Subfamily Euaesthetinae

Key to British species

from Tottenham (1954)

References

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Checklist of species


Genus *Edaphus* Motschulsky, 1857
   *beszedesi* Reitter, 1914
Genus *Euaesthetus* Gravenhorst, 1806
   *bipunctatus* (Ljungh, 1804)
   *laeviusculus* Mannerheim, 1844
   *ruficapillus* Lacordaire, 1835
1 Head convex between the eyes. Pronotum without depressions near the base but there are depressions either side of the centre line around half way. First exposed abdominal segment without a ridge. Labrum with a row of comb-like teeth at the front (to see this the mandibles must usually be opened - the labrum is the plate behind them). .................................................................

......... Genus **Euaesthetus**

Head more or less impressed between eyes. Pronotum with several deep depressions along the base. First exposed abdominal segment with a ridge up the middle. Labrum without teeth. .................................................................

......... **Edaphus beszedesi**

A comparatively recent discovery in the south east of England.
2 Head and pronotum with punctures arranged in undulating rows. Sutural striae on the elytra at most very indistinct. Brownish-black species with the head reddish-brown (sometimes the whole body is uniformly reddish-brown). Palps and antennae reddish with the apical half of the last segment of the maxillary palps and the last segment of the antennae a little darkened. Length 1.5-2.0 mm. ................

............... Euaesthetus bipunctatus

Head and pronotum shining with finely punctures, these not arranged in rows. Sutural striae on the elytra distinct. Antennae and palps uniformly reddish. Length 1.25-1.75 mm. .........................3

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3 Elytra distinctly punctured more finely than the pronotum. Pronotum more densely punctured and broadening more in front, with depressions longer and deeper; head a little duller and more wrinkled; overall shape narrower. ............................................................
........ Euaesthetus ruficapillus

Elytra very slightly more finely punctured than the pronotum but difficult to be sure. Pronotum less widened in front, with the punctures less dense; basal depressions shorter and less deep. Head a little more shining and less wrinkled. Overall shape broader. ............................................................
........ Euaesthetus laeviusculus