

COLEOPTERA at DUBWATH (Beetles & Weevils)

From recordings taken since 2006, there are records for **205** species found at Silver Meadows. For comparison the records show *421* species for the whole of the Bassenthwaite area over **25** years. Dubwath scores well for a wetland genus like *Stenus* (Rove beetle); 18 at Dubwath; 23 in the Bassenthwaite area and 10 at Bowness-on-Solway.

The list given below details only the main species found, a more detailed report can be obtained by emailing the web-editor. (silvermeadows@hotmail.co.uk)

Ground beetles : Water beetles : Rove beetles : Whirligig : Feather-wing beetles : Chafers & Dung beetles : Orchid beetle : Soft-winged beetles : Click beetles : Soldier beetles : Pollen beetles : Longhorn : Tumbling flower beetles : Ladybirds : Plant & Leaf beetles : Weevils :

The frequencies noted of each species occurring gives some indication of the commonness within Cumbria not nationally. Therefore species such as Leaf and Click beetles are quite common at Silver Meadows, there were no rarities recorded. However it is noted that one species of Weevil (*A.cerdo*), found on its foodplant, the Tufted Vetch, was the only record in Cumbria since 1845 (R. Irthing).

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