

ILYBIUS NEGLECTUS: TO BE, OR NOT TO BE... BELGIAN**Kevin Scheers**

Ilybius neglectus (Erichson, 1837) was first cited as Belgian by Preudhomme De Borre (1890) in his list of beetles of the provinces of East- and West-Flanders, based on a specimen collected at Bois de la Douve near Ploegsteert by (M. Lethierry). Van Dorsselaer (1957) repeated this record and added a new record from Kalmthout, based on a specimen he collected himself on 27.IV.1947. Dopagne (1995) excluded the old record by De Borre (1890), of which there is no specimen in any of the known collections, and only cites the record from Van Dorsselaer (1957). During the revision of the collections present in the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS), I relocated the specimen caught by Van Dorsselaer in 1947. To my surprise the specimen, a male which was already dissected, turned out to be *Ilybius montanus* (Stephens, 1828). In my own collection, however, there is one specimen of *I. neglectus*, which I collected myself in Marais d'Harchies on 22.III.2015. The species can stay on the Belgian species list, as it has since 1890, but should be removed from the Flanders list and instead be added to the species list of the Walloon region. However, the presence of *I. neglectus* in Flanders is not unlikely and populations exist in the Netherlands close to the border with the provinces of Antwerp and Limburg.

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