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BOOK REVIEW: AN ATLAS OF OXFORDSHIRE MYRIAPODA: DIPLOPODA & CHILOPODA.

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Most of this publication consists of species maps of each millipede and centipede found in Oxfordshire (VC22 & VC23). These have been published in the Bulletin last year and in the present volume but the maps in the occacasional publication in addition to having updated millipede records, are at tetrad level and thus are more detailed. The introduction includes a section on the Myriapoda and an historical review of recording in Oxfordshire. Then follows a section on habitat associations which lists the major habitat types in the county and the species found in them. This is concluded by two tables indicating habitat preferences. The species maps are introduced by more general ones showing the distribution of calcareous rocks and woodlands and a coverage map.

The distributions are shown for 38 millipedes and 28 centipedes which have so far been recorded for Oxfordshire together with a brief commentary. Although some species are represented by few records the senior author's ability to find small beasts has ensured that even for those easily overlooked there is the feeling that the distributions are not solely a function of where someone has looked.

It would be good to see reports like this for each of our counties eventually and the authors are to be commended on their hard work both in the field and in producing this report.

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