



Romania

Nogel's Hairstreak: *Tomares nogelii*

In 2024 we were approached to ask if we would assist with surveys for Nogel's Hairstreak *Tomares nogelii* in eastern Romania. This species had been recorded in the Dobrogea area since the 19th century but the absence of records after 1980 led to it being presumed extinct, until it was then rediscovered in 2014. By 2020 one further population had been discovered but the first (2014) population was in severe decline. There were concerns that the species was continuing to be vulnerable to collectors as specimens were appearing on online insect markets. Under strict conditions of secrecy about the location, 3 volunteers from EBG helped to map the distribution of the species in 2024. In 2025 a return visit was made to Romania and further survey work was undertaken.



Tomares nogelli, mating pair, Romania. Photo Dave Plowman.