

Alien molluscs in British and Irish hothouses*

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Abstract. Hothouse alien mollusc species, defined as those with breeding populations only able to live in heated environments, are under-recorded in Britain and Ireland. A project extending over 10 years visited 56 heated glass-houses and identified 15 such species, while another two are known to be present in British hothouses. One species, *Liardetia samoensis*, is new to the British list. Another 12 species which have previously been recorded as hothouse aliens are no longer extant in Britain or Ireland. Consideration is given to whether these aliens could lie in the open in our climate, and the consequences if they were able to do so. An Appendix lists all records of hothouse alien molluscs found in literature and on databases and will be a useful tool for future research.

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INTRODUCTION

Many alien non-marine mollusc species have been accidentally introduced through trade and horticulture. In colder climates, artificially heated buildings, especially hothouses (heated glasshouses for growing plants), provide habitats that allow non-native species from warmer regions to survive. While populations of some species are non-breeding, or adventive, and therefore short-lived, others become established indoors with breeding populations. Such alien species can be spread to similar habitats in multiple cities, regions, or countries, presumably through the movement of plants or soil. Such species are known as hothouse aliens or greenhouse aliens (Kerney & Cameron 1979; Naggs *et al.* 2014; Rowson *et al.* 2021) and does not include those alien species which have become established in the open.

The Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland (CS) has long been known for its recording of non-marine species. Records in the CS database go back to 1670, and several thousand observations are added each year. However, only a very small proportion of the 350,000 entries currently in the database are of species limited to hothouse environments. Reporting of hothouse alien molluscs is frequent in continental Europe, especially when species new to

European greenhouses are identified, although this seems to be limited to relatively few countries: Austria (Leiss & Reischütz 1996; Leiss *et al.* 2008; Reischütz *et al.* 2018; Horsák *et al.* 2020; Schileyko 2020), Czech and Slovak Republics (Horsák *et al.* 2004; Beran & Glöer 2006; Juříčková 2006; Šteffek 2007; Horsák *et al.* 2013; Čiliak *et al.* 2016; Čejka *et al.* 2020; Beran 2022), France (Čejka *et al.* 2007; Audibert & Paillet 2014; Lemaire & Gerriet 2014), Germany (Albrecht & Meng 1997), Italy (Evangelista *et al.* 2013; Manganelli *et al.* 2023; Manganelli *et al.* 2024), the Netherlands (Meeuse & Hubert 1949; de Winter *et al.* 2009; Da Sois 2015/16; Neckheim & Inden 2019), Poland (Alexandrowicz 1993; Kaszuba & Stworzewicz 2008), Spain (Quiñonero-Salgado *et al.* 2014), and Sweden (von Proschwitz 2003, 2017; Richling & von Proschwitz 2021).

In some cases, hothouse aliens have later been widely recorded living outdoors in Britain and Ireland, for example *Ambigolimax valentianus* (A. Férussac, 1821) and *Ambigolimax parvipenis* (Hutchinson, Reise & Schlitt, 2022). It is therefore essential to record the initial hothouse observations to determine the extent to which this is an introduction pathway for alien mollusc species. Similarly, it is best to list occurrences presumed to be adventitious, rather than to ignore them on this basis. Several occurrences reported in

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the published literature are not in recording databases, and vice versa.

This paper deals with all non-marine mollusc species in Britain or Ireland found only (or predominantly) in hothouses, in which they form established (naturally reproducing) populations. It does not include species deliberately cultivated or kept in captivity (e.g. in laboratories, zoos, or home aquaria), species known only from certainly adventive individuals, or those intercepted in transit. Nor does it include the many other alien molluscs already known to be well-established outdoors in Britain or Ireland, but which also tolerate hothouse environments. Inevitably, however, there are a small number of species which are difficult to assign to a category on current evidence. In some cases, this could change in future as records accumulate.

The first recorded British hothouse alien was *Opeas hannense* (Rang, 1831), which was discovered by John Miller in Bristol in 1817. Miller observed the shells of this species in the pineapple beds of Carraway and Company's nursery and, thinking it a new species, named it *Helix Goodallii* (J.S. Miller 1822) (Fig. 1). This name was later found to be a junior homonym for *Helix goodallii*, which is now known as *Azeca goodalli* (A. Férussac, 1821). Miller found multiple specimens of different ages, so it was clearly a breeding population, and not a short-lived adventive, supported by the comments of Thomas Drummond, who perhaps first observed the species (Fleming 1828: 266):

The *Helix Goodallii* was first pointed out to me in 1816, when I was in the habit of feeding them, and when I wanted a supply, I merely placed a flat board upon the surface of the tan, and left two or three small worms beneath it (dead ones of course), and I never saw it fail of being covered with them in a few days.

In addition to the above, there are sporadic reports of hothouse aliens in Britain and Ireland dating back to the 19th century (Turton 1826, 1831; Brindley 1906; Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906; Swanton 1906; Ellis 1926; Kenard & Woodward 1926), but systematic recording only commenced in the early 20th century with the publication of surveys of the fauna of Kew Gardens in London (Sich 1907; Verdcourt 1949; Airy Shaw 1973; Verdcourt 1993a, 1995, 2009). Other botanical gardens have reported their hothouse fauna, but only sporadically.

The first comprehensive listing of hothouse aliens in Britain and Ireland, in 1951 (Conchological Society Non-marine Recorders 1951), listed 20 species with their location but gave no information concerning dates of observation or recorder. The subject was then largely ignored until *A Field*

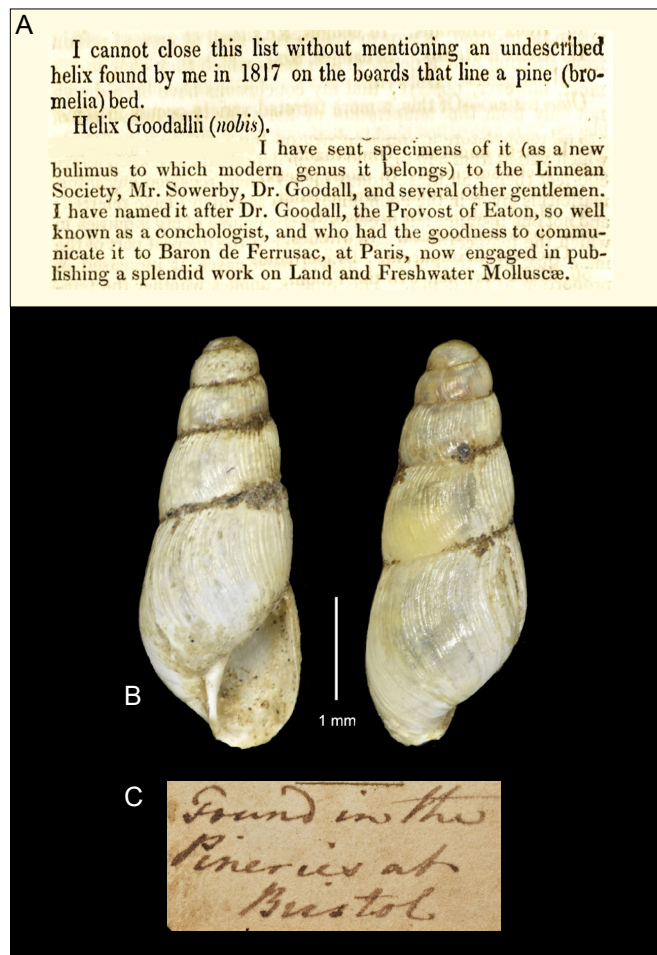


Figure 1. The first species found as a hothouse alien in Britain, *Opeas hannense*. **A**, as *Helix Goodallii* (Miller 1822: 381). **B**, possible syntype of *O. Goodallii*, now in the William Lyons collection in Tenby Museum, Pembrokeshire, Wales. **C**, label of the same. B and C reproduced from *Mollusca Types in Britain and Ireland 2024*, <https://gbmolluscatypes.ac.uk/specimens/5471/Helix-goodallii>, © Tenby Museum & Art Gallery, licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License.

Guide to the Land Snails of Britain and North-west Europe (Kerney & Cameron 1979) was published. It gave details of nine hothouse alien species (including *Ambigolimax valentianus*, now widespread in the open). Naggs *et al.* (2014) illustrated 11 terrestrial species but provided no details of locations. Alien freshwater species were included by Rowson *et al.* (2021).

These publications almost entirely concerned those species known from only a few botanical gardens, principally those at Kew in London, Cambridge, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Glasnevin in Dublin, although there are more records on the Conchological Society database. There has been no

comprehensive study of alien hothouse molluscs that may be found in numerous other botanical gardens, as well as other locations which have hothouses, such as zoos, butterfly farms, and public parks—the majority of these have never had their mollusc assemblages studied.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The project

The project arose in 2014 following a visit to the botanic gardens in Oxford and investigation of two alien freshwater snails in the heated Lily House that were clearly not on the list of British molluscs. So began a search of other hothouses

to determine what species may be present. This project was driven by my curiosity, as well as the need to document the species present and inform each location what species they held, to update the CS database, and to consider the implications of these species' survival in the open, especially in the light of our changing climate. I also reviewed the literature and databases to gather all records of hothouse alien molluscs in Britain and Ireland.

Fieldwork

Over 10 years, I visited 56 locations in Britain and Ireland which contained hothouses open to the public (Fig. 2). These included 28 botanical gardens, eight zoos, seven but-



Figure 2. Hothouse locations visited, with presence or absence of hothouse alien mollusc species indicated.

terfly farms or houses, nine public parks, and five miscellaneous locations such as stately homes and castles. Permission to study the molluscs was obtained for almost all visits. Curators were made aware that some specimens would need to be collected for identification under the microscope or for COI gene sequencing. Two locations (Cotswold Country Park and Marwell Zoo) declined permission on the basis that they would not allow any biota to be removed from their sites. A single visit was made to most sites, although additional trips were made to Wisley RHS Gardens (4 visits), Kew Gardens (3 visits), Cambridge Botanic Gardens (3 visits), and Oxford Botanic Gardens (2 visits). This approach clearly has its drawbacks, as multiple visits would undoubtedly yield additional species. Additionally, most visits were by a single observer (myself), whereas multiple observers would likely have increased the detection rate.

I explored the publicly accessible hothouses at each location for molluscs and recorded the species found. At many sites I was permitted into areas closed to the public, for example, areas for the propagation or storage of flora. Representative specimens of most hothouse aliens were collected for identification, either microscopically or by barcoding using the COI gene. I took the opportunity to record non-hothouse alien molluscs observed at each location, 50 species being found. These are not included in this report, but the findings have been submitted to the CS database.

Internet searches identified many other glasshouses, but I visited only those glasshouses that were heated. There are undoubtedly other heated environments that I have not visited.

Literature and database searches

The *Journal of Conchology*, *The Conchologists' Newsletter*, and the *Proceedings of the Malacological Society* were searched for any report of alien hothouse species, as were the *Kew Bulletin* and its predecessor, the *Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information*. Books containing information of British non-marine molluscan fauna were examined for alien species. Internet searches for each species were made and revealed other information in various publications. There are likely additional reports of alien molluscs in local natural history society reports.

Database searches included the CS database, the National Biodiversity Network (NBN Trust 2025), and iRecord. The holdings of The Natural History Museum (NHM, London), the National Museum of Wales (NMW, Cardiff), and the National Museum of Scotland (NMS, Edinburgh), were interrogated. I visited the NHM and Adrian Sumner explored the holdings at the NMS, in both cases to find specimens which are not yet online.

The findings of these searches comprise Tables A1 and A2 in the Appendix.

Format of the list

Citations are included to the first British or Irish observation of each species. Full references to each later historical observation are given in the Appendix. Nomenclature follows MolluscaBase (MolluscaBase Eds 2024). The taxonomic order follows Anderson & Rowson (2020). 'First' and 'Subsequent' observations refer to Britain and Ireland only. Global distribution data has been obtained primarily from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF; <https://www.gbif.org>).

All photographs are by the author unless otherwise stated.

HOTHOUSE ALIEN SPECIES EXTANT IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Family Thiariidae

Melanoides tuberculata (O.F. Müller, 1774)

Figure 3

First observation. The first dated report in Britain was by J.W. Poulton, who exhibited it at a CS meeting in 1957 (Anonymous 1958).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Kew Gardens, Liverpool Museum Aquarium and Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Six new locations: Bangor Treborth Gardens; Leeds Tropical World; Oxford Botanic Gardens; Staunton Country Park;

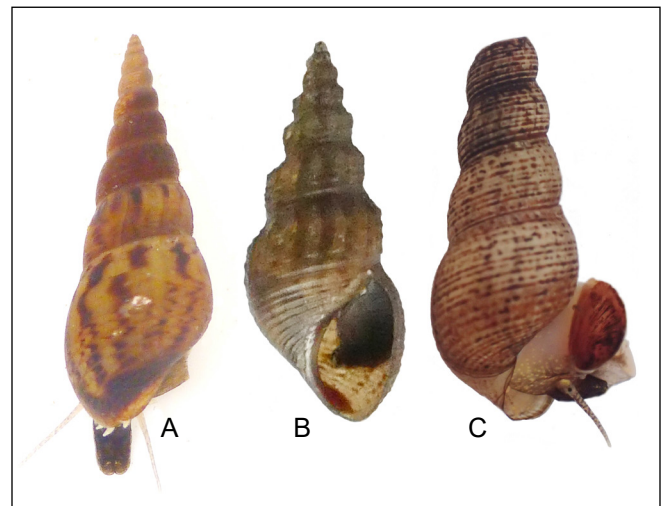


Figure 3. Variability of *Melanoides tuberculata*. **A**, smooth form (Oxford Botanic Gardens). **B**, nodose form (Staunton Country Park). **C**, truncated form (Glasgow Botanic Gardens).

Ventnor Botanic Gardens (dead shells only); Whipsnade Zoo.

Global distribution. Tropical Africa and south-east Asia.

Habitat. Typically found in shallow slow-running or standing waters.

Remarks. This is an extremely variable species (Fig. 3), reflected in the numerous synonyms (MolluscaBase Eds 2024).

It was abundant in most hothouses where it was found, and several hundred being present at Staunton Country Park in Hampshire.

There is a single report of *M. tuberculata* living in the open in Britain, in the warm industrial outflow channel draining into the River Tyne about 10 km upriver from Newcastle in Northumberland (Norris 2018). Whether this population will persist remains to be seen, but there is no concern that *M. tuberculata* could become established in the open elsewhere in Britain in the absence of artificially warmed water.

In some tropical countries *M. tuberculata* is an intermediate host of at least 11 human-infectious trematode parasites (e.g. Krailas *et al.* 2014; Tolley-Jordan *et al.* 2022; Metz *et al.* 2023), but these parasites are very unlikely to survive in temperate Britain or Ireland.

A COI mtDNA sequence was successfully obtained from a specimen from Glasgow Botanical Gardens with a 99% match to GenBank MT499036 for *M. tuberculata* (National Museum of Wales, specimen FW DNA 32) (B. Rowson pers. comm.).

Family Lymnaeidae

Radix rubiginosa (Michelin, 1831)

Figure 4A

First observation. Kew Gardens and Irish aquaria, undated (Anderson 2005). No early records in the CS database.

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Five new locations: Bristol Botanic Gardens; Glasgow Botanic Gardens; Oxford Botanic Gardens; Staunton Country Park; Whipsnade Zoo.

Global distribution. South-east Asia.

Habitat. Typically found in slow-moving water or poorly drained ponds.

Remarks. This species is very similar to the well-known, common *Ampullaceana balthica* (Linnaeus, 1758), but the animals differ in their pigmentation. *Radix rubiginosa* has dark speckling on the body (Fig. 4A); in *A. balthica* the speckling is very fine and pale (Fig. 4B).

COI gene sequencing was attempted (National Museum

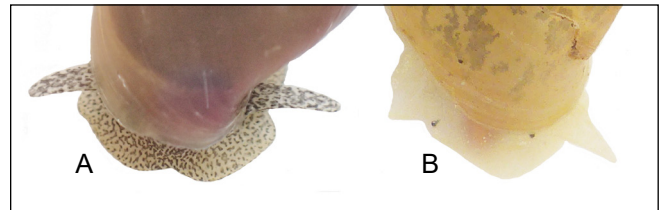


Figure 4. A, *Radix rubiginosa* showing dark speckles on its body. B, *Ampullaceana balthica* showing very fine, pale speckling.

of Wales, specimen FW DNA 62) but was unsuccessful (B. Rowson pers. comm.).

Family Planorbidae

Planorbella cf. duryi (Wetherby, 1879)

Figure 5

First observation. Kew Gardens, London, 1948 (Verdcourt 1949).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Glasgow and Inverness. Five new locations: Bristol Botanic Gardens; Oxford Botanic Gardens; Staunton Country Park; Ventnor Botanic Gardens; Whipsnade Zoo.

Global distribution. Native to Florida, USA (Wetherby 1879); now widespread in temperate zones of the Americas and Europe.

Habitat. Slow-moving streams, ditches, ponds, and wetlands.

Remarks. Identification of these hothouse-restricted planorbids is uncertain, but they are most likely *P. duryi*, although similar species may be present (Rowson *et al.* 2021).

It is a common aquarium species, available in a wide range of colours, from pink to blue, and it is inevitable that aquarists will “dump” unwanted snails. There appears to be no risk of this species becoming established in the open, although at Whipsnade Zoo, juveniles were observed in



Figure 5. A juvenile *Planorbella cf. duryi* from the outdoor holding tank at Whipsnade Zoo.

outdoor holding tanks (Fig. 5). This planorbid has not been found in the open in Britain or Ireland.

COI gene sequencing was attempted but was unsuccessful (National Museum of Wales, specimen FW DNA 75; B. Rowson pers. comm.).

Family Pleurodiscidae

Pleurodiscus balmei (Poitiez & Michaed, 1838)

First observation. Glasnevin, Dublin (Stelfox 1911).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Kew. Current study: Glasgow Orchid House (1 dead shell).

Global distribution. Mediterranean.

Habitat. Open and ruderal habitats.

Remarks. There is an open-air find in Canterbury, Kent, in 1979 (McMillan 1980). It is presumed to have been adventive.

Family Pristilomatidae

Hawiiia minuscula (A. Binney, 1841)

Figure 6

First observation. Orchid house, Nottingham, 1883 (Sturges Dodd & Woodward 1906; Swanton 1906; Ellis 1926).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Belfast, Cambridge, and Bangor. Current study: Aberdeen Winter Gardens; Bexley Hall Place (dead shells); Bishop Burton (dead shells); Sheffield Butterfly House; London Zoo; Wisley RHS Gardens.



Figure 6. *Hawiiia minuscula* in the David Welch Winter Gardens, Aberdeen.



Figure 7. *Oxychilus translucidus* from the Butterfly House at Whipsnade Zoo.

Global distribution. Widespread in North and Central America, with occurrences in Eastern Asia and Australia.

Habitat. generally found on bare ground.

Remarks. The small size (to 2.5 mm) of *H. minuscula* and similarity to juvenile *Vallonia* species in which the final whorl has not expanded possibly means that this species has gone largely unnoticed.

In the David Welch Winter Gardens in Aberdeen, *H. minuscula* was seen crawling over snail pellets and may not be susceptible to the chemicals within those pellets.

Family Oxychilidae

Oxychilus translucidus (Mortillet, 1853)

Figure 7

First observation. Butterfly House, Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire, 2017 (Guntrip & Rowson 2024).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Not found at any other location, but still present at Whipsnade Zoo in 2022.

Global distribution. Known from a few European sites.

Habitat. Under shrubs and stones.

Family Gastrodontidae

Zonitoides arboreus (Say, 1817)

Figures 8, 9

First observation. Glasnevin, Dublin, prior to 1911 (Stelfox 1911). The date of the first observation was not recorded.

Subsequent observations. Numerous locations in Britain (Table A1) but not recorded in Ireland after the initial report (Fig. 8).

Global distribution. Widespread in North and Central



Figure 8. Locations where *Zonitoides arboreus* was found; those in red are where the species has not previously been recorded.

America and Europe, with populations in the Far East and Australia.

Habitat. Humid woodland and similar habitats.

Remarks. By far the most frequently observed snail in the study, being present in over one third of all sites visited. Earlier reports were almost all from botanic gardens, but the current survey was able to add its presence at 14 new loca-



Figure 9. *Zonitoides arboreus* from Hall Place Gardens, Bexley, Kent.

tions, which included botanic gardens, zoos, butterfly farms, parks, and castles. It is similar to our open-air *Zonitoides nitidus* (O.F. Müller, 1774), but has prominent radial ridges on the whorls, and the animal has a foot entirely white in its lower half (Fig. 9).

This snail is a potential threat should its spread not be controlled. It is well known to be a major pest to orchids, feeding on their roots, especially those in greenhouses (e.g. Verdcourt 1979; Menis 1980; Hollingsworth & Sewake 2002). It is reassuring that no specimens of this species were found in the publicly closed areas of the Tropical Houses at Kew Gardens, and only dead shells on the Carnivorous Zone of the Prince of Wales Conservatory. It to be hoped that this species can be contained within glasshouses in Britain and Ireland, but its widespread distribution and the fact that it has been found in the open as far north as Polz in northern Germany (Jueg & von Proschwitz 2003) and in Sweden (Dvořák & Kupka 2007) suggests that open-air colonization could be possible in Britain and Ireland.

Family Euconulidae

Afropunctum seminium (Morelet, 1873)

First observation. Wet Tropics Zone, Kew Gardens, 1993 (Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1993b).

Subsequent observation (Table A1). Butterfly House, Whipsnade Zoo (D. Guntrip pers. comm.), but the identification is unconfirmed.

Global distribution. Central and southern Africa,

Habitat. Forest leaf litter.

Family Microcystidae

Liardetia samoensis (Mousson, 1865)

Figure 10A

First observation. Tropical Zone, Royal Horticultural Society Gardens, Wisley, 2014 (Walker *et al.* 2024).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). No other locations known, but additional specimens have been collected at Wisley up to 2024.

Global distribution. Pacific Ocean islands and Maldive Islands.

Habitat.

Remarks. This species has been regularly observed at the RHS, Wisley for over 10 years, confirming that there is an established breeding population. A full discussion of its



Figure 10. A, *Liardetia samoensis* found living on the concrete walls (B) of the upper part of the Tropical Zone at Wisley.

discovery and identification has already been published (Walker *et al.* 2024).

Family Chronidae

Kaliella barrakporensis (Reeve, 1852)

First observation. Tropical Biome, Eden Project, 2010 (Preece & Naggs 2014).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). No other locations. A single dead shell was found in the Eden Project Tropical Biome during the present survey, but a confirmed report of live specimens in March 2024 (CS database) suggests that the species is surviving in the Eden Project.

Global distribution. Southern India, East and Southern Africa.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Family Achatinidae

Allopeas clavulinum (Poitiez & Michaud, 1852)

Figure 11

First observation. Commercial orchid houses in Nottingham, 1883 (Brindley 1904; Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906), but both publications refer to undated observations at Cambridge.

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Kew Gardens; Glasgow; Edinburgh Botanic Gardens. Five new locations this study: Chester Zoo, Newquay Zoo, Paignton Zoo, Eden Project, Swansea Plantasia.

Global distribution. Tropical East Asia, eastern Austra-



Figure 11. *Allopeas clavulinum* crawling over the ground in the Reptile House at Newquay Zoo.

lia, Pacific Ocean Islands, south-eastern North and South America.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Allopeas gracile (Hutton, 1824)

First observation. Cambridge, 2011 (Preece & White 2012).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). An iRecord report of the snail in Swindon in 2023 begs the question of an adventitious presence or misidentification.

Global distribution. Worldwide in the tropics.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Remarks. It is uncertain if this species should remain on the British list, having only been found twice.

Opeas hannense (Rang, 1831)

Figure 12

First observation. Bristol, 1817 (Miller 1822 as *Helix goodallii*).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Numerous botanic gardens in Britain and Ireland. Present study: Eden Project (live); Swansea Plantasia (live); Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens (dead).



Figure 12. *Opeas hannense* in the main Tropical House at Swansea Plantasia.

Global distribution. Worldwide in tropical areas.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Remarks. There are several presumed adventitious reports.

***Subulina octona* (Bruguière, 1789)**

Figure 13A

First observation. Bristol, 1820 (CS database).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). In the propagating pits at Kew Gardens in 1884 (Brindey 1906), and since been reported from many sites in England and Ireland, although none from Scotland. In the current study: in the Eden Project (live and dead shells) and Swansea Plantasia (dead shells). **Global distribution.** Widespread in tropical areas worldwide.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Remarks. The CS database includes several entries for “*Subulina* sp.” some of which are from Scotland. There is often difficulty separating this species from *Striosubulina striatella* (Fig. 13), and it is probable that there is cross-identification of the some of the records for each species.

***Striosubulina striatella* (Rang, 1831)**

Figures 13B, 14

First observation. Glasgow, 1906 (Anonymous 1907 as *Striatella octona*, but since redetermined Weddle (2020)).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Kew Gardens, 1967. Six new locations in the current study: Cambridge Botanic Gardens (dead), Chester Zoo, Oxford Botanic Gardens, St Austell Eden Project, Staunton Country Park, Whipsnade Zoo.

Global distribution. West Africa, with some records from Madagascar.

Figure 13. Dead specimens of (A) *Subulina octona* (Swansea Plantasia) and (B) *Striosubulina striatella* (Whipsnade Zoo) demonstrating the difference in size of the two species.

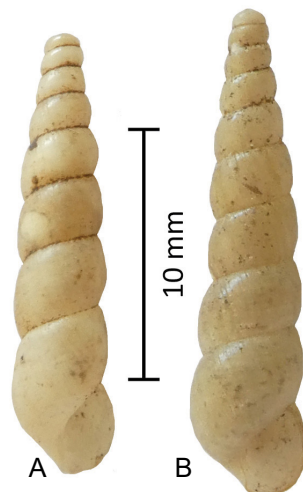


Figure 14. *Striosubulina striatella* in the Palm House at Kew Gardens; an egg can be seen in the penultimate whorl.

Habitat. Damp leaf litter.

Remarks. COI mtDNA sequencing of a specimen from Glasgow Botanic Gardens was successful and showed with a 98% match to GenBank MF415358 for *S. striatella* (National Museum of Wales, specimen FW DNA 106; B. Rowson pers. comm.).

When present it is often in very large numbers. An approximately 1 L sample of leaf litter was taken from the Tropical Biome at the Eden Project, which had about 125 live specimens from very early juveniles (1–2 whorls) to fully grown adults, many of which contained eggs (Fig. 14). It has been reported as a pest, feeding on the roots of plants (Kerney & Cameron 1979).

Family Streptaxidae

***Gulella io* Verdcourt, 1974**

Figure 15

First observation. This species is special in the British faunal list as the first description of it was in 1969 following its discovery two years earlier by John Armitage and Adrian Norris at Kew Gardens in Aroid House 1 (Verdcourt 1969), which was later demolished. The hothouse species was similar to one found by Matthew Connolly in 1931 in Edinburgh, which at the time was considered to be *Gulella devia* Connolly, 1931, a species he had observed in Uganda. Verdcourt examined those specimens and determined that they were, in fact, the same as those from Kew. After examining specimens from hothouses in Bratislava, the former Czechoslovakia, Verdcourt (1974) named it as a new species.

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Wisley RHS Gardens; Tropical Bird House at London Zoo; Cambridge Botanic Gardens.

Global distribution. Now known to have originated from



Figure 15. *Gulella io* very much alive in the Palm House at Kew Gardens in October 2023.

Liberia in West Africa (Oke & Alohan 2006). It is otherwise only known from European hothouses.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Remarks. This snail was not found at any of the previously recorded locations other than a single specimen in the Palm House of Kew Gardens (Fig. 15). It seems that this beautiful snail may be on the brink of extinction in Britain, but it is hoped that appropriate conservation at Kew may allow it to recover.

***Tomostele musaecola* (Morelet, 1860)**

Figure 16

First observation. Glasgow Botanic Gardens, 2013 (Naggs 2014).

Subsequent observations (Table A1). Glasgow, 2016;



Figure 16. *Tomostele musaecola* in the Butterfly House of Whipsnade Zoo.

Whipsnade Zoo, 2017 (P. Topley & M. Telfer pers. comm.). Current study study: Whipsnade, 2022 (alive).

Global distribution. Scattered distribution in the Caribbean, in Central Africa, and on the Pacific islands.

Habitat. Leaf litter.

Remarks. The finding of several live specimens in 2022 at Whipsnade provides evidence of breeding population (Fig. 16).

SPECIES NOW PROBABLY NO LONGER PRESENT IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Several species of non-marine alien molluscs have been reported in the British or Irish literature for which no recent records have been documented. All records are included in Table A2. Identifications of some species may have been mistaken, while for others there is little evidence of breeding populations, and some records likely represent finds of adventitious introductions. Only brief notes on each of these species are given below.

Family Lymnaeidae

***Galba cubensis* (L. Pfeiffer, 1839)**

Observations. Glasnevin Gardens, Dublin, before 1949 (Table A2).

Remarks. It is possible that this was a misidentification for the similar native *Galba truncatula* (O.F. Müller, 1774), a common open-air species in Britain and Ireland.

***Galba rustica* (I. Lea, 1841)**

Observations. Glasnevin Gardens, Dublin, before 1949 (Table A2).

Remarks. It is possible that this was also a misidentification for the similar *Galba truncatula*.

***Pseudosuccinea columella* (Say, 1817)**

Figure 17

Observations. Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens, 1935 and 1948 (Table A2).

Remarks. The 13-year period between collections made in Edinburgh implies that there was an established population. There are no recent records, but *P. columella* is established in many glasshouses on the Continent.

***Racesina luteola* (Lamarck, 1822)**

Observations. Kew Gardens, 1975 (Table A2).

Remarks. There have been no subsequent reports of this



Figure 17. *Pseudosuccinea columella* in the National Museum of Edinburgh (NMS Z.159.21.422) (photo: Adrian Sumner).

species from Kew or elsewhere. Perhaps the species was misidentified for *Radix rubiginosa* or adventitious.

Family Planorbidae

Glyptophysa novahollandica (Bowditch, 1822)

Observations. Swansea (presumably Singleton Gardens) (Table A2).

Remarks. *Physastra dispar* (G.B. Sowerby II, 1873) presumably now refers to *G. novahollandica*. This is an extremely variable species which was likely to have been misidentified, or was adventitious.

Gyraulus chinensis (Dunker, 1848)

Observations. Liverpool Museum Aquarium, 1975 and 1997; Northern Ireland, undated (Table A2). Anderson (2005: 632) stated that it is “common in tropical aquaria”, but no supporting evidence was provided, and there are no records on the CS database.

Remarks. It is possible that this species is no longer extant in Britain and Ireland.

Helicorbis ? umbilicalis (W.H. Benson, 1836)

Observations. Kew, 1943 (Table A2).

Remarks. This identification of this record was uncertain. It is perhaps a misidentification for *Gyraulus chinensis*, or was adventitious.

Family Physidae

Stenophysa marmorata (Guilding, 1828)

Observations. Kew Gardens, 1967 (Table A2).

Remarks. Had Kew received a new batch of plants which were distributed to each House and its presence short lived, or was it misidentified for *Physella acuta* (Draparnaud, 1805), which is now common in Kew hothouses (pers. obs.)?

Family Limacidae

Ambigolimax waterstoni Hutchinson, Reise & Schlitt, 2022

Observations. Edinburgh and Glasgow Botanic Gardens, both 1930 (Table A2).

Remarks. This species was first recognized by Waterston (1934) referred to as “*Limax* sp.” Hutchinson *et al.* (2022) examined Waterston’s specimens preserved in the National Museum of Scotland and confirmed that these were a previously undescribed species. It has not been recorded since the 1930s in Britain or Ireland but has been found elsewhere (Elba, Algeria, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Washington DC).

Family Helicodiscidae

Helicodiscus parallelus (Say, 1821)

Observations. Several reports from locations in Britain and Ireland: early 20th century in Ireland up to 1988 in Glasgow. Three reports from Cambridge between 1920 and 1986.

Remarks. The sporadic dating and lack of evidence of breeding populations suggest that all these observations are adventitious.

Family Chondridinae

Solatopupa similis (Bruguière, 1792)

Observations. Lancashire, 1878 and 1889 in the open; later said to have been found in a few hothouses and nurseries (Table A2).

Remarks. Neither Swanton (1906) nor Ellis (1926) gave any specific locations or dates, and it is presumed that their information is probably incorrect and anecdotal.

Family Achatinidae

Beckianum beckianum (L. Pfeiffer, 1846)

Observations. Rowntree’s Tropical House, York, 1925 (Table A2).

Remarks. This species was likely to be adventitious, or perhaps a misidentification for *Allopeas clavulinum* or *A. gracile*.

Bulimus decollatus was observed to breed in great abundance, for many successive years, in the green-house at Watton, in the south of Devon, the seat of H. Studdy, Esq. lodged in the earth, under the wood-work, whence they wandered abroad in the summer. This wood-work, and the earth, were removed, and replaced with stone, by which the colony was lost; and all that were preserved we owe to the care of Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Hill.

Figure 18. The original report of *Rumina decollata* in Devonshire (Turton 1826: 565).

Rumina decollata (Linnaeus, 1758)

Observations. Watton, Devonshire, 1826 (Fig. 18) and 1920s (Table A2). Turton (1831: 77) later wrote that gardeners at Watton regarded the species as native, as “No foreign earth was ever known to have been admitted to the house”, and that the greenhouse was removed, and the colony died out.

Remarks. There have been no later reports of this species in Britain, apart from an adventive observation in 2005 (Seddon & Pickard 2005). It is a large-shelled species (to 40mm in long) and is unlikely to have been overlooked in hothouses over the last 200 years. Its inclusion by Naggs *et al.* (2021) in their identification guide to British land snails does not appear justified, and this species should probably be deleted from the current British list.

DISCUSSION

The subject of hothouse alien molluscs in Britain and Ireland has been largely overlooked in recent years. The last full listing of hothouse aliens was in 1951 (Conchological Society Non-marine Recorders 1951), although land snails have been illustrated more recently (Naggs *et al.* 2014, 2021), and freshwater alien species were described by Rowson *et al.* (2021).

Many of these alien species are native to tropical or semi-tropical countries, where the climate allows them to survive in the open throughout the year. The colder climate in northern Europe results in most of these species being restricted to glasshouses that are heated in winter, although in parts of Europe where winters tend to be warmer some species have managed to spread into the open and maintain breeding populations (Hausdorf 2023). However, it is very unlikely that they could survive in the open in the cooler British and Irish climate.

Species that are native to cooler, temperate climates present a greater risk of establishing open-air populations in Britain and Ireland. Mediterranean species such as *Pleu-*

rodiscus balmei, *Solatopupa similis*, or *Rumina decollata*, and North American species such as *Zonitoides arboreus*, *Hawaiiia minuscula*, and *Helicodiscus parallelus*, which have native populations as far north as 50°N or higher (Hausdorf 2023), could become established in the open in Britain and Ireland in the future. Some of these molluscs are no longer extant in British or Irish hothouses and establishing open-air populations would necessitate reintroduction.

There are two slug species that demonstrate well that hothouse species can become established in the open. *Ambigolimax parvipenis* (Bourguignat, 1861) (until recently called *A. nyctelius*) is native to south-eastern Europe and was first observed in a hothouse in the Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens in 1934 by Andrew Waterston (CS database; Hutchinson *et al.* 2022), while *Ambigolimax valentianus* (A. Férussac, 1821), native to the Iberian Peninsula, was first seen in the Singleton Gardens in Swansea in 1936 (Quick 1949). For many years these two species remained confined to heated glasshouses, but in 1981 *A. valentianus* was recorded in the open at Portmarnok, Co. Dublin (Kerney 1982), and in 1987 *A. parvipenis* was found in the open in Pakefield, Sussex (Killeen 1987). Both species are now widespread in Britain and less so in Ireland (Fig. 19). These “escapees” do not appear to pose any serious threat to vegetation and have been classified as a minor or occasional pest (Rowson *et al.* 2014). Why they have been able to move outdoors into the colder winter climate after around 50 years of confinement to hothouses is open to speculation, but perhaps there was some minor genetic modification that allowed this.

To date, there have been only sporadic reports of other hothouse aliens being found in Britain or Ireland in the open (see species descriptions above and Table A1), and it is probable that most of these observations are adventitious. However, climate change may mean that in some areas of the country winters will become warmer, allowing some species to tolerate winter out of doors in some microclimates. It is unknown whether any would pose any economic or environmental threats, but there seems little reason for concern, except perhaps for *Zonitoides arboreus*, a known pest of orchids.

Many non-native species, both flora and fauna, arrive unintentionally in Britain and Ireland with imported goods, mostly on plant material or with human or animal food (e.g. Cavadino 2022). The majority are intercepted at the site of import or eradicated during quarantine, but some survive this process. Eggs of molluscs are especially a problem, as they may elude visual inspection and survive hidden and viable during a quarantine period. Plants that carry unintended visitors make their way to garden centres and from

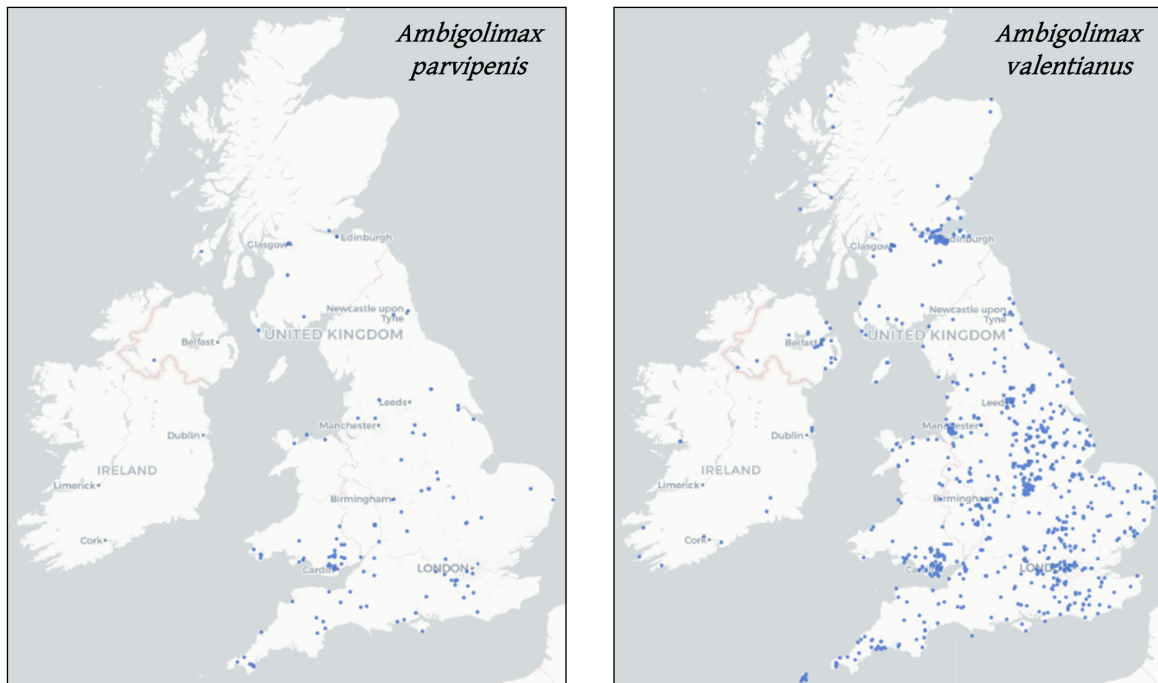


Figure 19. The distributions of *Ambigolimax parvipenis* and *A. valentianus* in 2023 (National Biodiversity Network). (Species maps from NBN Trust 2025; reproduced under Conchological Society Creative Commons BY license).

there into the home gardens, while others go directly to botanical gardens. Subsequent movements of plants, soil, and garden debris, from one location to another further the spread of alien molluscs.

About 20 alien mollusc species not yet known in Britain or Ireland have been recorded in European glasshouses in the last 25 years, and it is clear that there is potential for these to arrive in Britain or Ireland. It is also likely that more species remain undetected, both here and in mainland Europe. They may already be established in some locations, but either were not detected during this project or at locations not visited. It is of interest that no alien bivalves have been reported in European glasshouses.

CONCLUSIONS

Recording of hothouse alien mollusc in Britain and Ireland has traditionally been limited to Botanic Gardens, with very little investigation of other establishments that have heated glasshouses, such as Zoos and Butterfly Houses. This study has demonstrated that alien species are present in many previously unrecorded sites. It is likely that more exist that have not yet been found, since the study mainly involved a single observer with single visits to hothouses. While the great majority of these aliens are probably of no biological concern, it is important that their presence in Britain and Ireland is documented.

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APPENDIX

Table A1. British and Irish hothouse alien molluscs in literature and databases. Adventive (both likely or definite) and open-air records are included. This includes records from garden centres or other locations when it is very unlikely that breeding populations are established. Abbreviations: CS = Conchological Society; NBN = National Biodiversity Network; NHMUK = Natural History Museum, London; NMS = National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; NMW = National Museum and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff. New sites found in this study are in bold type.

| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen |
|-------------|--|---|--------------|---|--|
| Thiaridae | <i>Melanooides tuberculata</i> | Dorking [possibly adventive] | Undated | Presented by G. Wilson | NHMUK 20000240 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Greenhouse 15 | 1957.vii.01 | J.W. Poulton | Anonymous 1958 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 10 Amazonica House 15 Waterlily | 1967.ix.05 | Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973 |
| | | Liverpool Museum Aquarium | 1975 | Nora McMillan | McMillan 1998 |
| | | Liverpool Museum Aquarium | 1997 | Marie Tracey | McMillan 1998 |
| | | Farr's Garden Centre, Caddington, Bedfordshire [likely adventive] | 1986.i.08 | Dave Guntrip | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 2013.ii.12 | Adrian Sumner | Naggs 2014 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory 1 Tropical Rainforest | 2014.x.10 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Oxford Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2014.vii.19 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House, Lily House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | Weddle 2020 |
| | | Tributary of River Tyne, Northumberland [open-air, in warm industrial outflow waters] | 2017.viii.04 | Russell Barber | CS database |
| | | Bangor, Treborth Gardens: Tropical House | 2017.ix.27 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Leeds Tropical World: aquarium tanks | 2018.ix.06 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire: aquarium tanks | 2022.vii.15 | Tom Walker, Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley | This study |
| | | Ventnor Botanic Gardens, Isle of Wight: Tropical House | 2022.ix.21 | Tom Waker | This study |
| | | Isle of Wight [adventive] | 2023.ix.02 | Daniel King | iRecord [shell only; ident. confirmed] |
| Lymnaeidae | <i>Radix rubiginosa</i> | Kew Gardens, London: Victoria House | Undated | — | Anderson 2005 |
| | | Ireland: "aquaria" | Undated | — | Anderson 2005 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory 1 Tropical Rainforest Waterlily House | 2014.x.10 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Oxford Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2014.vii.19 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Bristol Botanic Gardens: Tropical Zone 17 | 2014.x.16 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Staunton Country Park, Hampshire: Lily Pond House | 2015.i.28 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | This study |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 2017.vii.10 | Richard Comont | CS database |
| | | Baslow, Derbyshire: Aquarium | 2022.i.11 | Peter Tattersall | CS database |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo: Aquarium | 2022.vii.14 | Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley, Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Glasshouse 5 Temperate Carnivorous Tropical Glasshouse 9 Warm Woody | 2023.x.27 | Tom Walker | This study |
| Planorbidae | <i>Planorbella</i> cf. <i>duryi</i> | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Pits | 1948.x | Bernard Verdcourt | Verdcourt 1949 as <i>Helisoma duryi</i> , NHMUK 20250059/62 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London Oxford Botanic Gardens London Zoo | Undated | — | CS Census 1951 as <i>Helisoma duryi</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 10 Amazonica House 15 Waterlily House 17A & B | 1967.ix | John Armitage, Adrian Norris, Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Helisoma duryi</i> , NHMUK 20250060/61 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory Zone 1 | 1993.iii.06 | CS field meeting | Verdcourt 1995, as undet. Planorbidae |

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| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|----------------|--|
| Planorbidae | <i>Planorbella</i> cf. <i>duryi</i> | “Common in tropical aquaria” | Undated | — | Anderson 2005 | | |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Tropical Pond | 2013.ii.12 | Adrian Sumner | CS database | | |
| | | Inverness Botanic Gardens | 2013.v.26 | Adrian Sumner | Pers. comm. as <i>Planorbella</i> sp. | | |
| | | Oxford Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2014.vii.19 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory 1 Tropical Rainforest Waterlily House | 2014.x.10 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Bristol Botanic Gardens: Tropical Zone 17 | 2014.x.16 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Tropical Zone | 2014.xii.18 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Staunton Country Park, Hampshire: Lily Pond House | 2015.i.28 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | This study | | |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire: Aquarian tanks | 2022.vii.15 | Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley, Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Ventnor Botanic Gardens, Isle of Wight: Tropical House | 2022.ix.21 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Glasshouse 3 Aquatic Tropical Glasshouse 9 Warm Woody | 2023.x.20 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Pleurodiscidae | <i>Pleurodiscus balmei</i> | Dublin Glasnevin | 1910 | Arthur Stelfox | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Patulastra flavida</i> |
| | | | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | Undated | — | Ellis 1926 as <i>Patulastra flavida</i> |
| Dublin Glasnevin | Undated | | | — | Ellis 1926 as <i>Patulastra flavida</i> | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House | 1968.vi.11 | | | Beryl Rands | CS database | | |
| Kew Gardens, London: Temperate Fern House 3 Range House | 1975 | | | Adrian Rundle | NHMUK 20050058 | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 1978.vi.15 | | | Adrian Rundle | CS database | | |
| Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent [open-air, likely adventive] | 1979.ii.13 | | | Nora McMillan | McMillan 1980 | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House Filmy Fern House | 1998.iii.12 | | | Adrian Rundle | Hancock 1999 | | |
| Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 1993.iii.06 | | | CS field meeting | Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1995 | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House | 1994.viii.16 | | | Geoffrey Hancock | Hancock 1999 | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid & Cycad House | 2013.ii.12 | | | Adrian Sumner | Naggs 2014 | | |
| Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 2013.vi.22 | | | Adrian Sumner | Pers. comm. as cf. <i>P. balmei</i> | | |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House [shell only] | 2016.v.04 | | | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | This study | | |
| Pristilomatidae | <i>Hawaiia minuscula</i> | | | The Grange, Cotham, Bluebell Hill, Nottingham = Mr Thacker’s Orchid House | 1883 | — | Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906; Swanton 1906; Ellis 1926; all as <i>Zonitoides minusculus</i> |
| | | Nottingham hothouse, property of R. Sturges Dodd | 1903 | Bernard Woodward | Anonymous 1903 | | |
| | | Belfast | Undated | — | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Zonitoides minusculus</i> | | |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1920 | Hugh Watson | Watson 1929 as <i>Pseudovitrea minuscula</i> | | |
| | | Ulster | Undated | — | Stelfox & Welch 1980 | | |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1986.ix.06 | Dave Guntrip | CS database | | |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 2011.vii.23 | Richard Preece, Tom White | Preece & White 2012 as <i>Zonitoides minusculus</i> | | |
| | | Bangor, Treborth Gardens | 2013.ix.04 | Ben Rowson | Norris 2014 | | |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Tropical Zone | 2014.xii.18 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Aberdeen, David Welch Winter Gardens: Tropical House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Belfast Botanic Gardens: Palm House, Nursery | 2017.ix.19 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Aston Butterfly House, Sheffield: Butterfly House | 2019.iii.11 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens | 2019.v.07 | CS field meeting | CS database | | |
| | | Hall Place Gardens, Bexley, Kent: Butterfly House | 2022.vi.30 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| Dyffryn Gardens, Glamorgan: Hothouse | 2013.ii.17 | Chris Owen, L. Olds | CS database | | | | |

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| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| Pristilomatidae | <i>Hawaiiia minuscula</i> | Bishop Burton Botanic Gardens, East Yorkshire: Potting Room | 2023.ix.25 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | London Zoo: Tropical Birds House | 2023.ix.04 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Inverness Botanic Gardens | 2024.xii.14 | Finley Hutchinson | iRecord [ident. confirmed] |
| Oxychilidae | <i>Oxychilus translucidus</i> | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire: Butterfly House | 2017 | Dave Guntrip | Guntrip & Rowson 2024 |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire: Butterfly House | 2022.vii.15 | Tom Walker, Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley | This study |
| Gastrodon-tidae | <i>Zonitoides arboreus</i> | Dublin Glasnevin | Undated | — | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Zonitoides</i> sp. |
| | | Dublin Glasnevin | Undated | — | Ellis 1926 |
| | | Belfast: Crawford's nursery [likely adventive] | | | |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | Hugh Watson | Watson 1929 |
| | | Oxford Botanic Gardens | 1932.vi | Presented by G.D.H. Carpenter | NHMUK 1931.6.4.11-15 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Fern House | 1946.iv.16 | A.D.J. Meuse | Meeuse 1948 |
| | | Whatcroft Hall, Northwich [glasshouses now gone] | 1948.xii.19 | W.M. Stirling | Verdcourt 1949; NHMUK 20200307 |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: orchid plot | 1962 | — | NBN database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 1967.i.29 | Adrian Norris, John Armitage | Airy Shaw 1973 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 1 Aroid | 1967.ix.01 | Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: T-range hothouses | 1975 | Richard Preece | CS database |
| | | Liverpool: Ness Gardens [glasshouses now gone] | 1975.v.12 | Chris Paul | CS database |
| | | Crew's Hill, Enfield: garden centre [likely adventive] | 1978.vi.12 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Stockwood Bank, Luton [Corporation greenhouses; now gone] | 1982.iii.09 | Beryl Rands | CS database |
| | | Reading [adventive] | 1984.i | M. Hughes | CS database |
| | | Leicester: Rotherby City Park Nurseries [glasshouses now gone] | 1985.ix.14 | Michael Kerney, Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Leicester: Belgrave Hall [some glasshouses still present] | 1985.ix.14 | Michael Kerney, Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Leicester University Botanic Garden, Beaumont Hall, Oadby | 1985.ix.14 | Michael Kerney, Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Leicester: Burley greenhouse [some glasshouses still present] | 1986.x.25 | Adrian Rundle | Nicholls 2015 |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1987.i.10 | — | NMS Z.2020.31.71 |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: No. 4 Cool House | 1988.iii.11 | Beryl Rands | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory | 1993.iii.06 | CS field meeting | Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1995 |
| | | St Andrews Botanic Gardens | 1987.i.10 | Gordon Corbet | NMS Z.2020.3.171 |
| | | Warwick Road, Carlisle [adventive] | 2008.iv.22 | Peter Dance | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 2011.vii.23 | Richard Preece, Tom White | Preece & White 2012 |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens: Hot Tropics House Orchid & Cycad House | 2012.vi.22 | Adrian Sumner | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: Tropical Rainforest House | 2014.vi.13 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory 8 Carnivorous | 2015.vii.09 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Staunton Country Park, Hampshire: Main Glasshouse | 2015.i.28 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Swansea, Plantasia: Tropical House | 2015.ix.09 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] |
| | | Aberdeen, David Welch Winter Gardens: Tropical House | 2016.v.05 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens: Lowland Wet Tropics House 10 | 2016.v.07 | Tom Walker | This study |
| Paignton Zoo, Devon: Crocodile Swamp | 2017.vi.17 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] | | |
| Inverness Botanic Gardens: Tropical House | 2016.x.19 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| Pearson Park, Hull: Conservatory | 2017.iii.12 | James Harding-Morris | CS database | | |
| Belfast Botanic Gardens: Palm House, Nursery | 2017.ix.19 | Tom Walker | This study | | |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Gastrodon- tidae | <i>Zonitoides arboreus</i> | Dublin, Glasnevin Botanic Gardens: Curvilinear House Palm House | 2917.ix.25 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Bangor, Treborth Botanic Gardens: Orchid House Tropical House | 2017.ix.27 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Swansea, Singleton Gardens: Nursery House | 2017.x.04 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] |
| | | Thrieve, Dumfries, Botanic Gardens: glasshouses and hothouse | 2017.x.05 | Terry Crawford, Adrian Norris | CS database |
| | | Watford [likely adventive] | 2018.viii.09 | Katie Tomkins | CS database |
| | | Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire: Orchid House | 2018.viii.17 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Croxeth Park, Liverpool: Polytunnel | 2018.viii.18 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Sefton Park, Liverpool: Palm House | 2018.viii.18 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] |
| | | Stockton Butterfly World, Co. Durham: Butterfly House | 2018.ix.06 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Tropical Zone | 2019.iv.27 | Peter Topley | CS database |
| | | University Botanic Gardens, Leicester: Tropical House | 2019.x.02 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] |
| | | Hotwells, Bristol [likely adventive] | 2020.v.12 | Matt Law | CS database |
| | | Hall Place Gardens, Bexley, Kent: Butterfly House | 202206.30 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Stratford-on-Avon Butterfly Farm, Warwickshire: Butterfly House | 2022.ix.14 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Dyffryn Gardens, Glamorgan: Hothouse | 2023.iii.17 | Chris Owen | CS database |
| | | Arundel Castle, Sussex: Tropical House | 2023.v.31 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Euconul- idae | <i>Afropunctum semineum</i> | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory: Wet Tropics Zone | 2023.x.20 |
| Inverness Botanic Gardens | 2024.xii.14 | | | Finley Hutchinson | iRecord [ident. confirmed] |
| Whipsnade Zoo: Butterfly House | 2017.v.05 | | | Dave Guntrip | Pers. comm. |
| Microcysti- dae | <i>Liardetia samoensis</i> | Wisley RHS Gardens: Tropical Zone | 2014.xii.18 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Tropical Zone | 2022.x.01 | Tom Walker | Walker <i>et al.</i> 2024 |
| Chronidae | <i>Kaliella bar- rakporensis</i> | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Tropical Biome | 2010.03 | Richard Preece, Fred Naggs | Preece & Naggs 2014 |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Rainforest Biome | 2014.iii.04 | Finley Hutchinson | iRecord [ident. confirmed] |
| Achatinidae | <i>Allopeas clavulinum</i> | Mr Thacker's Orchid House, Blue Bell Hill, Nottingham | 1883 | — | Brindley 1904 as <i>Opeas urichi</i> ; Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906 as <i>O. clavulinus</i> |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | — | Brindley 1904 as <i>Opeas urichi</i> ; Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906 as <i>O. clavulinus</i> |
| | | Nottingham: a few hothouses | Undated | — | Swanton 1906, as <i>Opeas urichi</i> , <i>O. clavulinus</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 1915 | John R. le B. Tomlin | Anonymous 1915; Ellis 1926 as <i>Leptinaria urichi</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London; Doncaster [likely adventive] | 1928.v.11 | John R. le B. Tomlin | Anonymous 1928 as <i>Opeas urichi</i> |
| | | Singleton Gardens, Swansea: Greenhouse | 1928 | H.E. Quick | NMW Z.2013.030 as <i>Opeas clavulinum</i> |
| | | Singleton Gardens, Swansea: Greenhouse | 1929.viii | H.E. Quick | NMW Z.2013.030 as <i>Opeas clavulinum</i> |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | Hugh Watson | Watson 1929 |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1931.iii.3 | A. Watson | NHMUK 20250064 as <i>Opeas clavulinum</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Fern House | 1946.iv.16 | — | Meeuse 1948 as <i>Opeas clavulinum</i> |
| | | Belfast Botanic Gardens | 1948.ix | — | Meeuse & Hubert 1949 as <i>Opeas mauritanum</i> |

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| Achatinidae | <i>Allopeas clavulinum</i> | Kew Gardens, London Cambridge Botanic Garden Nottingham Edinburgh Botanic Gardens Belfast Botanic Gardens | Undated | — | CS Census 1951 as <i>L. clavulinus</i> [Kew, Cambridge, Nottingham, Edinburgh], <i>L. mauritanus</i> [Belfast] | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Houses 17A, 17B | 1967.ix | Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Opeas pumillum</i> | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: T-ranges | 1975 | — | NHMUK 20250057 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory: Palm House | 1992.vi.03 | Bernard Verdcourt | Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1995 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory: Palm House | 1993.iii.06 | CS field meeting | Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1995 | | |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens: Temperate House | 1998.iii.18 | Gordon Corbet | NMS Z.2020.31.62 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Palm House POW Conservatory 1 Tropical Rainforest POW Conservatory 5 Tropical Ferns POW Conservatory 8 Carnivorous | 2014.x.10 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Rainforest Biome | 2014.xi.04 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens: Nursery, Lowland Wet Tropics House 10 | 2016.v.07 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Paington Zoo, Devon: Reptile House, Crocodile Swamp | 2017.vi.17 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | London Zoo: Tropical mantilla frog exhibit, Bugs building | 2017.iv | — | NHMUK 20170147 | | |
| | | Newquay Zoo, Cornwall: Tropical House, Octagonal frog exhibit | 2017.viii.03 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Chester Zoo: Butterfly House, Monsoon Forest | 2018.viii.16 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | London Zoo: Tiny Bugs House | 2023.ix.04 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Glasshouse 8 Aracaceae Tropical Glasshouse 9 Warm Woody Tropical Glasshouse 12 Tropical Ferns | 2023.x.20 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Achatinidae | <i>Allopeas gracile</i> | Headington Hill Gardens, Oxford [likely adventive] | 1917.ix.26 | L. Dawes | NHMUK as <i>Opeas goodallii</i> |
| | | | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 2011.vii.23 | Richard Preece, Tom White | Preece & White 2012 |
| | | | | Polaris House, Swindon [likely adventive] | 2023.vi.28 | Jo Holborn | iRecord [ident. unconfirmed] |
| | | Achatinidae | <i>Opeas hannense</i> | Bristol: on boards lining a pineapple bed | 1817 | John Miller | Miller 1822 as <i>Opeas goodallii</i> |
| Bristol | 1817 | | | — | NHMUK 1974143 | | |
| Singleton Gardens, Swansea: greenhouse | 1834.i.08 | | | HE Quick | NMW Z.2013.030 as <i>Opeas goodallii</i> | | |
| Scarborough, Yorkshire [likely adventive] | 1848.vii.02 | | | purchased from Damon | NHMUK 1849.2.2.228.230 as <i>Bulimus goodallii</i> | | |
| Cardiff | 1882 | | | — | NHMUK 20250079 | | |
| Cheltenham: Orchid House | 1886.ix | | | J Edwards | NHMUK 20250078 | | |
| Kew Gardens, London: propagating pits | 1888 | | | Harold Brindley | Brindley 1906 as <i>Stenogyra goodallii</i> | | |
| Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 1898 | | | Harold Brindley | Brindley 1906 as <i>Stenogyra goodallii</i> | | |
| Bristol, Durham [probably Bristol Botanic Gardens] | 1898.viii.20 | | | purchased fro Rev Dr Norman | NHMUK 1898.5.20.8447/83 | | |
| Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | | | — | Brindley 1904 | | |
| “In many parts of England” | Undated | | | — | Swanton 1906 as <i>Opeas goodallii</i> | | |
| Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | | | Hugh Watson | Watson 1929 | | |
| Kew Gardens, London: Fern House | Undated | | | — | Meeuse 1948 | | |
| Chillwell, Nottinghamshire: on roots of <i>Eucharis</i> bulbs [likely adventive] | Undated | | | Mr Pearson | Sturgess Dodd & Woodward 1906 as <i>Stenogyra goodallii</i> | | |

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| Achatinidae | <i>Opeas hannense</i> | Preston, Lancashire [likely adventive] | Undated | John R. le B. Tomlin | NHMUK 20350067 | | |
| | | Higher Broughton, Manchester [likely adventive] | Undated | — | NHMUK 20250081 | | |
| | | Manningham Park, Bradford greenhouses | 1910 | Fred Rhodes | CS database | | |
| | | Belfast Botanic Gardens; Dublin, Glasnevin | Undated | — | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Opeas pumilum</i> | | |
| | | Cardiff [likely adventive] | 1916 | F.W. Wotton | CS database | | |
| | | Headington Hill, Oxford [some glasshouses at Headington House at the time; likely adventive] | 1917.vii.26 | L. Dawes | CS database | | |
| | | Belfast Botanic Gardens Dublin, Glasnevin “Hertfordshire to Cumberland” | Undated | — | Ellis 1926 | | |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1931.vii.02 | A. Rodger Waterston | NHMUK 20250066 | | |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1940 | D.K. Kavan | CS database | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 1949 | Bernard Verdcourt | NHMUK 20250055 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 17A | 1967.ii.29 | John Armitage, Adrian Norris | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Opeas pumilum</i> | | |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1987.v.30 | Beryl Rands | CS database | | |
| | | Dublin, Glasnevin | 2001.vii.12 | Roy Anderson | NHMUK 20140709 | | |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens: Hot Tropics House Moist Hothouse | 2013.vi.22 | Adrian Sumner | CS database | | |
| | | London Zoo: Tropical Bird House | 2014.iii.12 | Peter Topley | CS database | | |
| | | Swansea, Plantasia: Tropical House Bird House | 2015.viii.09 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens: Lowland Wet Tropics House 10 | 2016.v.07 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| | | Pearson Park, Hull: Conservatory | 2017.iii.12 | James Harding-Morris | CS database | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 2022.ix.08 | Hauke Koch | CS database | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Glasshouse 1 Temperate Paradise Tropical Glasshouse 9 Warm Woody Tropical Glasshouse 12 Tropical Ferns | 2023.x.20 | Tom Walker | This study | | |
| Achatinidae | <i>Subulina octona</i> | Bristol | 1820 | Hugh Watson | CS database | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: propagating pits | 1884 | — | Brindley 1906; Meeuse 1948 | | |
| | | Manchester | 1885 | H.R. Hardy | NHMUK 20250071 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: propagating pits | 1888.iii | — | Brindley 1906; Meeuse 1948 | | |
| | | Fernihurst, Baildon, Bradford [extensive glasshouses, now gone] | 1889 | E. Self | CS database | | |
| | | Heaton, Bradford [extensive glasshouses, now gone] | 1897 | Fred Rhodes | CS database | | |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Tropical Fern House | 1905 | J.W. Horsley | Horsley 1905 | | |
| | | near Manchester and other localities | Undated | J.R. Hardy | Swanton 1906 | | |
| | | Belfast Botanic Gardens Dublin, Glasnevin Castlewellan | Undated | — | Stelfox 1911–12 | | |
| | | Higher Broughton, Manchester [likely adventive] | Undated | — | NHMUK 20250057 | | |
| | | Kew Gardens; London Manchester [location?] Glasgow Botanic Gardens Belfast Botanic Gardens Dublin, Glasnevin Castlewellan “Elsewhere” | Undated | — | Ellis 1926 | | |
| | | Achatinidae | <i>Subulina octona</i> | Kew Gardens, London | 1948 | Bernard Verdcourt | CS database |
| | | | | Kew Gardens, London: greenhouse “various localities” | 1950.iv Undated | J Sawker — | NMW Z.2013.030 — 1951 |
| | | | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Stove House | 1960.x | — | NBN database |

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| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| Achatinidae | <i>Subulina octona</i> | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1961 | Chris Paul | CS database |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: Stove House | 1980.x.10 | — | NBN database |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall | 2020.iii.01 | Richard Preece, Fred Naggs | Naggs 2014 |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 2022.vii.23 | Richard Preece, Tom White | Preece & White 2012 |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Rainforest Biome | 2014.xi.04 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Humid Biome | 2015.iv.08 | Richard Comont | CS database |
| | | Swansea, Plantasia: Tropical House | 2015.viii.09 | Tom Walker | This study [shell only] |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire | 2018.vii.02 | Whipsnade Zoo staff | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 2022.iv.02 | “wychelm” | CS database |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Rainforest Biome | 2014.iii.14 | Finlay Hutchinson | iRecord [ident. confirmed] |
| | | Durdham Down Nursery, Bristol [likely adventive] | Undated | P.P. Cambridge | NMW Z.1992.023 |
| Achatinidae | <i>Striosubulina striatella</i> | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 1906 | Alexander Frew | Anonymous 1907 as <i>Subulina octona</i> ; Weddle 2020 |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Nepenthus House | 1926 | — | NHMUK 20250074 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Waterlily House and others | 1960.ix | J.F. Peake | NHMUK 2025-075 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 1995.x | A.E. Ellis | NHMUK 2025-0065 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Houses 9 and 10 | 1967.i.29 | Adrian Norris, John Armitage | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Houses 1, 10, 15, 17A and 17B | 1967.ix | Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973, NHMUK 20250073 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Ewing Range | 1988.iii.12 | A. Rodger Waterston | Hancock 1999, NHMUK 20250063 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: hothouses | 1990 | Ed Bishop | NNWM Z.2013.030 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: hothouses | 1990 | R.G.B. Williams | NNWM Z.2013.030 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Ewing Range | 1996.xii.18 | E.G. Hancock | Hancock 1999 as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory: Palm House | 1993.iii.06 | CS field meeting | Reynolds 1993; Verdcourt 1995, as <i>Subulina striatella</i> |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 2005.x.01 | Ben Rowson | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Moist Hot House Tropical Fern House | 2013.iii.12 | Adrian Sumner | Naggs 2014 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory 1 Tropical Rainforest 4 Tropical Ferns 5 Temperate Ferns | 2014.x.10 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall: Rainforest Biome | 2014.xi.04 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: Tropical Rainforest House | 2014.vi.13 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Oxford Botanic Gardens: Lily House | 2014.x.01 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Staunton Country Park, Hampshire: Lily Pond House Main Glasshouse | 2015.i.28 | Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 2015.vi.12 | Adrian Sumner | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House Palm House Begonia House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | This study |
| Chester Zoo: Butterfly House, Monsoon Forest | 2018.viii.16 | Tom Walker | This study | | |

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| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------|--|---|
| Achatinidae | <i>Striosubulina striatella</i> | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 2019.ii.05 | Richard Weddle | CS database |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire: Butterfly House | 2022.vii.15 | Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley, Tom Walker | This study |
| | | Kew Gardens, London Palm House Tropical Glasshouse 9 Warm Woody Tropical Glasshouse 12 Tropical Ferns | 2023.x.20 | Tom Walker | This study |
| Achatinidae | <i>Subulina</i> sp. | Bristol Botanic Gardens: Nepanthus House | 1820 | — | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 1931 | A Rodger Waterston | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Orchid House | 1968.iii.11 | Beryl Rands | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1970 | Chris Paul | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Aroid House | 1975 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | London Zoo: Tropical Bird House | 1978.iv.20 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1978.vi.03 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 1978 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Avery Hill Park, Elton, London [likely adventive] | 1980 | — | CS database |
| | | Stockwood Bank, Luton [possibly adventive] | 1982.iii.23 | Beryl Rands, Dave Guntrip | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: Stove House | 1986.ix.06 | Beryl Rands, Dave Guntrip | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: POW Conservatory: Palm House, | 1993.iii.06 | Rosemary Hill | CS database |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 2013.vi.22 | Adrian Sumner | CS database |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens | Undated | — | NBN database |
| Streptaxi- dae | <i>Gulella io</i> | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1931 | A. Rodger Waterston | Connolly 1931 as <i>Gulella devia</i> |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens | 1956.vi | Robert Scase | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 1 Aroid | 1967.i.29 | John Armitage, Adrian Norris | Verdcourt 1969, 1974; Airy Shaw 1973 |
| | | Wisley RHS Gardens: hothouse [now gone] | 1976 | Robert Scase | Kerney 1976 |
| | | London Zoo: Tropical Bird House | 1978.iv.30 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1978.vi.03 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | 1978 | Adrian Rundle | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | 1986.ix.06 | Dave Guntrip | CS database |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: Tropical Fern House | 2011.vii.23 | Richard Preece, Tom White | Preece & White 2012 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: Palm House | 2023.x.20 | Tom Walker | This study |
| Streptaxi- dae | <i>Tomostele musaecola</i> | Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Moist Tropics House | 2013.ii.12 | Adrian Sumner | Naggs 2014 as <i>Streptostele musaecola</i> |
| | | Glasgow Botanic Gardens [shell only]: Palm House Begonia House | 2016.v.04 | Tom Walker, Peter Dance | This study |
| | | Glasgow: Begonia House Palm Houses | Undated | Adrian Sumner | Weddle 2020 as <i>S. musaecola</i> |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo: Butterfly House | 2017.ii | Peter Topley, Mark Telfer | Pers. comm. |
| | | Whipsnade Zoo: Butterfly House | 2022.vii.15 | Tom Walker, Dave Guntrip, Peter Topley | This study |

Table A2. British and Irish hothouse alien molluscs in literature and databases but which are now probably extinct in Britain and Ireland. Adventive (both likely or definite) and open-air records are included. This includes records from garden centres or other locations when it is very unlikely that breeding populations are established. Abbreviations: CS = Conchological Society, NBN = National Biodiversity Network, NHMUK = Natural History Museum, London; NMS = National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; NMW = National Museum and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff.

| Family | Species | Site | Date | Recorder | Source of record or specimen |
|---|---|---|--------------|--|---|
| Lymnaeidae | <i>Galba cubensis</i> | Dublin, Glasnevin | Undated | Arthur Stelfox | Meeuse & Hubert 1949 [probably <i>Lymnaea truncatula</i>] |
| | | Dublin, Glasnevin | 1949 | — | CS Census 1951 as <i>Lymnaea (Galba) cubensis</i> [probably <i>Galba truncatula</i>] |
| | <i>Galba rustica</i> | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | Hugh Watson | CS Census 1951 as <i>Lymnaea (Galba) humilis rustica</i> (probably <i>Galba truncatula</i>) |
| | <i>Pseudosuccinea columella</i> | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens: Aroid House | 1935.v.15 | A. Rodger Waterston | Meeuse & Hubert 1949 as <i>Pseudosuccinea</i> ; CS Census 1951 as <i>Lymnaea (Pseudosuccinea) columella</i> ; Rowson 2023 |
| | | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens | 1948 | A. Meeuse, B. Hubert | Meeuse & Hubert 1949; CS Census 1951; Rowson 2023 |
| <i>Racesina luteola</i> | Kew Gardens, London: greenhouses | 1975.iv.03 | — | Verdcourt 1995 as <i>Lymnaea luteola</i> [could be <i>Radix rubiginosa</i>] | |
| Physidae | <i>Stenophysa marmorata</i> | Kew Gardens, London: House 17B | 1967.i | John Armitage, Adrian Norris | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Physa marmorata</i> [could be <i>Physella acuta</i>] |
| | | Kew Gardens, London: House 10 Amazonica House 15 Waterlily | 1967.ix | Bernard Verdcourt | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Physa marmorata</i> [could be <i>Physella acuta</i>] |
| Planorbidae | <i>Glyptophysa novahollandica</i> | Swansea (presumably Singleton Gardens) | 1951 | — | CS Census 1951 as <i>Physastra dispar</i> |
| | <i>Gyraulus chinensis</i> | Liverpool Museum Aquarium | 1975 | Shaun Barrett | McMillan 1998 |
| | | Liverpool Museum Aquarium | 1997 | Marie Tracey | McMillan 1998 |
| | | Tyrone & Antrim, N. Ireland | Undated | — | https://maps.biodiversityireland.ie/Map/Terrestrial/Species/123869 |
| | “Common in tropical aquaria” | Undated | — | Anderson 2005 | |
| <i>Helicorbis umbilicalis</i> | Kew Gardens, London: House 15 Waterlily | 1943.ix.15 | Fred Taylor | Airy Shaw 1973 as <i>Helicorbis ? umbilicalis</i> | |
| Limacidae | <i>Ambigolimax waterstoni</i> | Edinburgh Botanic Gardens Glasgow Botanic Gardens | 1934 | A. Rodger Waterston | Waterston 1934 NMS Z.2022.2 |
| Helicodiscidae | <i>Helicodiscus parallelus</i> | Higher Broughton, Manchester: Ainsworth's greenhouse | Undated | J.R. Hardy | As <i>Helicodiscus lineatus</i> , NMW 1955.158 |
| | | Cork: University College | Undated | R.A. Phillips | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Helicodiscus lineatus</i> |
| | | Dublin, Glasnevin Castlewellan, Ireland | Undated | — | Stelfox 1911–12 as <i>Helicodiscus lineatus</i> |
| | | “Various parts of the country” | Undated | — | Ellis 1926 |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens | Undated | Hugh Watson | Watson 1929 |
| | | Hillsborough, Ireland [likely adventive] | Undated | — | CS Census 1951 |
| | | Cambridge Botanic Gardens: Succulent House | 1986.ix.06 | Dave Guntrip | CS database |
| Glasgow Botanic Gardens: Filmy Fern House | 1988.iii.12 | Adrian Norris | CS database | | |
| Euconulidae | <i>Solatopupa similis</i> | Lancashire [open ground only] | 1878 1879 | — | Wigglesworth 1889 as <i>Pupa cinerea</i> ; Kennard & Woodward 1926 as <i>Chondrina (Solatopupa) similis</i> |
| | | “A few hothouses and nurseries” | Undated | — | Swanton 1906 as <i>Jaminia quinquentata</i> |
| Achatinidae | <i>Beckianum beckianum</i> | York: Rowntree's Tropical House, in banana roots | 1925 | Wilfred Jackson | Anonymous 1925 as <i>Opeas (Synopeas) beckianum</i> [possibly <i>Allopeas clavulinum</i> or <i>A. gracile</i>] |

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| Achatinidae | <i>Rumina decollata</i> | Watton, Stoke Gabriel, Devon: glass-house | Pre-1826 | — | Turton 1826; Turton 1831 |
| | | Kew Gardens, London | Undated | — | CS database |
| | | Caerphilly Garden Centre, Gwent [adventitious] | 2005.iii | Mary Seddon, Matthew Pritchard | Seddon & Pickard 2005; Anderson 2005 both as <i>Rumina cf. decollata</i> ; Anderson & Rowson 2020 |