

Family Pyrochoidae

Check List

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Pyrochroa Geoffroy, 1762

coccinea (Linnaeus, 1761)

serraticornis (Scopoli, 1763)

Schizotus Newman, 1838

pectinicornis (Linnaeus, 1758)

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Key to British species

Adapted from Joy (1932) by Mike Hackston

- 1 Orange brown species with a black patch in the middle of the pronotum. Width of the head greatest across the eyes - not getting broader behind the eyes. Male with very long teeth on the antennae. Length 7-9 mm.

..... ***Schizotus pectinicornis***

Herefordshire, Central Wales and Scotland; very local.



male

female

More reddish species with the pronotum more or less uniform in colour. Width of the head behind the eyes as broad as or broader than the width of the head across the eyes.

Antennae less strongly toothed. Larger species, 10-17 mm.

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- 2 Head black. Larger species, length 13-17 mm.
..... ***Pyrochroa coccinea***
England and Wales northwards to the Lake District.



- Head red; smaller species. Length 10-13 mm.
..... ***Pyrochroa serraticornis***
Widely distributed in England and Wales.

