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***Ceromya flaviseta* (Villeneuve) (Diptera, Tachinidae) recorded in Oxfordshire**

- *Ceromya flaviseta* was added to the British list by J. Ismay (1998, *Dipterists Digest (Second Series)* 5: 28-29) based on material taken from Burnham Beeches, Buckinghamshire in 1995. In 2001 (27.v - 2.vi.2001) I ran a Malaise trap on the Warburg Nature Reserve, Oxon (SU719880), which produced one female *Ceromya flaviseta*, which I believe is only the second British record. Very little is known about this species and it seems to be rare wherever it occurs in Europe - the host is unknown but it is presumed to be a parasitoid of Lepidoptera larvae (H-P. Tschorsnig and B. Herting, 1994. *Stuttgarter Beiträge zur Naturkunde. Serie A (Biologie)* 506, 170 pp.). In the standard key (Belshaw, 1993. *Handbooks for the Identification of British Insects. Tachinid Flies.* 10 (part 4a)) it keys to *Aphantorhaphopsis verralli* (Wainwright, 1928) but it can be separated from this species because *C. flaviseta* does not have the anal vein reaching the wing margin and has hairs all along vein R1. The Malaise trap was sited on the edge of a sunny chalk downland ride, backing onto an area of thin scrub. I would like to thank the owners, the Wildlife Trust for Berks, Bucks and Oxon, for giving me permission to survey the site.

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