


(e) Ectoedemia spinosella (de Joannis). Ventnor. Mines very common on Prunus spinosa. The mines of this species were only within sight of the sea, and on the southern side of the hedge only, 22.viii.1975.


New Records of Leaf-mining Lepidoptera from the Isle of Wight. — On the 25th October, 1975 I visited the Isle of Wight for a few hours in the company of Mr. S. C. S. Brown. Our purpose was largely to supplement the new records of leaf-miners made by Mr. P. J. Johnson (given above) by searching for the species which would not yet have been feeding at the time of his visit. We crossed to and from Yarmouth and had time to cover only the north-western coastal strip as far as Parkhurst Forest. We found the following species which are not recorded or confirmed from the island by Mr. B. Goater in “The Butterflies and Moths of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight”: Ectoedemia intimella (Zeller) on Salix at Cranmore—scarce; E. angulifasciella (Stainton) on Rosa near Yarmouth and in Parkhurst Forest—fairly common; E. erythrogenella (de Joannis) on Rubus fruticosus agg. at Yarmouth—common, and at Thorness Bay—scarce; E. mediofasciella (Haworth) on Betula in Parkhurst Forest—fairly common. We also collected some tenanted mines of the atricapitella-group (Nepticulidae); these have produced a new record of Stigmella ruficapitella (Haworth). The mine was collected in Parkhurst Forest on the 25th October, 1975, and the imago emerged on the 19th March, 1976.

The generally common Stigmella malella (Stainton) has not yet been recorded from the Isle of Wight and we searched in vain for it on both wild and cultivated apple trees; Mr. Johnson had the same experience. A remarkable feature was the exceptional profusion of the mines of Ectoedemia argenti-pedella (Zeller) on Betula in Parkhurst Forest; Goater records only a single larva. Though tenanted blotch mines on oak were locally plentiful in the Forest, these were all E. subbimaculella and we failed to record E. quercifoliae (Toll). Tischeria ekebladella (Bjerkander) was found feeding on Castanea sativa as well as on Quercus in Parkhurst Forest. — A. M. EMMET, Labrey Cottage, Victoria Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex, 4.vi.1976.