

EUROPEAN INVERTEBRATE SURVEY

**PROVISIONAL ATLAS  
OF THE  
INSECTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES**

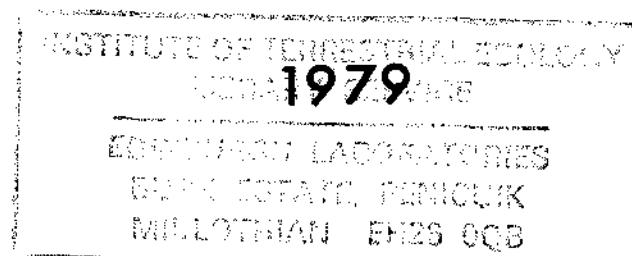
**Part 5**

**HYMENOPTERA: FORMICIDAE**

**Ants**

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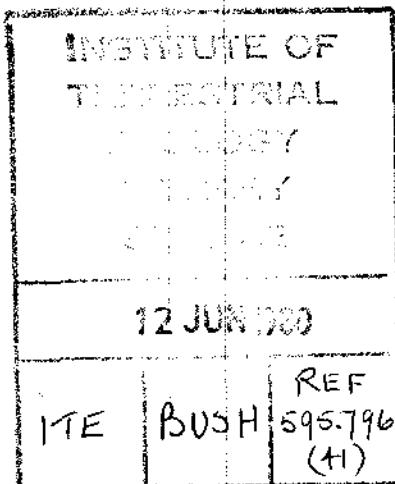
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## FOREWORD

The first edition of the Provisional Atlas of the Ants (Formicidae) of the British Isles was compiled with data available up to May 1977. We are grateful to Mr Barrett for providing and editing the additional data included in this, the second edition of the Provisional Atlas.

The maps included in this Atlas were prepared under contract to the Nature Conservancy Council as part of its programme of research into nature conservation.

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

In the preparation of the second edition, the opportunity has been taken to make certain corrections, to up-date the nomenclature used and to include records contributed to the recording scheme up to July 1979. Since the first edition, a new species, *Myrmica hirsuta* Elmes, has been described, bringing the total number of species of ants in the British Isles to forty-seven.

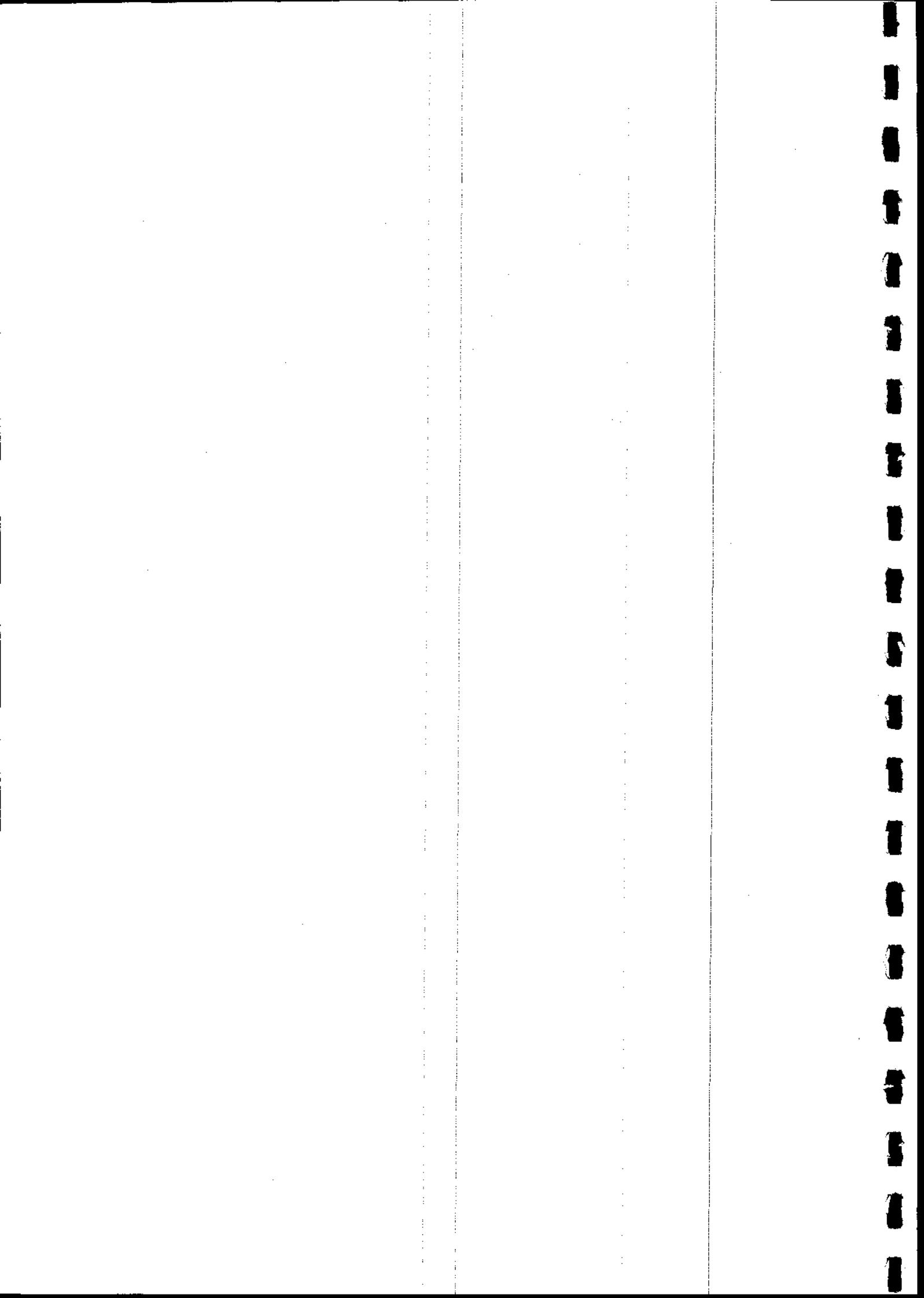
Future recording of ants in the British Isles will be organised through the Bees, Wasps and Ants Recording Scheme co-ordinated by:

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## INTRODUCTION

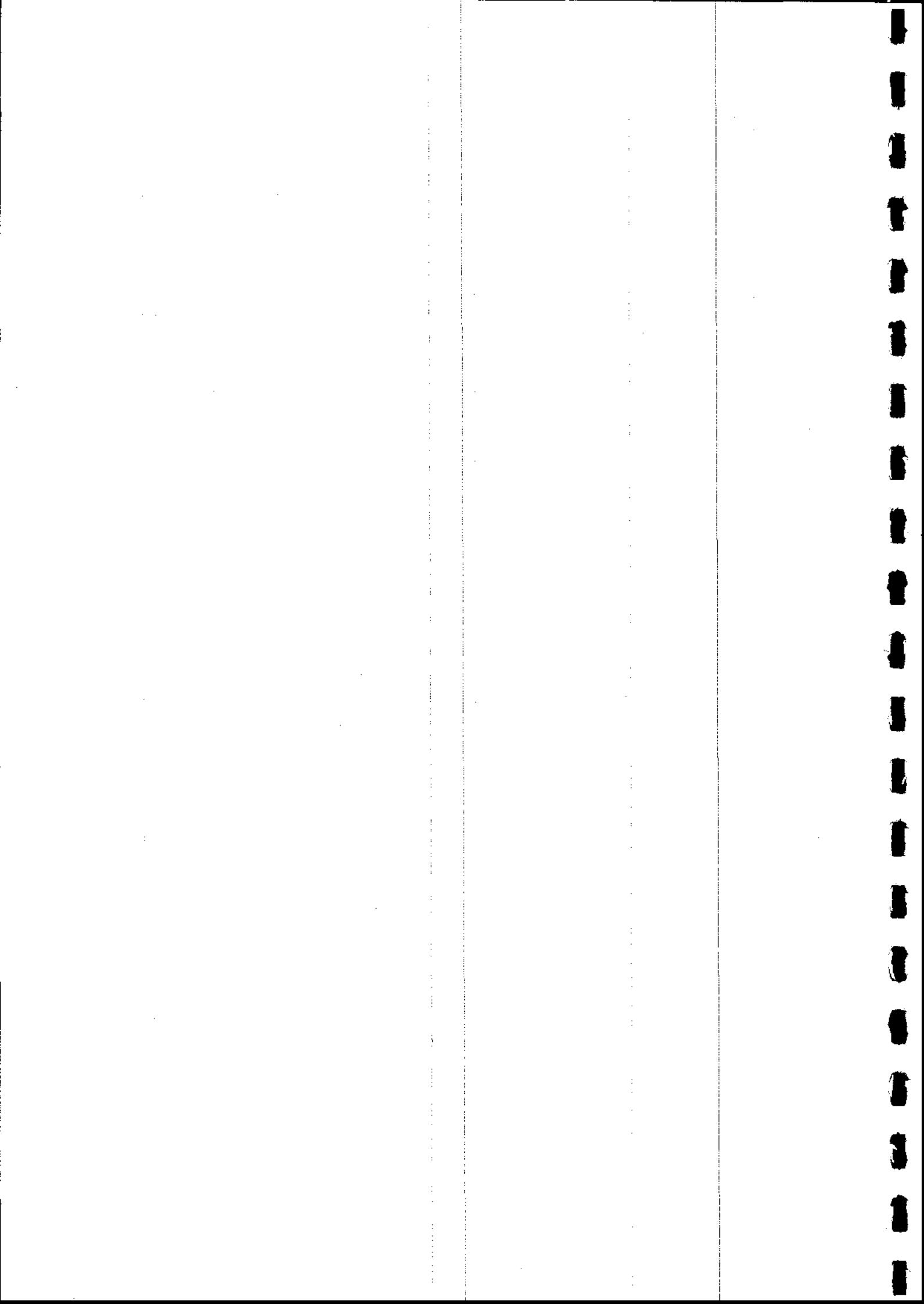
The following maps illustrate the presently known occurrence of 47 species of ants, including 5 only known in the British Isles from the Channel Isles, in the 10 kilometre squares of the Ordnance Survey and Irish National Grids. The maps are based on published records, museum records and, primarily, on field records contributed both by specialist collectors and by participants in the Ant Recording Scheme. This scheme, like many similar schemes concerned with the distribution of the major insect groups, is organised in conjunction with the Biological Records Centre.

Only the species known to be indigenous to the British Isles are represented on the maps. Introduced species, including the doubtfully endemic *Hypoponera punctatissima* (Roger), are not included. Although *Lasius rabaudi* (Bondroit) is currently treated as a synonym of *L. umbratus* (Nylander), the distribution map of this form is retained since the Queen caste is readily separable. Collingwood (1979, *Fauna Entomologica Scandinavica*, 8) considers British material recorded as *L. rabaudi* to be referable to *L. meridionalis* (Bondroit).

It should be pointed out that the absence of records for any given square, particularly in the case of the more abundant and widespread species, may be due more to the absence of records than to the absence of ants. For this reason, a map of all the records obtained is provided for comparison with the species distribution maps so that indication is given of the status of the records and of areas where further recording is required.

My grateful thanks are due to all those who have generously contributed records to the Ant Recording Scheme to date.

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