

So investigation of the neighbourhood of other Botanical Gardens and locations where flower exposition takes place, could be interesting to find out how quick this species expands further northwestwards in Europe. This can be expected as the species can establish permanent colonies in regions with mean January temperatures of -5°C (SEIFERT, 2000). Also the extent and influence of its expansion and the important variables governing this process should be investigated in Belgium.

Therefore, we suggest a dedicated follow-up of the expansion rate of the species in and near Ghent. A detailed distribution of *L. neglectus* in Ghent is therefore needed. Also other locations where the species could already have settled will be screened. If the species indeed continues its expansion and even out-competes other ant-species, care should be taken when anthropogenic passive transport might occur.

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Tachinus flavolimbatus PAND., 1869 (Coleoptera Staphylinidae) a new beetle species for Belgium

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In De Panne (the most westerly situated corner of Belgium) an individual of *Tachinus flavolimbatus* (PAND.) has been discovered in the nature reserve De Westhoek on 26/9/2001 in the lime rich, thermophilic moss dunes. The species was not yet known to occur in Belgium (BRUGE *et al.*, 2001). It is a West-European species, found until now as far northwest as Paris (LOHSE, 1964), but it has also been reported from the Elsas (LUCHT, 1988).

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