

Chloromyia formosa (Scop.)	occasional
Haematopota crassicornis (Wahl.)	frequent
Thereva nobilitata (Fab.)	common, West Sidelands
Pachymeria tessellata (Fab.)	very common
Dolichopus atratus (Mg.)	common
Dolichopus vitripennis (Mg.)	one female, Quarry Pool, 290683
Hercostomus cupreus (Fall.)	one female, 220683
Aphrosylus celtiber (Hal.)	abundant around the base of Rat Island
Syrphus ribesii (L.)	occasional
Metasyrphus corollae (Fab.)	frequent
Scaeva pyrastris (L.)	two on 220683
Melanostoma mellinum (L.)	very common and widespread
Pyrophaena granditarsa (Forster)	frequent in St. Johns Valley, and one at Pondsbury
Pyrophaena rosarum (Fab.)	one on 180683, two on 220683, St. Johns Valley
Chrysogaster hirtella (Loew)	Quarterwall Cottages, 200683
Lejogaster metallina (Fab.)	three plus, Quarterwall east, 200683
Neosasia podagrica (Fab.)	very common in St. Johns Valley
Volucella bombylans (L.)	two on 220683, Millcombe (var. typica)
Syrirta pipiens (L.)	extremely common and widespread (very common everywhere this year in particular)
Helophilus pendulus (L.)	common, St. Johns Valley
Eristalis nemorum (L.)	two males, 220683, holding territories in Millcombe
Eristalis tenax (L.)	frequent
Eristalinus aeneus (Scop.)	frequent on cliffs, by Battery and Landing Bay/Rat Island
Calliphora vicina (Rob.) — Desv.	frequent
Calliphora vomitoria (L.)	frequent
Scathophaga stercoraria (L.)	very common
Fannia sociella (Zett.)	very common
Morellia simplex (Loew)	common

#### *St. Johns Valley*

This is an excellent and unique feature of Lundy's natural history, holding a very good fauna of which I have only brushed the surface. I believe that it may have deteriorated recently in value due to the extent of tussocks and invading scrub, although even this benefits a number of species. I feel, however, that the planting of very large numbers of trees along the valley was a severe mistake ecologically, as these will eventually destroy most of the present site value and transform it into an arm of Millcombe. Its main value lies in its open, but often sheltered, marshy nature resulting in an interesting resident fauna and attracting migrant species. With some degree of management its value could have been retained and possibly increased (for example, the lower end could make an ideal site for bird ringing). I fully realise that no action can be taken regarding the situation other than the possible expressions of disapproval but, once again, I would have expected the Society to be consulted regarding the plantings. I believe that further examination of the fauna of the valley before the trees take over would be worthwhile, as a number of species will undoubtedly disappear from the site in due course.

Incidentally, I also noted a tree guard at Pondsbury from which the unknown trees species was mysteriously missing. The planting of trees at a superb site like Pondsbury is, to my mind, absolutely crazy — even one tree could cause immense damage here, although whether the Society can do anything to prevent it I don't know.

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