

*Aprostocetus neglectus* (Domenichini) (Hym., Eulophidae, Tetrastichinae), a parasitoid of *Exochomus quadripustulatus* (L.) (Col., Coccinellidae) in Britain. — During a study of the pine ladybird, *Exochomus quadripustulatus* in Millhouses, Sheffield (VC 63) we removed defunct pupae from the trunks of a group of park trees (*Tilia x vulgaris* Hayne, *Acer pseudoplatanus* L. and *Fraxinus excelsior* L.) between 19.i. and 23.iii.2002. On the final examination of pots containing eighteen pupae on 1.v.2002, at least thirteen chalcids had emerged. Emergence was not witnessed but about 25% of overwintered, effete pupae at this site bore small (<1.0mm), circular punctures. Samples were sent to Dr R.R. Askew and identified as *Aprostocetus neglectus* (Domenichini). Dr Askew notes that the species has been recorded as a parasitoid of various coccinellids (*Chilocorus*, *Coccinella*, *Exochomus* and *Scymnus* species) widely across Europe but apparently not recorded from Britain. The species is covered in the revision of European Tetrastichinae by Graham (1987, *Bulletin of the British Museum Natural History (Entomology)*, 55(1): 1–392). Our thanks to Dr Askew for his help and advice. — DAVID F.W. MABBOTT & PAUL R. MABBOTT, 49 Endowood Road, Sheffield, S7 2LY: June 9th, 2002.