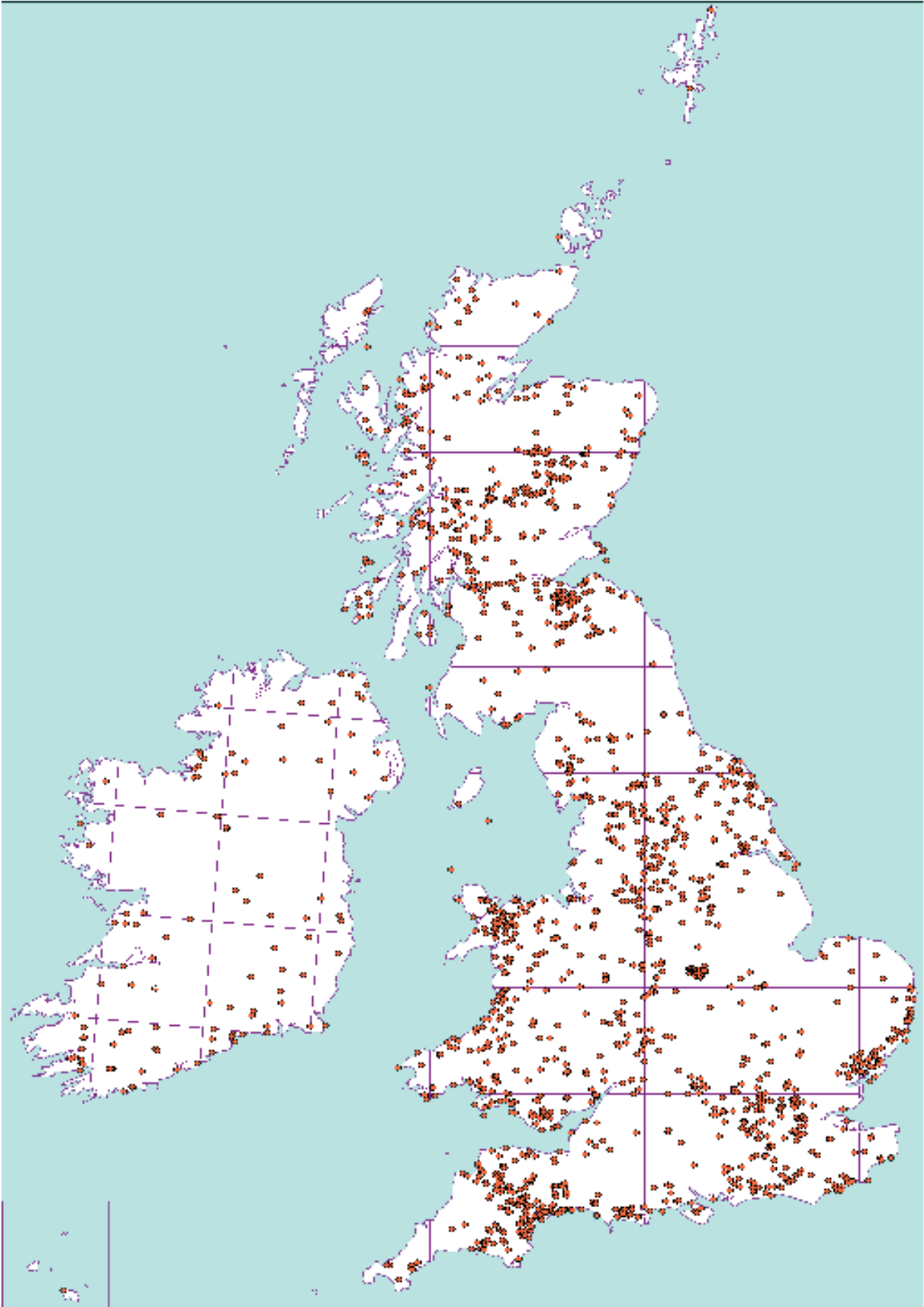


Neobisium carcinoides



The cephalothorax and opisthosoma are a deep olive, the former with a reddish tinge; the pedipalps reddish-brown. Distribution: Europe: Central, N. and E. Europe, from France to Poland and Hungary; northwards to England, Denmark, Central Scandinavia and Finland; southwards to Central Italy and W. Yugoslavia. In Britain this is the most widespread and commonest species, although it does not occur in the same high densities as *Chthonius ischnocheles*. It can be found in many habitats including woods, moors, heaths, dunes, saltmarshes and grassland where it occurs in decaying vegetation, moss, beneath stones, in soil and more rarely under tree bark and in birds' nests, from sea level to over 900 metres. Length of body: 1.7-3.0mm.