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– a new record

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In 2007, I published a note in the NatSCA News 12 about a new insect pest threat to herbarium collections called *Trogoderma angustum*. In December, I found three dead *T angustum* adults on a windowsill in The Scott Polar Institute in Cambridge. It is not clear where they had come from or what they had been living on, but I would strongly advise anyone in Cambridge with any natural history specimens to check their collections.

Coincidentally, when I was in Queens College Library in Cambridge in June 2007, I found some live and dead adults of *Attagenus smirnovi* (commonly called the Vodka beetle). Although this pest is now common in museums in London, the only other previous record outside the Home Counties is from the Fitzwilliam Museum, also in Cambridge. As this pest is also damaging to collections, it would be a good idea to keep an eye open for it.

If anybody needs specimens of *T angustum* or *A smirnovi* checked, please send them to me at the above address.



Fig. 1. *Attagenus smirnovi* adult male. Length 4-5mm.
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Fig. 2. *Attagenus smirnovi* head of adult female
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