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Ruby-tailed Wasp spp.

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Latin name: *Chrysis* spp.

Ruby-tailed Wasps are beautiful metallic-looking insects a bit like miniature jewels. They are also called Cuckoo Wasps as the larvae steal provisions from the host larvae. They are found in a range of habitats, wherever their hosts – usually bees and other wasps, although sometimes butterflies or moths, – occur. The armour-like body gives protection against bee and other wasp stings, and the underside is nearly always flattened or concave enabling it to roll into a ball if attacked. The adults do not sting. On Alderney you may see them in the lighthouse area – scuttling over rocks.

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