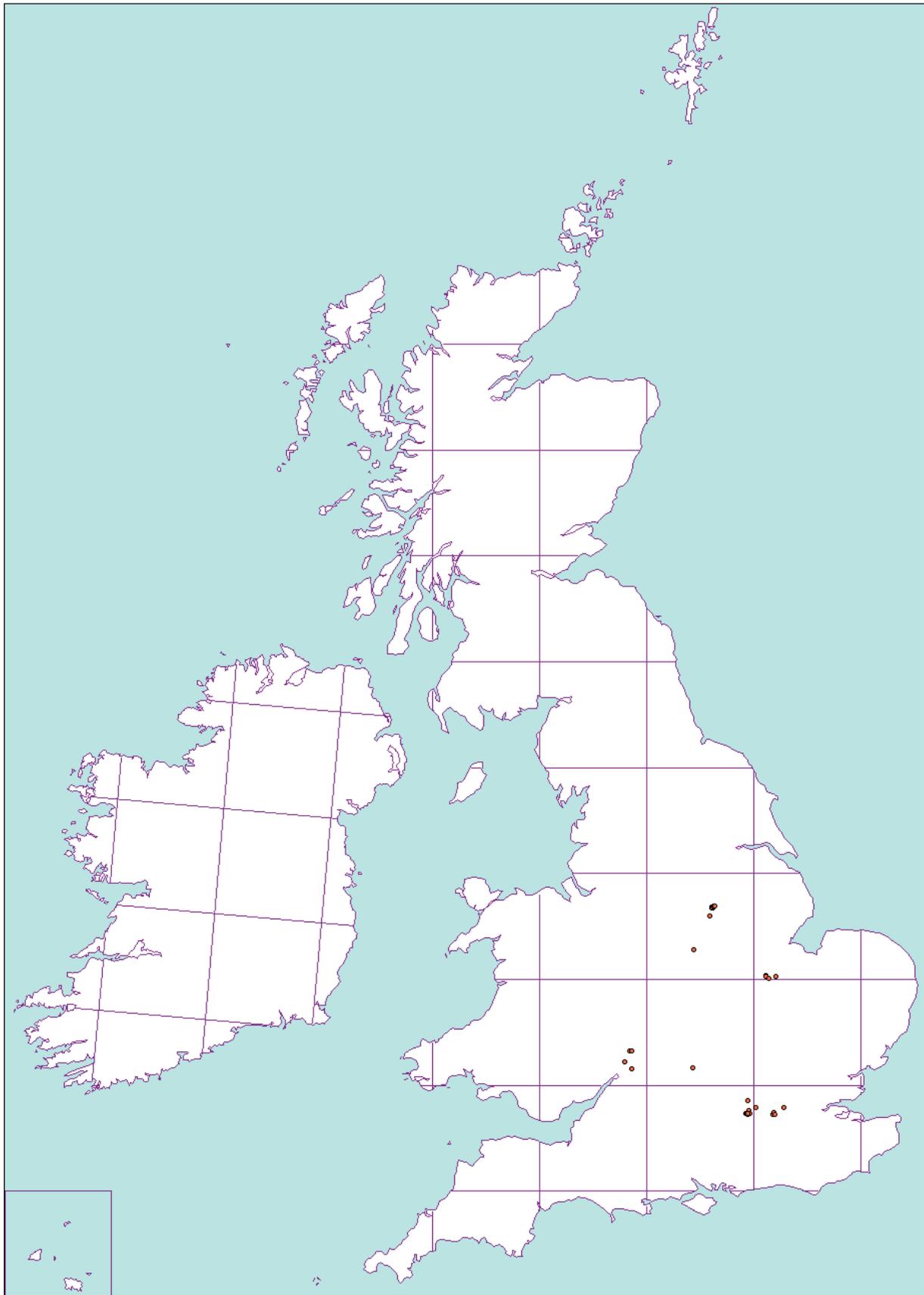


## **Dendrochernes cyrneus**



The cephalothorax and opisthosomal tergites are dark red olive-brown; the pedipalps deep red-brown with almost black hands; legs yellow. Distribution: Throughout most of Europe, but rare: England, France, Germany, over to Bulgaria, Hungary, Austria, Albania, Italy and Corsica. In Britain it has a restricted distribution, generally being associated with ancient woodlands, e. g. Burnham Beeches, Windsor Park, St. James' Park and Sherwood Forest. This is one of our rarest and most spectacular species. *Dendrochernes cyrneus* is associated with dead and over-mature trees where it occurs beneath dry bark and within dry decaying wood. It appears to prefer timber heated by the sun and shuns shaded sides of branches and tree trunks. 'Maiden oaks' with dead or dying branches can support this species. Oak is the favoured timber, but elm and beech have yielded specimens. Length of body: 3.5-4.2mm.