

COLEOPTERA at DUBWATH

(Beetles and 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 types of species found, a more detailed report is available separately (see below).

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 food-plant, the Tufted Vetch, was the only record in Cumbria since 1845 (R. Irthing).

i) *Gastrophysa viridula*



(Green Dock Beetle)

ii) *Adalia 10-punctata*



(10 Spot ladybird)

iii) *Cantharis decipiens*



(A type of soldier beetle)

(Thanks go to Mr David Atty for the use of his detailed and comprehensive records for Silver Meadows)

Detailed list: Coleoptera.xlsx, find it on the Dubwath Silver Meadows website

www.dubwathsilvermeadows.org.uk; on the downloads page.