

Provisional list for Terrestrial Isopoda of Herefordshire

This is a draft list of the terrestrial isopod fauna for VC36, Herefordshire produced by Tim Kaye, February 2025. The entire list for the group is given below from Gregory 2009 with the current species found in bold. To date Herefordshire has 19 of the 67 species listed. Although many woodlouse species are non-native and found only in glasshouses, recording in VC 36 is poor. Recent taxonomic work has established that *Ligia oceanica* should not be placed in this group, but it is unlikely that it would be found in Herefordshire in any case! None of the species are particularly rare, *Armadillidium pictum* being found in the Doward and listed as Nationally Scarce A. Rarity is taken from the review by Lee 2015.



Woodlice are rarely the focus of sculpture or art, so it was nice to see a representation of *Armadillidium vulgare* at the Doward.



Haplophthalmus danicus must be more common in the county than the few records suggest. It seems to like very wet logs



Philoscia affinis, recently split from *P muscorum* is now being recorded from more sites in Herefordshire



Oniscus asellus spp *asellus* is one of the commonest species of woodlouse and can occur in large numbers.

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	Rarity
<i>Asellus aquaticus</i>	Two-spotted Waterlouse	
<i>Caecidotea communis</i>		
<i>Proasellus cavaticus</i>		NSb
<i>Proasellus meridianus</i>	One-spotted Waterlouse	
<i>Ligia oceanica</i>	Sea Slater	
<i>Ligidium hypnorum</i>	Carr Slater	
<i>Androniscus dentiger</i>	Rosy Woodlouse	
<i>Buddelundiella cataractae</i>	Pygmy Pill Woodlouse	RDB3
<i>Haplophthalmus danicus</i>	Spurred Ridgeback	
<i>Haplophthalmus mengii</i>	Common Ridgeback	
<i>Haplophthalmus montivagus</i>	Southern Ridgeback	NSb
<i>Hyloniscus riparius</i>		
<i>Metatrachoniscoides celticus</i>		RDB2
<i>Metatrachoniscoides leydigii</i>		RDB3
<i>Miktoniscus linearis</i>		
<i>Miktoniscus patiencei</i>	Coastal Black-eye	NSb
<i>Oritoniscus flavus</i>		
<i>Trichoniscoides albidus</i>	Rough Pygmy Woodlouse	
<i>Trichoniscoides helveticus</i>	Swiss Red-eye	NSb
<i>Trichoniscoides saeroeensis</i>	Coastal Red-eye	
<i>Trichoniscoides sarsi</i>	Sars' Red-eye	NSb
<i>Trichoniscus provisorius</i>	Common Pygmy Woodlouse	
<i>Trichoniscus pusillus</i>	Common Pygmy Woodlouse	
<i>Trichoniscus pygmaeus</i>	Least Pygmy Woodlouse	
<i>Cordioniscus stebbingi</i>		
<i>Styloniscus mauritiensis</i>		
<i>Styloniscus spinosus</i>		
<i>Halophiloscia couchii</i>		NSa
<i>Stenophiloscia glarearum</i>		RDB2
<i>Anchiphiloscia pilosa</i>		
<i>Burmoniscus meeusei</i>		
<i>Chaetophiloscia cellaria</i>		
<i>Chaetophiloscia sicula</i>		
<i>Philoscia affinis</i>		
<i>Philoscia muscorum</i>	Striped Woodlouse	
<i>Pseudotyphloscia cf alba</i>		
<i>Setaphora patiencei</i>		
<i>Platyarthrus hoffmannseggii</i>	Ant Woodlouse	
<i>Trichorhina tomentosa</i>		

<i>Oniscus asellus ssp. asellus</i>	Common Shiny Woodlouse	
<i>Oniscus asellus ssp. occidentalis</i>	Western Shiny Woodlouse	NSb
<i>Agabiformius lentus</i>		
<i>Lucasius pallidus</i>		
<i>Porcellio dilatatus</i>		
<i>Porcellio laevis</i>		NSb
<i>Porcellio scaber</i>	Rough Woodlouse	
<i>Porcellio spinicornis</i>	Painted Woodlouse	
<i>Acaeroplastes melanurus</i>		
<i>Porcellionides cingendus</i>		
<i>Porcellionides pruinosus</i>	Plum Woodlouse	
<i>Porcellionides sexfasciatus</i>		
<i>Nagurus cristatus</i>		
<i>Nagurus nanus</i>		
<i>Trachelipus rathkii</i>	Rathke's Woodlouse	
<i>Cylisticus convexus</i>		
<i>Armadillidium album</i>	Beach Pill Woodlouse	NSa
<i>Armadillidium arcangelii</i>		
<i>Armadillidium depressum</i>	Southern Pill Woodlouse	
<i>Armadillidium nasatum</i>	Striped Pill Woodlouse	
<i>Armadillidium pictum</i>	Painted Pill Woodlouse	NSa
<i>Armadillidium pulchellum</i>	Beautiful Pill Woodlouse	
<i>Armadillidium vulgare</i>	Common Pill Woodlouse	
<i>Eluma caelata</i>		
<i>Gabunillo sp.</i>		
<i>Reductoniscus costulatus</i>		
<i>Venezillo parvus</i>		
<i>Arcitalitrus dorrieni</i>	Lawn Hopper	