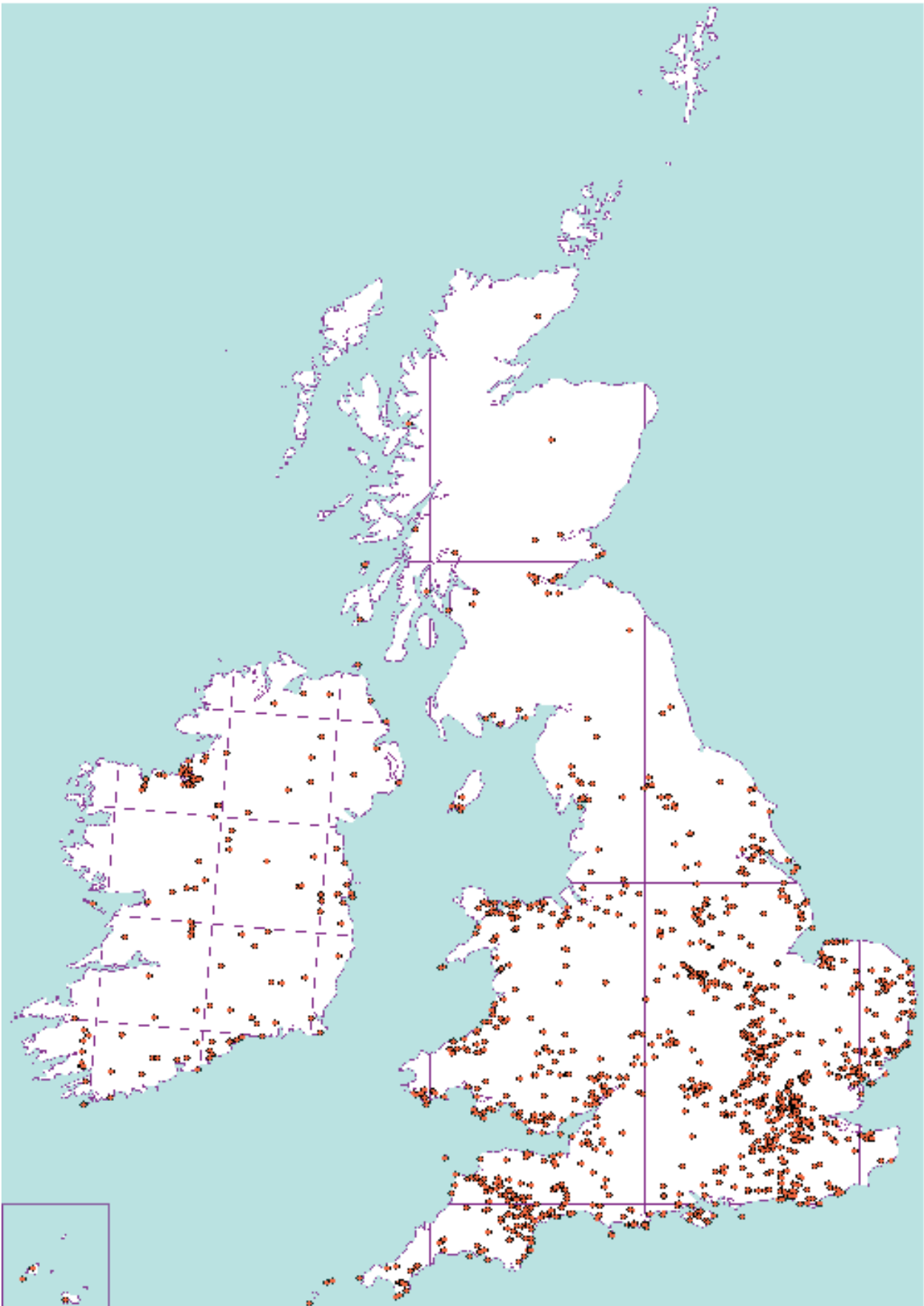


Chthonius ischnocheles



The cephalothorax is olive green, the opisthosoma reddish-brown and the pedipalps and chelicerae reddish to reddish-brown. Distribution: Europe: widespread in S. and W. Europe as far as the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands; and eastwards to southern Austria and the Black Sea; northwards to Denmark and Sweden. Throughout Britain it is very widespread, but appears to be absent from the central and north of Scotland and central Wales. Locally it is often quite common, being found beneath stones, bricks and other debris as well as woodland soil and litter, and occasionally bird and other animal nests. Length of body: 1. 6-2. 4mm