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New Records for Parna apicalis

The records so far for Parna apicalis (a sawfly leafminer discovered in 2007 in the UK) in 2008 are:

Location	County	Foodplant	Finder
Bristol	Avon	T.cordata	Rich Andrews
Tunbridge Wells	Kent	T.cordata	Keith Palmer
Wisley	Surrey	T.cordata, T.'Petiolaris'	Andrew Halstead
Wrexham	Clwyd	T.x vulgaris	Bryan Formstone

Ewald Altenhofer reports that he finds P.apicalis on both T.cordata and P.platyphyllos in Austria

Rich Andrews found a mine parasitized. This was identified by Ewald Altenhofer as the cocoon of a small braconid wasp - Shawiana catenator.

He says 'It was determined by Kees van Achterberg (Leiden, Netherlands).

This ectoparasitic species was reared also from Profenusa pygmaea, Fenusella nana, Fenusa ulmi etc.'

The cocoon is top upper-middle of the mine on the photo opposite

Image © Rich Andrews



In Austria Ewald finds the larvae of P.apicalis parasitised by the endoparasitc ichneumonid – Lathrolestes sp.

It lays brown eggs in the abdomen of the larvae (as shown opposite):

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