

Ants in S.W. Scotland

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Since the publication of a previous note (1953, *Ent. Rec.*, **65**, 10, pp. 297-298) on ants in Galloway, the area was visited again on the 12th and 13th June 1954, and the following additional records made:

Ayrshire:—On the coast near Girvan, *Lasius umbratus* Nyl.* was present nesting under several stones; 3 dead workers were also found in an adjacent *Lasius niger* L. colony. *Lasius flavus* F. was also abundant in the locality. Other ants present in this area included *Leptothorax acervorum* F.*, *Myrmica laevinodis* Nyl., *Myrmica rubra* L., *Myrmica sabuleti* Meinert* and *Myrmica lobicornis* Nyl.*

Yarrow, 1954, *Trans. Soc. Brit. Ent.*, 11, 11, 229-244, recently published a review of the British ants of the *Formica fusca* group. He points out that the ant hitherto recorded under the name *Formica fusca* L. in North Britain in nearly all cases should be referred to *Formica lemani* Bondroit, a similar species, but distinguished in the worker