i>			
<i>Tachys scutellaris</i>		NS A	
<i>Tachyura parvula</i>		NS B	
<i>Tachyura walkerainus</i>		RDB1	
<i>Asaphidion curtum</i>	Common Velvetback		
<i>Asaphidion flavipes</i>	Yellow-legged Velvetback		
<i>Asaphidion pallipes</i>	Great Velvetback	NS B	
<i>Asaphidion stierlini</i>	Arable Velvetback		
<i>Ocys harpaloides</i>			
<i>Ocys tachysoides</i>			
<i>Ocys quinquestriatus</i>			
<i>Cillenus lateralis</i>		NS B	
<i>Bracteon argenteolum</i>			

<i>Bracteon littorale</i>		NS B	Llangua 1978
<i>Bembidion nigricorne</i>		NS B	
<i>Bembidion lampros</i>			
<i>Bembidion properans</i>			
<i>Bembidion punctulatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion pallidipenne</i>		NS B	
<i>Bembidion bipunctatum</i>		NS B	Hereford 1987
<i>Bembidion dentellum</i>			
<i>Bembidion obliquum</i>		NS B	
<i>Bembidion semipunctatum</i>		NS A	
<i>Bembidion varium</i>			
<i>Bembidion ephippium</i>		NS A	
<i>Bembidion prasinum</i>			
<i>Bembidion virens</i>		RDB3	
<i>Bembidion atrocaeruleum</i>			
<i>Bembidion caeruleum</i>			
<i>Bembidion geniculatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion tibiale</i>			
<i>Bembidion bruxellense</i>			
<i>Bembidion bualei</i>			
<i>Bembidion decorum</i>			
<i>Bembidion deletum</i>			
<i>Bembidion femoratum</i>			
<i>Bembidion fluviatile</i>		NS B	Llancilio 2015
<i>Bembidion lunatum</i>		NS B	Moccas 1984
<i>Bembidion maritimum</i>			
<i>Bembidion monticola</i>		NS B	Pontrilas 1935
<i>Bembidion saxatile</i>		NS B	
<i>Bembidion stephensii</i>			
<i>Bembidion testaceum</i>	Pale Pin-palp	NS B	Hay-on-Wye 1939
<i>Bembidion tetracolum</i>			
<i>Bembidion illigeri</i>			
<i>Bembidion stomoides</i>		NS B	
<i>Bembidion inustum</i>			
<i>Bembidion nigropiceum</i>		NS A	
<i>Bembidion gilvipes</i>		NS B	Hereford 1989
<i>Bembidion schuppelii</i>		NS A	
<i>Bembidion assimile</i>			
<i>Bembidion clarkii</i>		NS B	Shobdon 1989
<i>Bembidion fumigatum</i>		NS B	Preston-on-Wye 2006
<i>Bembidion minimum</i>			
<i>Bembidion normannum</i>			
<i>Bembidion humerale</i>		RDB1	
<i>Bembidion quadrimaculatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion quadripustulatum</i>	Four-dot Pin-palp	NS B	Sturts 2022
<i>Bembidion doris</i>			
<i>Bembidion articulatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion obtusum</i>			
<i>Bembidion argenteolum</i>			
<i>Bembidion aeneum</i>			
<i>Bembidion biguttatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion guttula</i>			
<i>Bembidion iricolor</i>			

<i>Bembidion lunulatum</i>			
<i>Bembidion mannerheimii</i>			
<i>Pogonus chlaceus</i>	Punctate Driftliner		
<i>Pogonus littoralis</i>	Wrinkled Driftliner	NS B	
<i>Pogonus luridipennis</i>	Yellow-backed Driftliner	RDB3	
<i>Patrobus assimilis</i>	Northern Pinchneck		
<i>Patrobus atrorufus</i>	Common Pinchneck		
<i>Patrobus septentrionis</i>	Winged Pinchneck	NS B	
<i>Stomis pumicatus</i>	Longjaw Ground-beetle		
<i>Poecilus cupreus</i>	Copper Greenclock		
<i>Poecilus kugelanni</i>	Kugelann's Greenclock	RDB1	
<i>Poecilus lepidus</i>	Heath Greenclock	NS B	
<i>Poecilus versicolor</i>	Rainbow Greenclock		
<i>Pterostichus cristatus</i>	Northumberland Blackclock	NS B	
<i>Pterostichus aethiops</i>	Ebony Blackclock	NS B	
<i>Pterostichus madidus</i>	Common Blackclock		
<i>Pedius longicollis</i>	Clay Blackclock	NS B	Ledbury 1908
<i>Pterostichus aterrimus</i>	Varnished Blackclock	RDB1	
<i>Pterostichus macer</i>	Flat Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus niger</i>	Great Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus adstrictus</i>	Upland Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus oblongopunctatus</i>	Bronzed Blackclock	NS B	Lea 1972
<i>Pterostichus quadrifoveolatus</i>	Phoenix Blackclock	NS B	
<i>Pterostichus melanarius</i>	Rain-beetle		
<i>Pterostichus anthracinus</i>	Parent Blackclock	NS B	Mowley Valley 2024
<i>Pterostichus gracilis</i>	Iridescent Blackclock	NS B	Moccas 1975
<i>Pterostichus minor</i>	Lesser Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus nigrita</i>	Mitten Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus rhaeticus</i>	Pincer Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus vernalis</i>	Spring Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus diligens</i>	Smooth-chested Blackclock		
<i>Pterostichus strenuus</i>	Rough-chested Blackclock		
<i>Abax Parallelepipedus</i>	Common Shoulderblade		
<i>Platyderus depressus</i>		NS B	
<i>Synuchus vivalis</i>			
<i>Calathus rotundicollis</i>			
<i>Calathus ambiguus</i>		NS B	
<i>Calathus cinctus</i>			
<i>Calathus erratus</i>			
<i>Calathus fuscipes</i>			
<i>Calathus melanocephalus</i>			
<i>Calathus micropterus</i>			
<i>Calathus mollis</i>			
<i>Sphodrus leucophthalmus</i>			
<i>Laemostenus complanatus</i>			
<i>Laemostenus terricola</i>			
<i>Olisthopus rotundatus</i>			
<i>Oxypselaphus obscurus</i>			
<i>Paranchus albipes</i>			
<i>Amchomenus dorsalis</i>			
<i>Platynus assimilis</i>			
<i>Platynus livens</i>		NS B	

<i>Sericoda quadripunctata</i>			
<i>Agonum fuliginosum</i>			
<i>Agonum gracile</i>			
<i>Agonum micans</i>			
<i>Agonum piceum</i>			
<i>Agonum scitulum</i>		NS A	West Malvern 1977
<i>Agonum thoreyi</i>			
<i>Agonum emarginatum</i>			
<i>Agonum ericeti</i>		NS B	
<i>Agonum gracilipes</i>		NS A	
<i>Agonum marginatum</i>			
<i>Agonum muelleri</i>			
<i>Agonum nigrum</i>		NS B	
<i>Agonum sexpunctatum</i>		NS A	
<i>Agonum versutum</i>		NS B	The Flits 1994
<i>Agonum viduum</i>			
<i>Zabrus tenebriodes</i>		NS A	
<i>Amara plebeja</i>	Lesser Trident Sunshiner		
<i>Amara strenua</i>	Great Trident Sunshiner	RDB3	
<i>Amara aenea</i>	Streak Sunshiner		
<i>Amara anthobia</i>	Garden Sunshiner		
<i>Amara cursitans</i>	Allen's Moonshiner		
<i>Amara communis</i>	Interrupted Sunshiner		
<i>Amara convexior</i>	Continuous Sunshiner		
<i>Amara curta</i>	Limestone Sunshiner	NS B	
<i>Amara eurynota</i>	Rumple-backed Sunshiner		
<i>Amara majuscula</i>	Predicted Sunshiner		
<i>Amara famelica</i>	Early Sunshiner	RDB3	
<i>Amara familiaris</i>	Red-legged Sunshiner		
<i>Amara lucida</i>	Dune Sunshiner	NS B	
<i>Amara lunicollis</i>	Mesophile Sunshiner		
<i>Amara montivaga</i>	Invading Sunshiner		
<i>Amara nitida</i>	Confounding Sunshiner	NS A	
<i>Amara ovata</i>	Broad Dimpled Sunshiner		
<i>Amara similata</i>	Narrow Dimpled Sunshiner		
<i>Amara spreta</i>	Kentish Sunshiner	NS B	
<i>Amara tibialis</i>	Ballpoint Sunshiner		
<i>Amara bifrons</i>	Pale Moonshiner		
<i>Amara fusca</i>	Wormwood Moonshiner	RDB	
<i>Amara infima</i>	Heather Moonshiner	NS A	
<i>Amara praetermissa</i>	Brownfield Moonshiner	NS B	
<i>Amara quenseli</i>	Boreal Moonshiner	NS A	
<i>Amara apricaria</i>	Lesser Brown Sunshiner		
<i>Amara consularis</i>	Great Brown Sunshiner	NS B	
<i>Amara fulva</i>	Green-tinged Sunshiner	NS B	Clodock 2004
<i>Amara equestris</i>	Bristle-chested Sunshiner	NS B	
<i>Curtonotus alpinus</i>	Alpine Stem-climber		
<i>Curtonotus aulicus</i>	Common Stem-climber		
<i>Curtonotus convexiusculus</i>	Saltmarsh Stem-climber		
<i>Harpalus griseus</i>			
<i>Harpalus rufipes</i>	Strawberry Seed Beetle		
<i>Harpalus affinis</i>			
<i>Harpalus anxius</i>			

<i>Harpalus attenuatus</i>		
<i>Harpalus dimidiatus</i>		NS A
<i>Harpalus froelichii</i>		RDB2
<i>Harpalus honestus</i>		
<i>Harpalus laevipes</i>		NS A
<i>Harpalus latus</i>		
<i>Harpalus neglectus</i>		
<i>Harpalus pumilis</i>		NS A
<i>Harpalus rubripes</i>		
<i>Harpalus rufipalpis</i>		
<i>Harpalus serripes</i>		NS B
<i>Harpalus servus</i>		NS B
<i>Harpalus smaragdinus</i>		NS B
<i>Harpalus tardus</i>		
<i>Harpalus melancholicus</i>		RDB1
<i>Harpalus tenebrosus</i>		NS A
<i>Ophonus ardosiacus</i>		NS B Bartestree 2019
<i>Ophonus azereus</i>		NS B
<i>Ophonus sabulicola</i>		RDB3
<i>Ophonus stictus</i>		RDB1
<i>Ophonus cordatus</i>		RDB3
<i>Ophonus laticollis</i>		NS A
<i>Ophonus melletii</i>		NS A
<i>Ophonus parallelus</i>		RDB3
<i>Ophonus puncticeps</i>		
<i>Ophonus puncticollis</i>		RDB3
<i>Ophonus rufibarbis</i>		
<i>Ophonus rupicola</i>		NS B
<i>Ophonus schaubergerianus</i>		
<i>Anisodactylus binotatus</i>	Common Shortspur	
<i>Anisodactylus nemorivagus</i>	Heath Shortspur	NS A
<i>Anisodactylus poeciloides</i>	Saltmarsh Shortspur	RDB3
<i>Diachromus germanus</i>		
<i>Scybalicus oblongiusculus</i>		RDB1
<i>Dicheirotichus gustavii</i>		
<i>Dicheirotichus obsoletus</i>		NS B
<i>Dicheirotichus cognatus</i>		
<i>Trichocellus placidus</i>		
<i>Bradycellus caucasicus</i>		
<i>Bradycellus csikii</i>		RDB1
<i>Bradycellus distinctus</i>		NS A Cusop 1910
<i>Bradycellus harpalinus</i>		
<i>Bradycellus ruficollis</i>		
<i>Bradycellus sharpi</i>		
<i>Bradycellus verbasci</i>		
<i>Stenolophus mixtus</i>		
<i>Stenolophus skrimshiranus</i>		NS A
<i>Stenolophus teutonus</i>		NS B
<i>Acupalpus brunnipes</i>		NS A
<i>Acupalpus dubius</i>		
<i>Acupalpis exiguus</i>		NS B Mathon 1889
<i>Acupalpis flavicollis</i>		NS A
<i>Acupalpis maculatus</i>		

<i>Acupalpis meridianus</i>			
<i>Acupalpis parvulus</i>			
<i>Anthracus consputus</i>		NS B	Staunton-on-Arrow 2020
<i>Chlaenius nigricornis</i>	Green Nightrunner	NS B	Winforton 2014
<i>Chlaenius nitidulus</i>	Lost Nightrunner	RDB1	
<i>Chlaenius tristis</i>	Black Nightrunner	RDB1	
<i>Chlaenius vestitus</i>	Yellow-bordered Nightrunner		
<i>Callistus lunatus</i>	The Leathermark	RDB1	
	The Amphibious Ground		
<i>Oodes helopioides</i>	Beetle	NS B	
<i>Licinus depressus</i>		NS B	
<i>Licinus punctatulus</i>		NS A	
<i>Badister bullatus</i>			
<i>Badister meridionalis</i>		RDB1	
<i>Badister unipustulatus</i>		NS B	Kinnersley 2005
<i>Badister sodalis</i>			
<i>Badister collaris</i>		RDB1	
<i>Badister dilatatus</i>		NS B	
<i>Badister peltatus</i>		NS A	
<i>Panagaeus bipustulatus</i>		NS B	
<i>Panagaeus cruxmajor</i>		RDB1	
<i>Perigona nigriceps</i>			
<i>Masoreus wetterhallii</i>	The Sentinel	NS A	
<i>Lebia chlorocephala</i>		NS B	
<i>Lebia cyanocephala</i>		RDB1	
<i>Lebia cruxminor</i>		RDB1	
<i>Demetrias imperialis</i>	Reed Thatcher	NS B	
<i>Demetrias atricapillus</i>	Hairy-templed Thatcher		
<i>Demetrias monostigma</i>	Marram Thatcher	NS B	
<i>Cymindis axillaris</i>		NS A	
<i>Cymindis macularis</i>		RDB1	
<i>Cymindis vaporariorum</i>		NS B	
<i>Paradromius linearis</i>	Common Bladerunner		
<i>Paradromius longiceps</i>	Long-headed Bladerunner	NS A	
<i>Dromius agilis</i>	Double-breasted Treerunner		
<i>Dromius angustus</i>	Pine Treerunner		
<i>Dromius meridionalis</i>	Bark Treerunner		
<i>Dromius quadrimaculatus</i>	Great Four-spot Treerunner		
<i>Calodromius spilotus</i>	Lesser Four-spot Treerunner		
<i>Philorhizus melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Stemrunner		
<i>Philorhizus notatus</i>	Sand Stemrunner		
<i>Philorhizus quadrisignatus</i>	Tumbling Stemrunner	RDB1	
<i>Philorhizus sigma</i>	Fen Stemrunner	NS A	
<i>Philorhizus vectensis</i>	Scarce Stemrunner	RDB3	
<i>Microlestes maurus</i>			
<i>Microlestes minutulus</i>			
<i>Lionychus quadrillum</i>		RDB3	
<i>Syntomus foveatus</i>			
<i>Syntomus obscuroguttatus</i>			
<i>Syntomus truncatellus</i>			
<i>Odacantha melanura</i>	Corsetted Reedclimber	NS B	
<i>Drypta dentata</i>	Chine-beetle	RDB1	
<i>Polistichus connexus</i>		RDB2	

