# Developing an ID resource with support from a museum

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Bridging the skills gap in natural history

The Identification Trainers for the Future project is about addressing the decline in biological recording and species identification the UK.

# **Trainees**



### New cohort





### **Curation Placement Project**

Assist in developing an identification key to a poorly known groups of parasitic wasps;

Alexeter – fall into the Mesoleiini tribe which is part of a large subfamily known as Ctenopelmatinae.

Sorting through the British material within the genus and curating the collection.

### Alexeter







# Sorting through the museums collection





# Spot the difference!

#### Coxalis



#### Multicolor

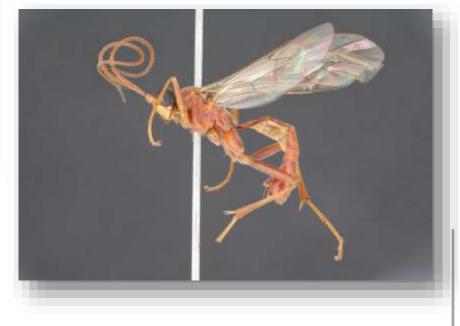


# Spot the difference!

### Clavator



### Nebulator



# Illustrating the key





## Importance of illustrations

#### Sp. 1

- Face with limited yellow
- Slender hind tarsus





#### Sp. 2

- Face extensively yellow
- Stouter hind tarsus





### In summary

- Traineeship provided me with many opportunities
- Final year of the traineeship 2017
- Watch this space for our publication of a key to British Alexeter.

