Genus Demetrias
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Checklist of species

Genus DEMETRIAS Bonelli, 1810
Subgenus RISOPHILUS Leach, 1815
   imperialis (Germar, 1824)
Subgenus DEMETRIAS
   atricapillus (Linnaeus, 1758)
   monostigma Samouelle, 1819

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Key to the UK species of genus *Demetrias*
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1  Temples hairy. Intervals between the striae of the elytra with a single row of erect bristles. Claws with three teeth. Elytra entirely pale or only indistinctly darker along the suture and, sometimes, at the tip and/or around the scutellum. Wings full length. Length 4.5-5.6 mm. .................................................. Demetrias atricapillus
   Among grasses, sedges, nettles etc., not necessarily near water; also in heaps of cut twigs. Common in England and Wales northwards to the Solway Firth.

Temples hairless. Only the interval of the elytra bears four punctures bearing bristles. Claws without teeth, or with a single tooth. .................................................. 2
2  Wings reduced. Claws with a tooth in the inner surface. Darker markings on the elytra restricted to the tip and often along the suture. Length 4.2-5.1 mm. ..........................

......... *Demetrias monostigma*

In tufts of *Elytrigia juncea* on sandy seashores, but also among reed and *Carex* near freshwater. Coast from North Wales round southern England to south Yorkshire. Inland records in East Anglia and elsewhere.

Wings full length. Claws untoothed. Darker markings on the elytra more expanded. Length 4.9-5.6 mm. ..........................

......... *Demetrias imperialis*

On reeds, bulrushes and other tall plants growing in or near water, often associated with *Odacantha melanura*. Most records south and east of a line from the Severn to the Humber.