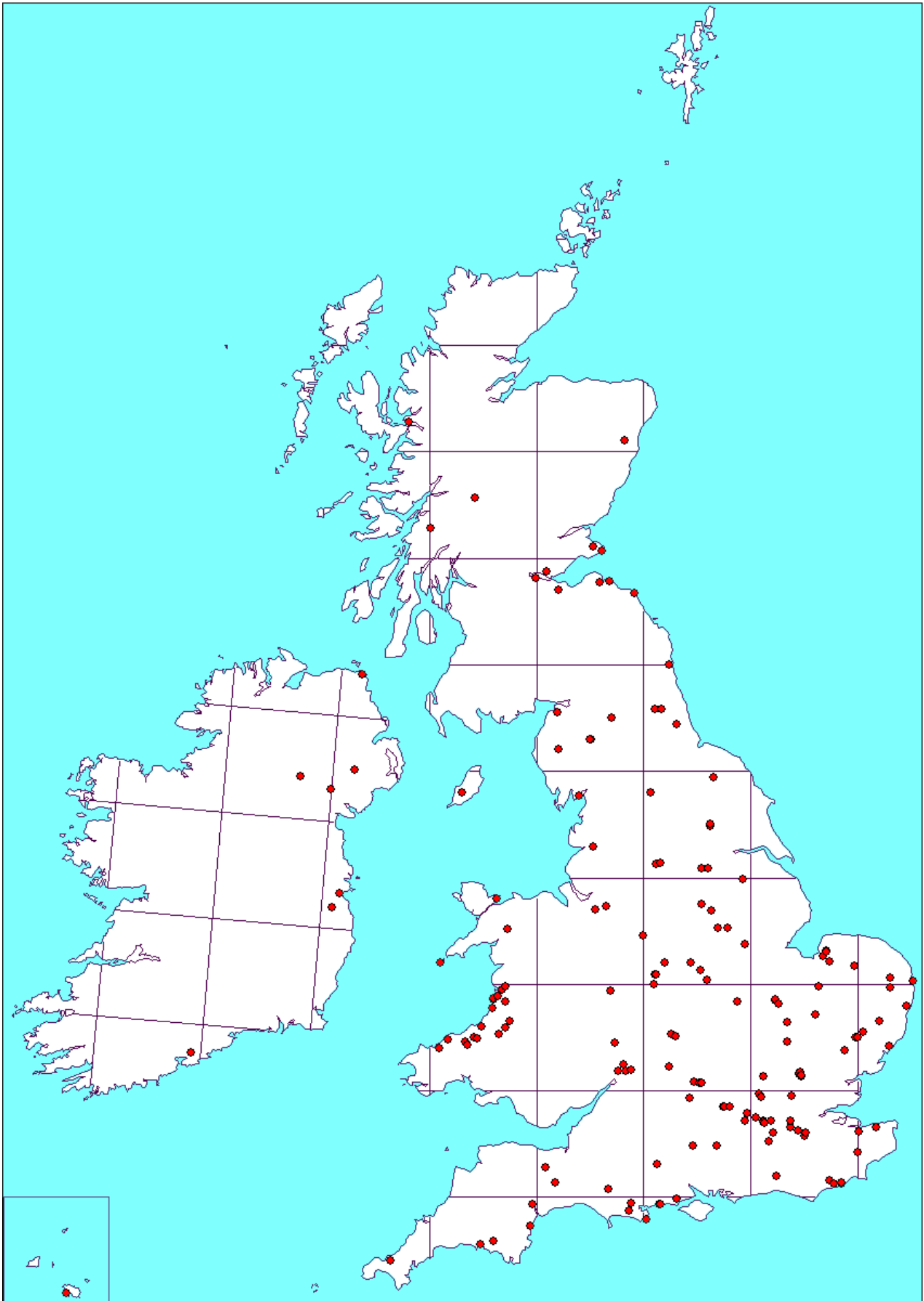


Cheiridium museorum



The cephalothorax and pedipalps are dark red-brown and opisthosoma paler, amber-brown. Distribution: Throughout most of Europe. In Britain it is probably widespread, occurring in dwelling houses, shops, barns, grain-stores, stables as well as the nests of birds associated with man such as the house sparrow, dove/pigeon, starling and house martin. This synanthropic species is common but easily over-looked because of its small size. It is the 'book-scorpion' of Aristotle. Length of body: ♂ 3-4mm.