

PENSOFT Publishers are proud to announce that the British Biological Records Centre (BRC) at Monks Wood, UK, appointed us publisher of the Atlases of the fauna of Britain and Ireland. The first volume on Diplopoda by Paul Lee will be offered in a new design, accompanied by colour photographs of many species in the field. The aim of the new design will be to give a clear idea to the wider public of the appearance and ecology of these animals and to make the books of the series more attractive and stimulating to raise the profiles of invertebrate groups and preserve biodiversity.

The publication of the Atlas of the Millipedes of Britain and Ireland less than twenty years after the appearance of the Preliminary Atlas in 1988 has been made possible by the maintenance of a most efficient recording scheme, in combination with the dedication and initiative of the myriapodologists collecting data in the field. This new volume will be of great value in conservation work, allowing research workers and planners to see in which types of habitat and microhabitat the different species may be found and which of these require to be protected in order to maintain viable populations of the species in which they are interested. A further feature and major strength of this volume is the placing of the British and Irish fauna in a European context, evidently permitting a better understanding of the species' distributions and the relative importance of the British and Irish populations globally. Because of the attention paid to sound ecological principles and its bio-geographical attributes this atlas should appeal to a broader field of readers than the title might indicate. It reveals distribution patterns that are mirrored in other groups of organisms and is a model of its kind.

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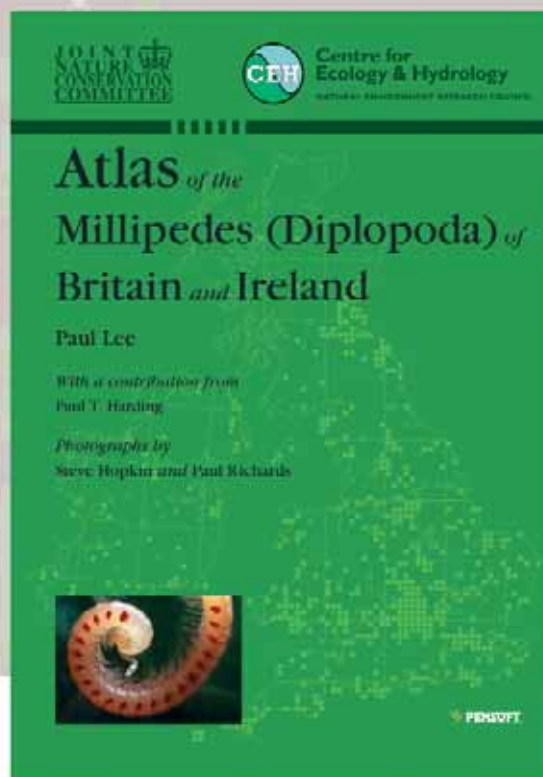
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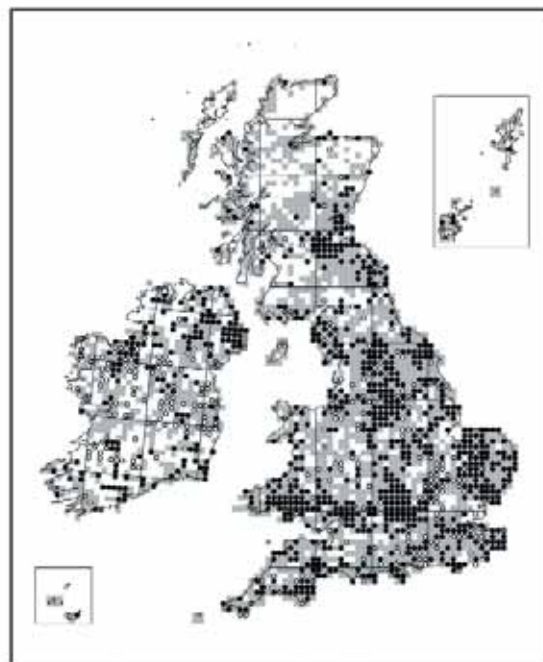
Nanogona polydesmoides

This species is common and widespread throughout Britain and Ireland. Blower (1985) noted it was the commonest millipede recorded from British caves, a habitat more typical in the south of its European range (Kime, 2001). Analysis of the habitat data confirms a strong association with caves and also with waste ground, especially in urban areas. However, it is found in a wide range of other habitats and has usually been considered a species of deciduous woodlands. Analysis of the environmental data shows, at most, a slight preference for calcareous soils but various authors have noted such a preference (Blower, 1985; Gregory & Campbell, 1996; Kime, 1978). Gordon Corbet (pers. comm.) reports the species as rare in non-calcareous natural sites in Scotland but frequent where there is concrete or mortar. Due to the strong association of the millipede with urban waste ground, these latter records may be masking any association with calcareous soils. Kime (2004) describes its continental distribution as strictly Atlantic. Outside of Britain and Ireland it occurs mainly in France but is very local in Belgium, there is a single record from the west coast of Norway and an outlier population apparently belonging to this species is found in northern Italy. Adults have been found throughout the year but are most frequently recorded in the autumn and winter months. Although some individuals may survive for longer, Blower (1985) considered the species to be annual with egg-laying taking place from November to January.



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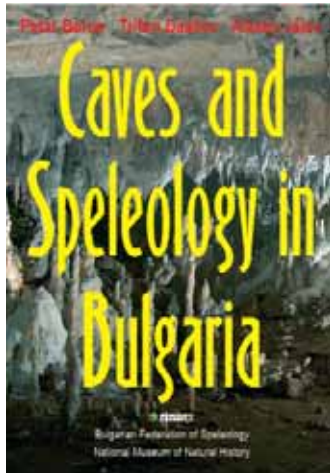
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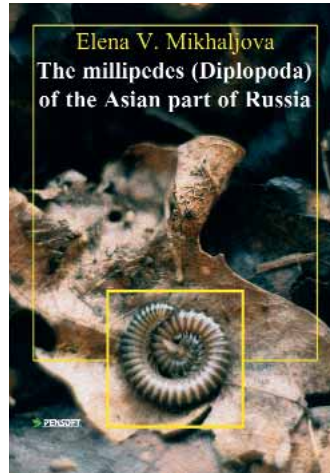
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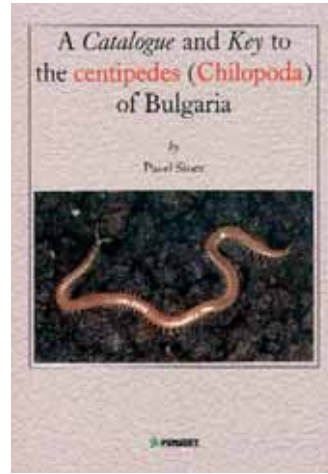
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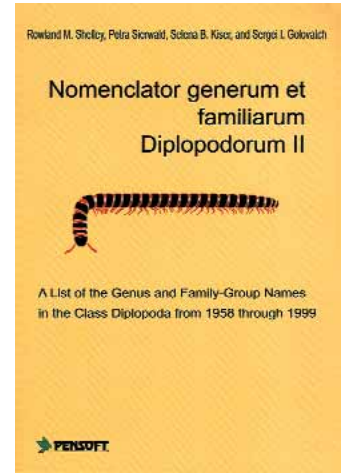
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