

Butterfly Conservation Upper Thames Branch

Moth Sightings Archive - January to June 2013

~ Sunday 30th June 2013 ~

Dave Wilton found a freshly-emerged female **Hornet Moth** at the base of a poplar north of Ludgershall, Bucks on 27th June. His Westcott, Bucks garden trap played host to two additions to his all-time list on 29th June when **Glyphipterix thrasonella** and **Small Ranunculus** put in their first ever appearances. Other first sightings for the year that night included **Emmetia marginata**, **Cochylis hybridella**, **Common Emerald**, **Barred Straw**, **Dot Moth** & **Blackneck**.



Hornet Moth
Photo © Dave Wilton

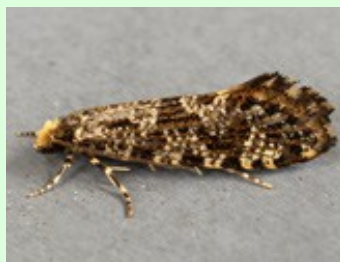


Glyphipterix thrasonella
Photo © Dave Wilton



Small Ranunculus
Photo © Dave Wilton

Andy King reports: "I've had a small 'flock' of moths dancing in the air next to my apple tree all this week in Chorleywood, Bucks. Because of their small size and astonishingly long antennae they might well get taken for gnats, or similar. However, they are **Nemophora degeerella** and well worth a close look for their bright, metallic colours. On 1st April I collected some samples of fungi and rotten wood from Rushmere Park, just inside Bucks. This week an adult **Triaxomera parasitella** emerged from the collection, satisfying for me because it's the first time I've seen this moth."



Triaxomera parasitella
Photo © Andy King

Peter Hall and Dave Wilton ran four MV traps in Bernwood Forest, Bucks on 28th June. New species for the year included **Bucculatrix ulmella**, **Pandemis heparana**, **Archips crataegana**, **Ptycholomoides aeriferanus**, **Cnephasia longana**, **Epinotia demarniana**, **Donacaula forficella**, **Cryptoblabes bistriga**, **Elegia similella**, **Common Lutestring**, **Small Rivulet**, **Scallop Shell**, **Orange Moth**, **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Rosy Footman**, **Double Square-spot** & **Pinion-streaked Snout**.

This report was received from Dave Maunder: "A few more moths seen in Aylesbury, Bucks recently include: **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** (18th June) on my garden Valerians,

also at least four **Silver Y** at dusk on the Valerians (26th June); **Pale Prominent, Willow Beauty, Mother Shipton, Burnet Companion, Cinnabar** (four), **Aphelia paleana/Timothy Tortrix** (seven) & **Mullein larva** (all 19th June); **Drinker larva** (23rd June) & **Green Pug** (27th June). In my garden trap I've had **Pale Oak Beauty & Figure of Eighty** (26th June) and **Swallow Prominent, Brown Rustic, Angle Shades, Buff Ermine & Peppered Moth** (all 27th June). I've noticed very low numbers of common species in my garden, such as **Heart and Dart** and **Large Nutmeg**. I've also had my first **Lappet** hatch yesterday from over-wintered larvae - an impressive moth!"



Green Pug
Photo © Dave Maunder



Lappet
Photo © Dave Maunder

Dave Morris added **Olindia schumacherana** to his **Seer Green, Bucks** garden list on 27th June. A two-site trapping session with **Robert Payne** on 28th June yielded just over 200 moths of 65 species, a few of which were new for this year's UTB list: **Church Wood RSPB Reserve at Hedgerley, Bucks Blotched Emerald, Tortrix viridana/Green Oak Tortrix, Small Yellow Wave, Treble Brown Spot & Bird's Wing; Chiltern Woodland Burial Park at Jordans, Bucks Elophila nymphaeata/Brown China-mark**. As always seems to be the case, most species were represented by 1 or 2 individuals except for a total of 41 **Light Emerald** and 15 **Lobster Moth** at the two sites.



Olindia schumacheriana
Photo © Dave Morris



Bird's Wing
Photo © Dave Morris

Steve & Xander Goddard have been getting improved catches in their **Wolvercote, Oxon** garden of late, with Waves to the fore: **Small Fan-footed Wave** on 25th June followed by **Riband Wave** and **Single-dotted Wave** on 26th June. **Dipleurina lacustrata** was also recorded on the latter date, while their first ever **Small Elephant Hawk-moth** was seen on 24th June.



Dipleurina lacustrata
Photo © Steve Goddard

Small Elephant Hawk-moth
Photo © Steve Goddard

Adam Hartley has had two more year ticks in his central **Oxford** 40w actinic trap, with **Enarmonia formosana** on **25th June** and **Phtheochroa rugosana** on **26th June**, while on **28th June** Adam got **Eudonia mercurella**, **Epiblema rosaecolana**, **Large Yellow Underwing**, **Snout & Fan-foot**.



Phtheochroa rugosana
Photo © Adam Hartley



Epiblema rosaecolana
Photo © Adam Hartley

Rob Payne had a walk in **Black Park, Bucks** on **26th June** and found **Epiblema uddmanniana/Bramble Shoot Moth** and **Tortrix viridana/Green Oak Tortrix**.

Martin Wainwright sent this report: "My trap at **Thrupp, Oxfordshire** played host to both forms of the **Peppered Moth** on **25th June**. Melanics were unusual in Leeds during our 25 years there, although once the dominant form in heavy industrial areas. Interesting to see how frequent they are in Oxfordshire. The trap continues to be busy, with two **Privet Hawk-moths** among an average of 80 moths nightly, but the most interesting find on **26th June** was one forlorn hindwing of a **Scarlet Tiger** on nettle and Rosebay Willowherb a few feet away. Waring, Townsend and Lewington note that the male of this moth "patrols wildly in late afternoon and early evening"; but not wildly enough, apparently, to escape our many bats or birds."

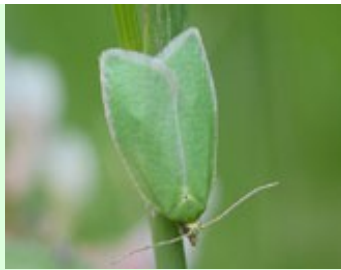


Peppered Moths
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Scarlet Tiger wing
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Richard Wheeler visited **Finemere Wood, Bucks** on **25th June** where sightings included **Silver-ground Carpet** (1), **Cinnabar** (3), **Burnet Companion** (7) & **Straw Dot** (1). The following day he visited **Whitecross Green Wood, Bucks** where **Tortrix viridana** (1), **Silver-ground Carpet** (1), **Grass Rivulet** (1) & **Burnet Companion** (4) were seen.



Tortrix viridana (Green Oak Tortrix)
Photo © Richard Wheeler

~ Thursday 27th June 2013 ~

Dave Wilton has added the following new species to the year list over the past week: **Luquetia lobella** & **Pempelia formosa** at Westcott, Bucks on 19th June, **Adela croesella**, **Tischeria ekebladella**, **Scrobipalpa costella**, **Choristoneura hebenstreitella**, **Perinephela lancealis** & **Small Fan-foot** all in Bernwood Forest on 21st June, **Commophila aeneana** at Greatmoor, Bucks on 25th June, **Nemapogon cloacella** & **Light Emerald** at Westcott on 25th June and **Beautiful Hook-tip** near Steeple Claydon, Bucks on 26th June. Dave visited two **Chimney Sweeper** colonies during the daytime on 26th June and saw the moth in very good numbers at both of them. **Pilch Fields** near Great Horwood, Bucks produced 43 while the small wildlife area next to the village hall in **Akeley**, Bucks managed 41.



Luquetia lobella
Photo © Dave Wilton

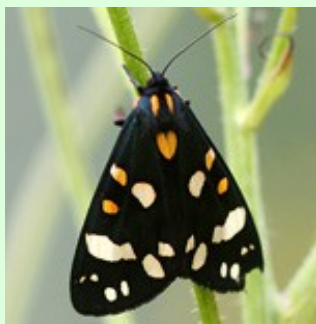


Pempelia formosa
Photo © Dave Wilton



Commophila aeneana
Photo © Dave Wilton

Ewan Urquhart recorded **Scarlet Tiger** (2) and **Cinnabar** (4) during the daytime on 25th June at Radley, Oxon.



Scarlet Tiger
Photo © Ewan Urquhart



Cinnabar
Photo © Ewan Urquhart

~ Tuesday 25th June 2013 ~

Tom Stevenson found a **Scalloped Hazel** on 21st June in the centre of Benson, Oxon whilst clearing some vegetation, while on 23rd June he found his first **Scarlet Tiger** of the year on the Broad Beans in his Benson allotment. Tom also reports that he ran two

125w MV traps at [Millbrook Mead Nature Reserve in Benson](#) on 14th June with the following results: **Common Swift** (1), **Pseudargyrotoza conwagana** (1), **Celypha striana** (1), **Celypha lacunana** (4), **Hedya pruniana/Plum Tortrix** (1), **Epiblema cynosbatella** (2), **Scoparia ambigualis** (1), **Eurrhpara hortulata/Small Magpie** (5), **Figure of Eighty** (1), **Flame Carpet** (3), **Silver-ground Carpet** (2), **Common Marbled Carpet** (9), **Green Carpet** (4), **Mottled Pug** (1), **Common Pug** (1), **Grey Pug** (2), **Lesser Treble-bar** (1), **Yellow-barred Brindle** (1), **Clouded Border** (1), **Scorched Wing** (1), **Peppered Moth** (5), **Clouded Silver** (10), **Eyed Hawk-moth** (1), **Poplar Hawk-moth** (2), **Buff-tip** (1), **Poplar Kitten** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1), **Pale Tussock** (3), **White Ermine** (2), **Cinnabar** (1), **Heart & Dart** (27), **Flame Shoulder** (3), **Large Yellow Underwing** (1), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (2), **Shears** (4), **Light Brocade** (4), **Campion** (1), **Lychnis** (1), **Shoulder-striped Wainscot** (1), **Poplar Grey** (1), **Dagger sp** (1), **Coronet** (1), **Marbled Minor sp** (8), **Large Nutmeg** (4), **Rustic Shoulder-knot** (6), **Treble Lines** (14), **Vine's Rustic** (6), **Burnished Brass** (1) & **Spectacle** (2). Tom passes on thanks to Marc Botham for help with IDs, otherwise he'd still be at it today!



Scalloped Hazel
Photo © Tom Stevenson

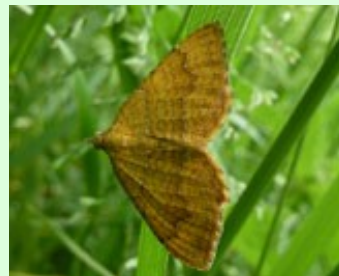


Scarlet Tiger
Photo © Tom Stevenson

Wendy Wilson reported the following: "At [Otmoor, Oxon](#) on Tuesday afternoon 18th June, Shelagh Harlow and I were checking the **Brown Hairstreak larvae** and found two in the car-park. They were not yet fully grown, being 10 and 12 mm long; usually they are pupae by now. While we were there, Shelagh spotted a final instar **Magpie Moth caterpillar** on the blackthorn. It has attractive markings (see photo) and was a first for both of us. It too should be a pupa by now according to the book. Also, on my way to Otmoor, I stopped off at [Great Haseley](#) and saw my first **Yellow Shell** moth of the season."



Magpie Moth larva
Photo © Wendy Wilson



Yellow Shell
Photo © Wendy Wilson

Steve & Xander Goddard report: "A busy three nights in [Wolvercote, Oxon](#), on the 19th, 20th and 21st June, the 19th especially where in perfect conditions 114 moths of 44 species was, we think, a garden record. We had one more **Telechrysis tripuncta** that night, but also our first **Large Yellow Underwing** as well as **Clouded Brindle**, **Green Pug** and **Argyresthia semifusca**. A smaller catch on 21st June included

Pandemis cerasana, Snout and Varied Coronet."



Clouded Brindle
Photo © Steve Goddard



Green Pug
Photo © Steve Goddard



Varied Coronet
Photo © Steve Goddard

Bob Lyle reports seeing a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** at **Bucklebury, Berks** at lunchtime on **21st June**.

Chris Pickford had a **Privet Hawk-moth** in his catch of about 25 species at **Chilton, Berks** on **20th June**, although it was too big to enter the trap!



Privet Hawk-moth
Photo © Chris Pickford

Dave Morris has a few moths to add to his year list, some with thanks to ID help from Peter Hall: **Argyresthia trifasciata**, **Parornix devoniella** & **Teleiopsis diffinis** at **Seer Green, Bucks** on **9th/10th June**; **Coleophora albicosta**, **Rhyacionia pinivorana**, **Cnephasia communana**, **Ptycholoma lecheana**, **Epinotia bilunana** & **Bordered White** with Marc Botham at a private site near **Slough, Berks** on **12th June**; **Tinea semifulvella** with Tori Summerell at the **Chiltern Burial Park near Jordans, Bucks** on **20th June**.

Adam Hartley caught three **Hedya nubiferana**/**Marbled Orchard Tortrix** in his 40w actinic trap in central **Oxford** on **20th June**.



Hedya nubiferana
Photo © Adam Hartley

Keith Mitchell reports that a first for his **Stoke Goldington, Bucks** garden on **19th June** was **Teleiodes luculella**. The supporting cast included **Common Swift**, **Chrysoteuchia culmella**, **Celypha lacunana**, **Udea olivalis**, **Chinese Character**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Green Carpet** (14), **Common Pug**, **Scorched Wing**, **Brimstone Moth**,

Common White Wave, Privet Hawk-moth, Eyed Hawk-moth, Pale Prominent, Pale Tussock, White Ermine, Buff Ermine, Cinnabar, Heart and Dart, Flame, Flame Shoulder, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Bright-line Brown-eye, Shoulder-striped Wainscot (3), Brown Rustic, Large Nutmeg, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Marbled Minor agg, Middle-barred Minor (6), Treble Lines, Mottled Rustic, Burnished Brass, Silver Y, Spectacle, Straw Dot & **Fan-foot**.



Teleiodes luculella
Photo © Keith Mitchell

~ Friday 21st June 2013 ~

Dave Wilton sent the following report: "At Westcott, Bucks two new macro-moth species have been added to the garden list over the past week. On 16th June a **Pretty Chalk Carpet** was an unexpected visitor because we're a good 15 kilometres from its normal habitat in the Chilterns and there's no local foodplant (Traveller's Joy) unless its larvae can use cultivated varieties of clematis. In pristine condition the moth does indeed look pretty - unfortunately mine wasn't! Then on 18th June a pristine **Red-necked Footman** graced the trap. This lichen-feeding species is expanding its range, following (rather more slowly) in the footsteps of the Orange Footman. Other recent sightings here have included the following: on 16th June **Nematopogon metaxella** & **Uncertain**; on 17th June **Epiblema trimaculana**; on 18th June **Parapoynx stratiotata/Ringed China-mark** & **Phlyctaenia perlucidalis**; on 19th June **Hedya nubiferana**, **Epinotia bilunana**, **Rhopobota naevana**, **Acentria ephemerella/Water Veneer**, **Phlyctaenia coronata**, **Udea olivalis**, **Buff Arches** & **Dark Arches**. Overnight garden trapping sessions have of late been averaging somewhere between 30 and 40 species, against which the list for 19th June was exceptional with more than 370 moths of 92 species recorded that night (the kind of mid-June result I'd expect in a "normal" year). The recent warmer weather also permitted a welcome increase in activity away from the garden and I've managed to record the following species new to this year's list elsewhere in Bucks: **Shark** (one I forgot about, trapped back on 11th June near Ivinghoe); **Forester** & **Yellow Shell** (both in the daytime on 14th June in Bernwood Meadows); **Hypochoalcia ahenella** & **Map-winged Swift** (trapped during a Bucks Invertebrate Group meeting on 15th June near Radnage); **Glyphipterix thrasonella** (a daytime sighting on 17th June at Leaches Farm along the River Ray); **Argyresthia spinosella**, **Epermenia falciformis**, **Ptycholoma lecheana**, **Ancylis diminutana**, **Rhyacionia pinivorana**, **Small Seraphim** & **Mottled Beauty** (all trapped on 17th June in Finemere Wood); **Eupoecelia angustana**, **Eucosma cana**, **Epiblema uddmanniana**, **Crambus perlella**, **Fern**, **Shaded Pug** & **Treble-bar** (all trapped on 18th June near Ivinghoe); **Elachista maculicerusella**, **Agapeta hamana**, **Clepsis spectrana**, **Aphelia paleana**, **Chrysoteuchia culmella**, **Nomophila noctuella/Rush Veneer** & **Small Clouded Brindle** (all trapped on 19th June near Latimer)."



Map-winged Swift
Photo © Dave Wilton



Pretty Chalk Carpet
Photo © Dave Wilton



Red-necked Footman
Photo © Dave Wilton

~ Thursday 20th June 2013 ~

Adam Hartley writes: "Catches in my central Oxford garden using my 40w actinic trap have improved noticeably over the last week or so. Amongst the usual stuff a couple of micros which may be new for the Upper Thames recording area year list are one **Tachystola acroxantha** on 17th June and one **Mompha raschkiella** on 20th June."



Tachystola acroxantha
Photo © Adam Hartley



Mompha raschkiella
Photo © Adam Hartley

Dave Ferguson found **Epiblema sticticana** at Springfield Farm Landfill, Bucks during the afternoon of 16th June, resting on the larval host plant of Coltsfoot, while on 19th June he saw 20 males and two females of **Cataclysta lemnata (Small China-mark)** flying around a ditch in the heathland area of Black Park, Bucks.



Epiblema sticticana
Photo © Dave Ferguson



Cataclysta lemnata male
Photo © Dave Ferguson



Cataclysta lemnata female
Photo © Dave Ferguson

On 14th June Martin Wainwright's light trap at Thrupp, Oxon attracted a female Ghost Moth, Poplar Hawk-moth, Poplar Grey, Eurrhpara hortulata/Small Magpie, Peppered Moth (non-melanic), Coronet and micro Cochylis atricapitana. On 17th June he got one of the biggest collections of the season so far, including Marbled Minor sp., Middle-barred Minor, Snout (2, one brown, the other grey), Buff Ermine, White Ermine, Buff-tip, Grass Rivulet, micro Celypha lacunana, Large Nutmeg, Brown Rustic and Grey Pug. He was put off trapping the following night because of a bee swarm, but did see a Slow Worm! On 19th June the catch included a Coxcomb Prominent and no less than seven Elephant Hawk-moths (as Martin says, "What

more could anyone want?!").



Ghost Moth
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Middle-barred Minor
Photo © Martin Wainwright

On 19th June Chris Pickford sent these stunning images of **Puss Moth** eggs and one-day-old larva found at **Chilton on the Berkshire Downs**.



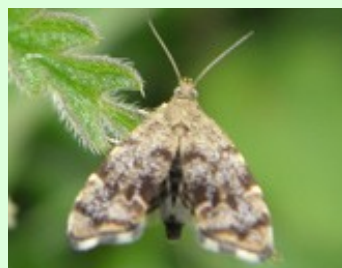
Puss Moth eggs
Photo © Chris Pickford



Puss Moth larva
Photo © Chris Pickford

Adam Bassett reports finding **Plutella porrectella** around the Sweet Rocket in his Marlow, Bucks garden on 18th June, later than usual.

Tom Stevenson sent this message on 18th June: "I am assured by respondents on the iSpot web-site that the attached photo is of **Anthophila fabriciana** (**Nettle-tap Moth**). Lots of these around at **Ewelme Watercress Beds, Oxon** this morning, on nettles."



Anthophila fabriciana
Photo © Tom Stevenson

Steve & Xander Goddard report some decent catches in their **Wolvercote, Oxon** garden of late. New species included **Celypha striana** & **Silver Y** (14th June), **Buff-tip & Shears** (15th June), **Adaina microdactyla** (16th June), **Evergestis forficalis/Garden Pebble** (17th June, from a catch of 42 moths of 20 species) and **Telechrysis tripuncta** & **Willow Beauty** (18th June, the former a good record and new to the All-time UTB list).



Telechrysis tripuncta
Photo © Steve Goddard

Marc Botham reports: "Nothing like the night that Dave and Peter had (see 14th June below), but things are starting to pick up a bit. New for the list, perhaps, are **Caloptilia robustella**, **Teleiodes luculella** and **Ingrailed Clay** from Bagley Woods, Oxford on 15th June, **Netted Pug** in my garden at Benson, Oxon on 16th June and **Snout** in the garden on 17th June. Larval records have included **Vapourer**, **Clouded Drab**, **Green-brindled Crescent** and **Herald** (near Slough, Berks on 13th June) and lots of **Mallow** larvae all over Common Mallow plants in my garden, first seen on 16th June."

Nigel Partridge has sent in some more new records for the year from his garden in Loosely Row, Bucks: **Depressaria heraclei** (12th June) and **Scoparia pyralella**, **Netted Pug** & **Reddish Light Arches** (all 16th June).

Welcome to first-time contributors Tim and Tony Clark, who are new to mothing having only recently acquired a trap. "We have mostly run it in our back garden in Banbury, Oxfordshire but have recently bought an inverter to allow us to place it in nearby countryside. Since then our catch has increased, both in number of individuals and number of species. We can report that last night (16th June) we had **Ghost Moth**, **Middle-barred Minor**, **Pseudargyrotoza conwagana** and **Scoparia pyralella**. The trap was run in woodland near Horley, Oxfordshire."



Pseudargyrotoza conwagana
Photo © Tim & Tony Clark



Scoparia pyralella
Photo © Tim & Tony Clark

~ Monday 17th June 2013 ~

Wendy Wilson sent this message: "On Friday 14th June, at Denham Country Park in Bucks I spotted my first **Straw Dot** of the season. It was flitting about in the long grass in the marshy field during a brief sunny spell. The attached photo was the best I could manage. There were a few butterflies around, including my first Small Copper, but lepidoptera were outnumbered four to one by damselflies. Yesterday a lone **Speckled Yellow** braved the wind at nearby **Black Park** where I usually see lots."



Straw Dot
Photo © Wendy Wilson

Peter Hall and Dave Wilton ran four MV lights for three hours in **Bernwood Forest** on **14th June**, getting **Common Swift**, **Incurvaria oehlmanniella**, **Nematopogon swammerdamella**, **Monopis weaverella**, **Syndemis musculana**, **Capua vulgana**, **Spatalistis bifasciana**, **Hedya pruniana**, **Apotomis turbidana**, **Lobesia reliquana**, **Ancylis mitterbacheriana**, **Ancylis obtusana**, **Ancylis laetana**, **Epinotia immundana**, **Epinotia tedella**, **Epiblema cynosbatella**, **Crambus lathoniellus**, **Eurrhyncha hortulata/Small Magpie**, **Scalloped Hook-tip**, **Oak Hook-tip**, **Pebble Hook-tip**, **Chinese Character**, **Peach Blossom**, **Figure of Eighty**, **Poplar Lutestring**, **Little Emerald**, **Birch Mocha**, **Maiden's Blush**, **Blood-vein**, **Cream Wave**, **Red Twin-spot Carpet**, **Silver-ground Carpet**, **Common Carpet**, **Purple Bar**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Grey Pine Carpet**, **Spruce Carpet**, **Broken-barred Carpet**, **Green Carpet**, **May Highflyer**, **Haworth's Pug**, **Foxglove Pug**, **Dwarf Pug**, **Small White Wave**, **Seraphim**, **Yellow-barred Brindle**, **Tawny-barred Angle**, **Brown Silver-line**, **Scorched Wing**, **Brimstone Moth**, **Scalloped Hazel**, **Peppered Moth**, **Willow Beauty**, **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Brindled White-spot**, **Common White Wave**, **Common Wave**, **White-pinion Spotted**, **Clouded Silver**, **Lobster Moth**, **Iron Prominent**, **Pebble Prominent**, **Great Prominent**, **Swallow Prominent**, **Coxcomb Prominent**, **Pale Prominent**, **Pale Tussock**, **Orange Footman**, **White Ermine**, **Least Black Arches**, **Flame Shoulder**, **Setaceous Hebrew Character**, **Shears**, **Pale-shouldered Brocade**, **Poplar Grey**, **Miller**, **Alder Moth**, **Knot Grass**, **Coronet**, **Large Nutmeg**, **Small Dotted Buff**, **Marbled White Spot**, **Green Silver-lines**, **Oak Nycteoline**, **Nut-tree Tussock**, **Beautiful Golden Y**, **Plain Golden Y**, **Straw Dot** & **Common Fan-foot** (inappropriately named because it is far from common, the last species is a Bernwood speciality). With more micros in pots still to be confirmed, close to 100 species were trapped and it felt like the first "proper" result of the year. Timing was impeccable because the heavens opened just as the entry barrier was locked up on departure!



Common Fan-foot
Photo © Dave Wilton

Mary Elford reports only four moths in her **Bampton, Oxon** trap overnight on **13th June** but one was a very fresh and neat-looking **Elephant Hawk-moth**.



Elephant Hawk-moth
Photo © Mary Elford

Dave Maunder sent another update from Aylesbury, Bucks: "Some moths found in the garden trap over the last couple of weeks have been: **Poplar Hawk-moth** (3, [8th June](#)), **Campion** (1, [6th June](#)), **Pebble Prominent** (2, [7th June](#)), **Buff-tip** (1, [9th June](#)), **Brown Rustic** (1, [7th June](#)), **Spectacle** (1, [7th June](#)), **Sycamore** (1, [11th June](#)), **Waved Umber** (1, [8th June](#)) along with regulars **Peppered Moth** (8), **Scalloped Hazel** (12), **Rustic Shoulder-knot** (14), **Heart and Dart** (11), **Cabbage Moth** (2) and **Bright-line Brown-eye** (2). Other species found in a rough field near Coldharbour Way were: **Marsh Pug** (10+), **Small Yellow Underwing** (6), **Burnet Companion** (1), **Mother Shipton** (6), **Silver Y** (3 on [11th June](#), my first of the year), **Celypha lacunana** (2), **Angle Shades** (1), **Drinker larvae** (8), **Pyrausta aurata** (1), **Green Carpet** (40+), **Common Carpet** (2) and **Agonopterix arenella** (1). All were found on [11th/12th June](#). I returned to the rough field on [14th June](#) with Peter Hall and despite the strong breeze we recorded a further six **Marsh Pugs** along with **Small Yellow Underwing** (6), **Mother Shipton** (5), **Anthophila fabriciana** (1), **Endothenia gentianaeana** (4), **Glyphipterix simplicella** (1), **Celypha lacunana** (5), **Epiblema scutulana** (2), **Lobesia abscisana** (1), **Elachista argentella** (1) & **Pammene germana** (1). Marsh Pug is an uncommon species in the county, this being only the fifth location and by far the largest number seen. One more moth we found was a **Marbled White Spot** (14th June) which Peter netted in my local field near Miles End - I've not seen this species here before. I also found 9 **Puss Moth** eggs here on [5th/6th June](#) which have now hatched in captivity."



Marsh Pug
Photo © Dave Maunder

Marc Botham reports an **Eyed Hawk-moth** in his garden trap at [Benson, Oxon](#) on [14th June](#).

Steve & Xander Goddard report: "Not a bad collection over the last couple of nights in [Wolvercote, Oxon](#). On [11th June](#), 51 individuals of 28 species, including **Blastobasis lacticolella**, **Broad-barred White**, **Depressaria heraclei**, **Pseudargyrotoza conwagana** and **Straw Dot**, which I think are all new to the region this year. Also pleased to get a **Sandy Carpet** as well as our first garden **Peppered Moth**." Steve adds that on [13th June](#) they caught **Hedya pruniana** as well as **Lychnis** and **Cinnabar**.



Pseudargyrotoza
conwagana
Photo © Steve Goddard



Peppered Moth
Photo © Steve Goddard

Martin Wainwright adds to his last message that the trap list at **Thrupp, Oxon** on **11th June** also included **Spectacle, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Treble Lines, Common Marbled Carpet, Heart and Dart, Common Wainscot** and **Willow Beauty**, while from the **10th June** catch **Oblique Carpet** has now been identified.



Willow Beauty
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Oblique Carpet
Photo © Martin Wainwright

~ Friday 14th June 2013 ~

Martin Wainwright tells us he was very excited to have caught a **Puss Moth** on **9th June**, snoozing some 20 yards from the trap in his garden at **Thrupp, Oxon**. Other species in that catch included **Clouded-bordered Brindle, Pebble Prominent, Buff-tip, White Ermine** and **Lychnis**. On **10th June** one **Pyralis farinalis** (Meal Moth) was found indoors by his wife Penny. Martin recorded this moth in similar circumstances last August at his previous home in Leeds and wonders if one of its larvae may have stowed away. On **11th June** the overnight catch included an **Eyed Hawk-moth**, along with **Scorched Wing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Pebble Prominent, Iron Prominent, White Ermine, Green Carpet, Brimstone Moth, Shears** and about eight other species still to be sorted.



Puss Moth
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Pyralis farinalis
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Eyed Hawkmoth
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Dave Wilton has added the following new species since his last report: a daytime sighting in the disused railway cutting near **Westcott, Bucks** **Rhopobota stagnana** (7th

June); trapped in his garden at **Westcott Purple Bar** (7th June), **Bryotropa terrella** & **Flame** (both 10th June), **Aproaerema anthyllidella**, **Elephant Hawk-moth** & **Dusky Brocade** (all on 11th June); daytime sightings at **Pilch Fields**, **Bucks Cochyliomorpha straminea** & **Chimney Sweeper** (both on 11th June); trapped on the **Ashridge Estate**, **Bucks Light Feathered Rustic**, **Nutmeg**, **Broom Moth**, **Light Brocade**, **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**, **Beautiful Golden Y** (all on 11th June).



Chimney Sweeper
Photo © Dave Wilton



Light Feathered Rustic
Photo © Dave Wilton

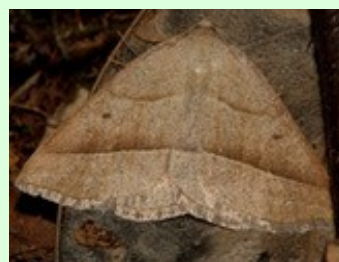
This update came from Dave Morris on 11th June: "Still very quiet in my **Seer Green**, **Bucks** garden, but I was pleased to find this garden-first **Lime-speck Pug** on my trap this morning."



Lime-speck Pug
Photo © Dave Morris

Marc Botham tells us that his catches at **Benson**, **Oxon** are still disappointingly low, but he did get his first **Small Elephant Hawk-moth** of the year on 10th June.

David Rowe reports a small but interesting catch at **Bracknell**, **Berks** on 8th June: "My first **Pebble Hook-tip** – that unfortunately scarpered before I took a photo. The most rewarding moth was **Elophila nymphaeata** (Brown China-mark), so well detailed that the book illustrations don't do it justice. Another possible new one, of which I'm not 100% sure, is **Freyer's Pug** and I also recorded **Buff-tip**, **Brown Silver-line** and **Aethes smeathmanniana**."



Brown China-mark
Photo © David Rowe

Brown Silver-line
Photo © David Rowe

Adam Hartley writes: "Still not much coming to my 40W actinic trap in central Oxford though a **Broad-barred White** on **8th June** was new for the year."



Broad-barred White
Photo © Adam Hartley

Chris Bottrell reports that, following a query from a colleague at work regarding webs with caterpillars in them that he had seen whilst on a walk at **Stratfield Brake, Oxon**, he popped out at lunchtime on **7th June** to take a look. The bushes in question were spindle along the tarmac entrance path so the caterpillars should be **Yponomeuta cagnagella** (Spindle Ermine) as there were so many of them.



Yponomeuta cagnagella larvae
Photo © Chris Bottrell

Dave Morris sent this report: "I ran a trap with Rob Payne up at the **Chiltern Woodland Burial Park (Jordans, Bucks)** last night, **7th June**. Amongst 20 species caught, one was new for the UTB year list: **Mottled Rustic**. We also ran a trap at **Church Wood RSPB reserve (Hedgerley, Bucks)** where the list of 36 species included **Dingy Shell** (3), **Peacock Moth**, **Burnished Brass** and **Peach Blossom**."



Burnished Brass
Photo © Dave Morris



Peacock Moth
Photo © Dave Morris

~ **Sunday 9th June 2013** ~

Andy King sent this message on 7th June: "A week ago, on **1st June**, a pristine **Campion** flew into the house. I attach a photo of the moth which I think is particularly

attractive when fresh. On my Hartstongue Fern in the backgarden in [Chorleywood, Bucks](#) I have a resident colony of **Psychoides verhuella**. However, looking for it today I overturned a fern leaf and found a **Psychoides filicivora** instead. This is not entirely surprising as I have bred them in past years (from other counties) and possibly it is descended from escapees. Then again, maybe not - it has been found in Hertfordshire and Middlesex. This small moth presents a rather austere, minimalist photograph - still attractive in my opinion, for what it's worth. Almost as an afterthought I checked your all-time list: it's not on there!"



Campion
Photo © Andy King



Psychoides filicivora
Photo © Andy King

Dave Morris found a **Figure of Eight** caterpillar in his [Seer Green, Bucks](#) garden on 7th June.



Figure of Eight caterpillar
Photo © Dave Morris

Steve and Xander Goddard sent the following report: "Relatively quiet but steady trapping the last few nights in [Wolvercote, Oxon](#) with three **Poplar Hawkmoths** on 4th June an unusual treat on a rather quiet night. Since then we've had **Buff Ermine** on both 5th and 6th June, recording a total of ten and nine confirmed species on those nights respectively, including a **Small Dusty Wave** on the 5th and two **Poplar Kittens** on the 6th."



Buff Ermine



Small Dusty Wave



Poplar Kitten

~ Friday 7th June 2013 ~

Ched George had **White-point** and **Puss Moth** in his **Radnage, Bucks** garden trap on 6th June.

Dave Wilton has added the following new species over the past few days: **Buff-tip**, **Marbled Minor sp** & **Small Square-spot** at **Westcott, Bucks** on 4th June; **Ancylis laetana**, **Gold Swift**, **Little Emerald**, **Small White Wave**, **Barred Red** & **Green Silver-lines** all in **Bernwood Forest, Bucks** on 5th June; **Elachista argentella**, **Small Purple-barred** & **Wood Tiger** on **Ivinghoe Beacon, Bucks** on 6th June; **Aspilapteryx tringipennella**, **Epinotia subocellana**, **Buff Ermine**, **Obscure Wainscot**, **Large Nutmeg**, **Silky Wainscot** & both forms of **Clouded-bordered Brindle** at **Weston Turville Reservoir, Bucks** on 6th June; **Grey Pug** at **Westcott** on 6th June. Back on 3rd May Dave visited **Grangelands, Bucks** with Martin Albertini and Peter Hall to look for larval cases on Hartstongue Fern. Many were found and the first of several examples of **Psychoides verhuella** emerged from them on 3rd June.



Gold Swift
Photo © Dave Wilton



Obscure Wainscot
Photo © Dave Wilton



Clouded-bordered Brindle
Photo © Dave Wilton

Martin Wainwright's trap at **Thrupp, Oxfordshire** on 5th June had **Shears**, **Silver-ground Carpet**, **White Ermine**, **Pebble Prominent**, **Green Carpet**, **Red Twin-spot Carpet** and **Chocolate-tip**. On 6th June he had **Common Swift** (3, including both main types of male, one brightly marked and the other almost plain), **Brown Rustic** and the following assorted regulars: **White Ermine** (3), **Brimstone** (2), **Green Carpet** (6), **Red Twin-spot Carpet** (1), **Flame Shoulder** (1) and **Hebrew Character** (1).



Shears
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Silver-ground Carpet
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Brown Rustic
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Mary Elford was pleased to find a rather battered **Privet Hawk-moth** in her trap at **Bampton, Oxon** on 5th June.



Privet Hawk
Photo © Mary Elford

This report came from Dave Maunder: "Still struggling in my [Aylesbury, Bucks](#) garden to catch much, but I did get a **Sycamore** on [4th June](#), also **Treble lines** (1), **Common Swift** (2), **Bright-line Brown-eye** (1), **Rustic Shoulder-knot** (2), **Heart and Dart** (4), **Scalloped Hazel** (2), **Mottled Pug** (1), **Tawny-speckled Pug** (1, unconfirmed), **Common Pug** (4), **Garden Carpet** (1), **Green Carpet** (1) and **Cinnabar** (1). Things should pick up soon, we hope!"



Treble Lines & Sycamore
Photo © Dave Maunder

Adam Hartley had a new moth for the year in his central [Oxford](#) garden on [4th June](#), a **Lesser Treble-bar**. This was followed by a **Buttoned Snout** on [5th June](#). Also of note was a **Common Marbled Carpet** back on [28th May](#).



Lesser Treble-bar
Photo © Adam Hartley



Buttoned Snout
Photo © Adam Hartley

Adam Bassett reports: "At [Little Marlow Gravel Pit, Bucks](#) this morning ([4th June](#)), I came across this **Alabonia geoffrella** sunning itself on a lakeside twig – obligatory record shot attached!"



Alabonia geoffrella

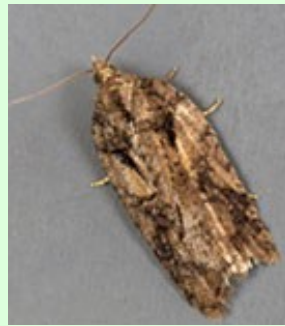
Steve & Xander Goddard put their trap out very late at **Wolvercote, Oxon** on 3rd June and caught only two moths, **Poplar Hawk-moth** and **Epiblema cynosbatella**.

~ Monday 3rd June 2013 ~

Andy King sent this report: "On 1st April I collected some Spruce cones from the ground at **Rushmere Park, Bucks**, near the border with Bedfordshire. On 14th May **Cydia strobilella** moths emerged from them. This species has a status of Nationally Scarce level B, but I got six moths from 13 randomly-picked cones, so I wonder! Peter Hall identified them for me as there are several similar species. Rather more exciting is the **Acleris abietana** specimen which came to light in **Philipshill Wood, Chorleywood, Bucks** on 6th May: it certainly doesn't look the part, being small, brown and tatty, but would appear to be a first for southern and south-eastern Britain. It is a rare and local animal in Scotland and northern England; so far the nearest records I can trace are three in Herefordshire and Worcestershire and then the next is in Cheshire. Interesting speculation may be had as to how and why it got here. Once again, Peter was involved in its identification."



Cydia strobilella
Photo © Andy King



Acleris abietana
Photo © Andy King

Dave Wilton visited the disused railway cutting west of **Westcott, Bucks** on 1st June and recorded the following day-flying moths: **Micropterix calthella**, **Adela fibulella**, **Glyphipterix simpliciella**, **Aethes piercei**, **Lathronympha strigana**, **Crambus lathoniellus**, **Red Twin-spot Carpet**, **Common Carpet**, **Common Heath**, **Cinnabar**, **Small Yellow Underwing** & **Burnet Companion**. Trapping for a Bucks Invertebrate Group event near **Jordans, Bucks** that evening produced **Clay Triple-lines** and **Square Spot** amongst other species.



Adela fibulella
Photo © Dave Wilton

Adam Hartley writes: "I'm still struggling to catch much in my central **Oxford** garden using my 40W actinic heath trap but have managed a couple of new moths for the year recently: on the 1st June I caught my first **Cabbage Moth** of the year and on the 3rd

June my first **Turnip.**"



Cabbage Moth
Photo © Adam Hartley



Turnip
Photo © Adam Hartley

Tom Stevenson reports a **Mother Shipton** at **Ewelme Watercress Beds LNR, Oxon** on **1st June**, a first for the reserve.

Steve and Xander Goddard's garden trap at Wolvercote, Oxon caught **Celypha lacunana** (1), **Green Carpet** (9), **Pale Prominent** (2), **Flame Shoulder** (1) & **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (1) on **30th May** followed by **Scoparia ambigualis** (1), **Green Carpet** (11), **Scorched Wing** (1), **Poplar Hawk-moth** (1) & **Coxcomb Prominent** (1) on **31st May**. A better result on **2nd June** comprised **Epiphyas postvittana** (2), **Green Carpet** (6), **Common Pug** (3), **Clouded Border** (1), **Brimstone Moth** (2), **Puss Moth** (1), **White Ermine** (2), **Muslin Moth** (1), **Heart and Dart** (1), **Flame Shoulder** (2), **Bright-line Brown-eye** (1) & **Rustic Shoulder-knot** (1).



Puss Moth
Photo © Steve Goddard



Setaceous Hebrew Character
Photo © Steve Goddard

David Rowe sent this report from Bracknell, Berks: "A warmer evening (**30th May**) and much better trapping collection: **Lime Hawk-moth**, **Great Prominent**, **Coxcomb Prominent**, **Orange Footman** (12), **Maiden's Blush**, **Grey Pine Carpet**, **Marbled Brown**, **Nut-tree Tussock** (3), **Pale Tussock** (3) & **Shuttle-shaped Dart**. On **1st June** I recorded **Treble Lines**, **Iron Prominent**, **Scalloped Hazel**, **Pale Tussock**, **Marbled Brown** & **Orange Footman** (5)."



Great Prominent
Photo © David Rowe

Orange Footman
Photo © David Rowe

Treble Lines
Photo © David Rowe

Martin Wainwright reports the following in his trap at [Thrupp, Oxon](#) on 30th May: **Green Carpet** (13), **Brimstone Moth** (1), **Common White Wave** (1), **Clouded Silver** (2), **Poplar Hawk-moth** (1), **Iron Prominent** (1), **White Ermine** (2), **Flame Shoulder** (1), **Bright-line Brown-eye** (1) & **Pine Beauty** (1).



Pine Beauty
Photo © Martin Wainwright

~ Sunday 2nd June 2013 ~

Dave Wilton sent this report: "An improvement in the weather has meant that the last two days of May allowed me to give a small boost to the species total. **Heart & Dart** came to the garden trap at [Westcott, Bucks](#) on 30th May, while **Common Swift** and **Common Marbled Carpet** followed on 31st May. Daytime sightings on the latter date included **Neofaculta ericetella**, **Bactra lancealana**, **Speckled Yellow**, **Common Heath** & **Mother Shipton** all at [Black Park, Bucks](#) and then **Adela rufimitrella**, **Glyphipterix simplicella**, **Glyphipterix fuscoviridella**, **Grapholita jungiella**, **Opsibotys fuscalis**, **Grass Rivulet**, **Small Yellow Underwing** & **Burnet Companion** all at [Asham Meads, Bucks](#). No sign of Forester yet at the latter site so, like many other species, it is presumably taking its time about emerging this year. Three hours with one trap in the car-park at [Rushbeds Wood, Bucks](#) that evening produced a welcome 50 species, although few moths were present in any numbers (**Orange Footman** with eight examples being the winner). Species seen included **Bucculatrix nigricomella**, **Eulia ministrana**, **Cream Wave**, **Broken-barred Carpet**, **Sandy Carpet**, **Scorched Wing**, **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Common White Wave**, **Poplar Grey**, **Brown Rustic**, **Small Angle Shades** & **Treble Lines**."

~ Friday 31st May 2013 ~

Adam Hartley writes: "I've been struggling to catch much at all using my 40W actinic Heath trap in central [Oxford](#) over the last week. New for the garden for the year have been **Pyrausta aurata** on 25th May, a dark form of **Prays fraxinella** (Ash Bud Moth) on 26th May and a **Dark/Grey Dagger** and a lovely **Poplar Hawk-moth** both on 28th May."



Prays fraxinella
Photo © Adam Hartley

Further sightings from Steve & Xander Goddard at Wolvercote, Oxon: "A few records from recent nights: on **26th May** as many as six **Green Carpets** (not very notable, except that it's the biggest haul, numerically, of a single species so far this year) and **Flame Shoulder** starting to show up in decent numbers. On **27th May** a spectacularly sized **Poplar Hawk-moth** and our first **Pebble Hook-tips** -- two of them -- and other garden firsts in the form of a **Flame Carpet**, a **Cochylis atricapitana** and a probable **Freyer's Pug**."



Cochylis atricapitana
Photo © Steve Goddard

Martin Wainwright sent this report on 28th May: "Over the Bank Holiday weekend newcomers for me in **Thrupp, Oxon** were **Pale Prominent**, **Pale Pinion**, **Iron Prominent**, a couple of **Cinnabar** (didn't know they came to light) and **Brimstone Moth**, with plenty of support from now-familiar **Hebrew Characters**, **Least Black Arches**, **Muslin** and **White Ermine**."

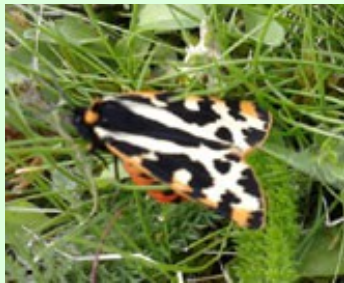
Andy King adds a confirmed record for **Acleris ferrugana** from his garden in **Chorleywood, Bucks** back on **15th April**.

~ **Tuesday 28th May 2013** ~

Adam Bassett saw a **Small Yellow Underwing** on the **Chiltern Way** at **Bledlow Ridge, Bucks** on **27th May**.

Dave Wilton reports: "Apart from a **Pale-shouldered Brocade** at **Finemere Wood, Bucks** on **21st May** I can add nothing further to the 2013 UTB species list. However, a **May Highflyer** in my garden trap at **Westcott, Bucks** on **26th May** was a first record for the site (and for the 10km square) so proved to be a very pleasing discovery. A grand total of eight moths attended the trap that night, the others being **Red Twin-spot Carpet** (1), **Small Phoenix** (1), **Scorched Carpet** (1, only the second example ever recorded here), **Muslin Moth** (2) & **Hebrew Character** (2)."

Mick & Wendy Campbell visited the **Devil's Punchbowl** off The Ridgeway near **Wantage, Oxon** on **25th May** and saw **Wood Tiger** (22, newly emerged) as well as four larvae of **Garden Tiger**. Moths seen during a visit to the disused railway cutting near **Salden Wood, Bucks** on **26th May** included **Ancylis badiana** (3), **Cydia ulicetana** (2), **Common Carpet** (1), **Common Heath** (2), **Common Wave** (1), **Cinnabar** (4), **Small Yellow Underwing** (6), **Burnet Companion** (8) & **Mother Shipton** (1).



Wood Tiger
Photo © Wendy Campbell



Garden Tiger larva
Photo © Wendy Campbell

On 25th May David Gower visited Incombe Hole on the Ashridge Estate, Bucks where moths seen included **Pyrausta purpuralis** (1), **Common Carpet** (1) & **Small Yellow Underwing** (1).

~ **Sunday 26th May 2013** ~

Martin Wainwright reports from Thrupp, Oxon: "Last night, **21st May**, saw my first hawk-moth, a **Poplar Hawk-moth**, four days earlier than my earliest record during five years of recording in Leeds. Also a battered **Bright-line Brown-eye**, a **Pebble Prominent** and seven **Chocolate Tips**, one with much more subdued tips than the norm in terms of colour. The night of **20th May** saw **Clouded Border**, two **Clouded Silvers**, a **Rustic Shoulder-knot**, a **Small Quaker**, a **Yellow-barred Brindle**, a **Red Twin-Spot Carpet**, an **Agonopterix arenella** and the year's first Maybug." Martin subsequently added that **Aglossa pinguinalis (Large Tabby)** was found indoors on **23rd May**.



Aglossa pinguinalis
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Nigel Partridge has supplied further new records from his garden at **Loosely Row, Bucks:** **Caloptilia syringella** (18th May), **Mottled Pug** (19th May), **Cameraria ohridella** (21st May) and a larval sighting of **Beautiful Hook-tip** (23rd May, with thanks to Martin Harvey for confirming the ID).



Beautiful Hook-tip larva
Photo © Nigel Partridge

Marc Botham reports a few more recent finds: **Foxglove Pug** at Harcourt Arboretum, Oxon on 20th May, **Seraphim** at Benson, Oxon on 22nd May and confirmation that the Dagger species recorded on 12th May was a **Grey Dagger**. Larval stage records have included **Dark Umber** at Crowmarsh Gifford, Oxon on 10th May, **Orange Sallow** at Harcourt Arboretum on 20th May and **Lesser Yellow Underwing**, **Old Lady** & **Snout** all

feeding on Prunus in his garden at [Benson, Oxon](#) on 22nd May.

Mary Elford sent this interesting message: "In [Bampton, Oxon](#) on the morning of [May 20th](#) I went into the garden to peg out the laundry when I noticed something in the middle of the lawn. At first I thought it was feathers but on closer examination, I realised that it was a pair of **Puss Moths** mating. They remained there into the late evening (with a protective cover to prevent a bird from gobbling them up). I released the male but kept the female overnight and she obligingly laid some of her eggs on some goat willow leaves. I released her in the morning to complete her task."



Puss Moths mating
Photo © Mary Elford

This message was received from Steve & Xander Goddard on 21st May: "We had rather a good catch (at [Wolvercote, Oxon](#)) on [20th May](#), although actual numbers were low. There were 19 species, including an **Iron Prominent**, two **Red Twin-spot Carpets**, a **White Ermine** and a **Pale Tussock**."



White Ermine
Photo © Steve Goddard



Iron Prominent
Photo © Steve Goddard

~ Thursday 23rd May 2013 ~

Adam Hartley writes: "On Sunday [19th May](#), as part of a rather small catch using my 40W actinic Heath trap in central [Oxford](#), I caught a **Parornix sp.** Another quiet session with my trap on [21st May](#) did include a **Shuttle-shaped Dart** and a **Cameraria ohridella** (Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner) both of which were new for my garden for the year. I would also like to report **Scarlet Tiger** caterpillars which have been in our garden for several weeks now."



Scarlet Tiger caterpillar
Photo © Adam Hartley

Paul Bowyer reports that a successful butterfly field trip to the [Calvert Jubilee Reserve, Bucks on 19th May](#) also produced **Common Heath** (4), **Common Carpet** (1), **Cinnabar** (3), **Pyrausta aurata** (2) & **Pyrausta despicata** (2).

~ Tuesday 21st May 2013 ~

Dave Wilton sent this report on 20th May: "New species added over the past few days include **Rustic Shoulder-knot** at [Westcott, Bucks on 17th May](#), an early **Bucculatrix thoracella** at [Westcott on 18th May](#), **Capua vulgana**, **Epinotia tedella** & **White-pinion Spotted** in [Bernwood Forest, Bucks on 18th May](#), **Small Waved Umber** & **Lime Hawk-moth** at [Ivinghoe, Bucks on 19th May](#), **Carpatolechia proximella** at [Ashridge, Bucks on 20th May](#) and **Aethes smeathmanniana**, **Argyrotaenia ljungiana**, **Oak Hook-tip**, **White-spotted Pug**, **Lychnis** & **Clouded-bordered Brindle** all at [Westcott on 20th May](#). On the latter date the garden trap at Westcott produced a pleasing 25 species, so things are starting to improve at last."



Bucculatrix thoracella
Photo © Dave Wilton



Capua vulgana
Photo © Dave Wilton



Argyrotaenia ljungiana
Photo © Dave Wilton

Dave Ferguson saw a **Pebble Hook-tip** during the daytime while visiting [Stoke Common, Bucks on 19th May](#).

Martin Wainwright was excited to catch a **Pebble Prominent** at [Thrupp, Oxon on 18th May](#), a species he didn't see in Leeds. Also caught that night were **Swallow Prominent** (1), **Lesser Swallow Prominent** (2), **White Ermine** (1), **Nut-tree Tussock** (1), **Waved Umber** (1), **Red Twin-spot Carpet** (1), **Clouded Drab** (1) and **Hebrew Character** (1). An additional species on [19th May](#) was **Green Carpet**.



Pebble Prominent

Marc Botham reports that numbers of many species are still very low, as expected after last year's deluge, but that diversity is steadily improving. "Potentially new to the list are: **17th May Benson, Oxon Monopis laevigella** (flying around the house); **18th May Bagley Woods, Oxford Pammene argyrana, Syndemis musculana, Adela reaumurella** (1 to light, plus hundreds seen during the day on 19th May), **Dwarf Pug, May Highflyer, Orange Footman, Pale Tussock, Brown Silver-line, Poplar Kitten, Spruce Carpet, Tawny-barred Angle, Peppered Moth, Clouded Border**, plus on **19th May Speckled Yellow** (by day); **19th May Benson, Oxon Monopis weaverella, Lobster Moth, Bright-line Brown-eye & Glyphipterix simplicella** (by day)."

Steve & Xander Goddard sent this message: "Nothing very much to report from last week, but the night of **18th May at Wolvercote, Oxon** was quite productive. No great numbers, but a dozen different species as follows: **Clouded Border** (1), **Common Pug** (1), **Early Grey** (1), **Elachista sp** (1), **Epiphyas postvittana** (3), **Green Carpet** (1), **May Highflyer** (1), **Muslin Moth** (1), **Pale Prominent** (2), **Shuttle-shaped Dart** (1), **Spectacle** (1) & **Waved Umber** (1). Caught on **19th May** were **Brimstone Moth** (2), **Common Pug** (1), **Common Wave** (1), **Epiphyas postvittana** (2), **Grapholita jungiella** (1), **Mompha sp** (1), **Muslin Moth** (1), **Orange Footman** (1), **Pale Mottled Willow** (1) & **Pale Prominent** (2)."



Common Pug
Photo © Steve Goddard



May Highflyer
Photo © Steve Goddard



Shuttle-shaped Dart
Photo © Steve Goddard

Mary Elford reports: "This morning (**19th May**) I was very pleased to find a **Poplar Hawk-moth** in my garden trap in **Bampton, Oxon**. Made my day!"



Poplar Hawk
Photo © Mary Elford

Adam Hartley writes: "Finally a relatively good night (on **18th May**) with the 40W actinic trap in my central **Oxford** garden. A total of 16 moths of 10 species were seen, the best so far this year. It was a night for Carpets with **Garden Carpet** (7), **Red Twin-spot Carpet** (1) and **Water Carpet** (1) all either caught in the trap or at least loitering near it. Also caught were **Emmeline monodactyla** (1), **Yellow-barred Brindle** (1), **Epiphyas postvittana/Light Brown Apple Moth** (1), **Muslin Moth** (1), **Bright-line Brown-eye** (1), **Brimstone Moth** (1) and **Waved Umber** (1). All bar the Brindle, the Plume and the Garden Carpets were new for the year for the garden, making a total of seven new year ticks."



Bright-line Brown-eye
Photo © Adam Hartley



Garden Carpet
Photo © Adam Hartley



Waved Umber
Photo © Adam Hartley

Sunday 19th May 2013 ~

Dave Morris and Rob Payne ran two traps (a 50W Skinner MV and a 20W Actinic Heath) overnight at the [RSPB's Church Wood at Hedgerley, Bucks on 17th May](#) and did rather well: **Nematopogon swammerdamella** (1), **Scalloped Hook-tip** (1), **Maiden's Blush** (3), **Red Twin-spotted Carpet** (2), **Water Carpet** (1), **Small Phoenix** (2), **Red-green Carpet** (1), **Oak-tree Pug** (1), **Brown Silver-line** (5), **Brimstone Moth** (2), **Early Thorn** (1), **Scalloped Hazel** (1), **Engrailed** (1), **Grey Birch** (1), **Iron Prominent** (1), **Lesser Swallow Prominent** (1), **Coxcomb Prominent** (3), **Great Prominent** (9), **Marbled Brown** (2), **Orange Footman** (2), **Least Black Arches** (2), **Common Quaker** (1), **Clouded Drab** (1), **Angle Shades** (2), **Nut-tree Tussock** (5) & **Silver Y** (1).



Brown Silver-line
Photo © Rob Payne



Marbled Brown
Photo © Rob Payne



Scalloped Hook-tip
Photo © Rob Payne

Adam Hartley writes: "Results have been very poor over the last few nights in my garden in central [Oxford](#) with mostly an empty trap to show for my efforts. Last night ([17th May](#)) though, using my 40W actinic trap, I actually managed to catch a couple of moths: **Early Grey** (1) and **Pale Mottled Willow** (1) which is new for the year for my garden."



Pale Mottled Willow
Photo © Adam Hartley

Ched George ran his garden trap at Radnage, Bucks on 17th May and got **Hebrew**

Character (2), Common Quaker (1), Early Grey (1), Brindled Pug (1), Yellow-barred Brindle (1), Nut-tree Tussock (1), Waved Umber (1), Shuttle-shaped Dart (1) and a Cockchafer.

Martin Wainwright reports a warmer night on 16th May at Thrupp, Oxon: "It brought nice rewards after a very sparse spell, with a big **Swallow Prominent**, two male **Muslin Moths** and a **Flame Shoulder**, plus a battered **Hebrew Character** and two slugs."



Swallow Prominent
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Muslin Moths
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Andy King sent this report: "Running a light-trap doesn't seem particularly worthwhile just at the moment, so I've been out to find them: two female **Adela reaumurella** were found, looking brand new but a bit forlorn on the wet vegetation and two adult **Phyllonorycter maestingella** hiding under Beech leaves, where it's a bit drier. I found these while looking for Eriocrania leaf-mines on Birch in **Philipshill Wood, Bucks on 14th and 16th May**. I'm pleased that I discovered four species: **Eriocrania sangii**, **Eriocrania cicatricella**, **Eriocrania unimaculella** and **Eriocrania semipurpurella**. It took longer to ID them than to find them!"

Friday 17th May 2013 ~

Dave Wilton has been searching for leaf-mines again: "It is just as well that there's always something to do, even in cool, dull weather. Most of the birch-feeding Eriocrania species are under-recorded locally and now is the time to look for their larval stage leaf-mines. At **Finemere Wood, Bucks on 16th May** I found active larvae of **Eriocrania unimaculella**, **Eriocrania sangii** and **Eriocrania semipurpurella**, while in **Bernwood Forest, Bucks on 17th May** I found those three again along with **Eriocrania salopiella**."

Dave Morris found a **Cinnabar** at the Chiltern Woodland Burial Park near **Seer Green, Bucks on 16th May**.

Mary Elford reports: "Still very poor results from my actinic garden trap in **Bampton, Oxon** when I do run it but I notice that of the miserable total of 12 moth species, 4 have not been recorded here before, including a **Puss Moth** on **8th May**. All very puzzling."

Thursday 16th May 2013 ~

Ched George found a female **Muslin Moth** in **Park Wood, Bradenham, Bucks on 13th May**.

Marc Botham reports: "A couple more species from April that Peter Hall has kindly identified for me: **Depressaria daucella** at **Warburg, Oxon on 13th April** and **Acleris logiana** at **Bagley Woods, Oxford on 14th April**. Also to add to the list are **Shuttle-shaped Dart** and a **Dagger** (Grey or Dark not confirmed yet) in my **Benson, Oxon** garden on **12th May**."

Monday 13th May 2013 ~

Dave Wilton reports: "I'm still getting next to nothing in my garden moth trap at [Westcott, Bucks](#) and the result from [12th May](#) is typical: **Red Twin-spot Carpet** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1), **Powdered Quaker** (2), **Common Quaker** (2), **Clouded Drab** (3) & **Hebrew Character** (7). The bats which turn up whenever the light is turned on probably don't help but, apart from the very occasional Hebrew Character wing, there are few signs that they're having much feeding success other than with craneflies. The knock-on effect of so few moths flying must be quite significant higher up the food chain. A nest of early-instar **Lackey** caterpillars was found on hawthorn in the garden on [13th May](#). When photographed there were about 50 sunning themselves on their web and another 50 or so feeding on nearby branches."



Lackey web
Photo © Dave Wilton

Steve and Xander Goddard have had little further to report from their garden in [Wolvercote, Oxon](#). On [9th May](#) **Muslin Moth** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1) and **Coronet** (1), while on [10th May](#) **Muslin Moth** (3) and **Garden Carpet** (1).



Coronet
Photo © Steve Goddard

Saturday 11th May 2013 ~

Tony Rayner reports: "I can't quite believe it - this morning ([9th May](#)) just as it started to rain I was buzzed by an insect whilst closing the door on our [Cholsey, Oxon](#) barn. Was it a wasp or a bee? No it was a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth!**"

Dave Morris sent this message on 9th May: "A few new moths for my year list on Tuesday night in my garden ([7th May at Seer Green, Bucks](#)), including a couple not yet on the UTB list for the year: **Early Thorn** (2), **Alucita hexadactyla/Twenty Plume Moth** (1), **Nut-tree Tussock** (2), **Brimstone Moth** (1), **Common Quaker** (2), **Hebrew Character** (1), **Brindled Pug** (2), **Early Grey** (1), **Iron Prominent** (1), **Flame Carpet** (1) & **Waved Umber** (1)."



Iron Prominent
Photo © Dave Morris



Waved Umber
Photo © Dave Morris

Martin Wainwright adds one more moth to his 8th May report from Thrupp, Oxon: "Just quickly to attach a picture of **Least Black Arches** which I finally identified thanks to your very handy link to the Hants Moths "Flying Tonight" page, which is really good."



Least Black Arches
Photo © Martin Wainwright

In their Wolvervot, Oxon garden, Steve and Xander Goddard caught **Clouded Drab** (2), **Double-striped Pug** (5), **Epinotia immundana** (1), **Hebrew Character** (3), **Incurvaria masculella** (1), **Muslin Moth** (2) on **6th May** and **Brimstone Moth** (1), **Chocolate-tip** (1), **Clouded Drab** (3), **Double-striped Pug** (3), **Early Grey** (3), **Early Thorn** (1), **Emmelina monodactyla** (1), **Esperia sulphurella** (2) **Flame Shoulder** (1), **Hebrew Character** (2), **Incurvaria masculella** (1), **Knot Grass** (1), **Least Black Arches** (2), **Muslin Moth** (3), **Alucita hexadactyla/Twenty-plume Moth** (1) on **7th May**.



Chocolate-tip
Photo © Steve Goddard



Incurvaria masculella
Photo © Steve Goddard



Esperia sulphurella
Photo © Steve Goddard

Darren Seaman reports the following moths from his Milton Keynes garden on 7th May: **Sallow Kitten** (1), **Currant Pug** (1, confirmed by Martin Albertini), **Purple Thorn** (2), **Lunar Marbled Brown** (1), **Streamer** (1), **Common Quaker** (5), **Clouded Drab** (2) and **Early Thorn** (1), all taken at actinic light.



Curren Pug
Photo © Darren Seaman



Lunar Marbled Brown
Photo © Darren Seaman



Sallow Kitten
Photo © Darren Seaman

Keith Mitchell sent this message on 8th May: "Despite cripplingly low numbers of species in the last couple of days, in my garden trap at [Stoke Goldington, Bucks](#) there were a high proportion of garden firsts, including **Emperor Moth** female on [6th May](#) and **Yellow-barred Brindle** on [7th May](#) (photos attached)."



Emperor Moth
Photo © Keith Mitchell



Yellow-barred Brindle
Photo © Keith Mitchell

Dave Wilton reminds everyone to check their vegetables: "On [28th April](#), while rinsing some broccoli (purchased loose the previous day from a store in [Thame, Oxon](#)), my wife Val noticed a small green caterpillar on one floret. Closer inspection showed that there were in fact three of them so they were kept to rear through. One spun up a loose cocoon almost immediately and pupated overnight [29th/30th April](#), the adult emerging on [7th May](#) as a pristine **Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back Moth)**. I wonder how many we've eaten over the years?!"



Plutella xylostella (larva)
Photo © Dave Wilton



Plutella xylostella (cocoon)
Photo © Dave Wilton



Plutella xylostella (adult)
Photo © Dave Wilton

This report was received from Andy King: "No time for resting, now. Five moths which do not yet appear on your 2013 list at my time of looking presented themselves at my light-trap in [Philipshill Wood, Chorleywood, Bucks](#) on [6th May](#): **Barred Hook-tip**, **Coxcomb Prominent**, **Ochreous Pug**, **Square Spot** and **Tinea trinotella**. I've added pictures of the pug and the clothes moth if you would like to use them."



Ochreous Pug
Photo © Andy King



Tinea trinotella
Photo © Andy King

Wednesday 8th May 2013 ~

Martin Wainwright sent this report on 8th May: "They're probably very familiar to you and other moth-ers here but I was most excited to find two **Chocolate-tips** in the trap this morning. We never got them in Leeds though I gather they are found in Scotland, separately from those in the more southerly parts of England. I'm also attaching pics of a nice **Powdered Quaker** and a **Brindled Pug** which came calling on the night of **5th May**. Otherwise, **Thrupp, Oxon** is providing a steady flow of **Common, Small and Twin-spot Quakers, Clouded Drabs, Hebrew Characters and Early Greys.**"



Powdered Quaker
Photo © Martin Wainwright



Brindled Pug
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Dave Wilton reports: "Dismal catches continue in the garden trap at **Westcott, Bucks**, although **Flame Shoulder (6th May)** and **Ancylis badiana & Swallow Prominent** (both **7th May**) did provide a little variety from the usual handful of Orthosia species. On **6th May** a three-hour session on the **Ashridge Estate, Bucks** with **Peter Hall, Marc Botham & Dave Maunder** added only **Plutella xylostella, Scrobipalpa acuminatella & Green Carpet** but it was pleasing to get further sightings of our target for the night, **Northern Drab**. A daytime visit to **Ivinghoe Beacon on 7th May** added records for **Pancalia leuwenhoekella** and **Cydia ulicetana.**"



Northern Drab
Photo © Dave Maunder



Scrobipalpa acuminatella
Photo © Dave Wilton



Pancalia leuwenhoekella
Photo © Dave Wilton

Another message from Marc Botham reports a sighting of **Pyrausta aurata** at **Buttler's Hangings, Bucks** on **6th May** and a **Sallow Kitten** in his garden at **Benson, Oxon** on **7th May**.

Chris Bottrell sent this report: "On 7th May, whilst around Ivinghoe Beacon, Bucks in search of Dukes, many Pyrausta moths in evidence but a good hatching of **Pyrausta nigrata**.



Pyrausta nigrata
Photo © Chris Bottrell

Adam Hartley writes: "Finally a bit of variety in the actinic Robinson moth trap in central Oxford on 6th May with a **V-Pug**, **Yellow-barred Brindle**, a **Bee Moth**, a **Cnephasia sp.** (guessing communana from the size and the time of year) and a **Garden Carpet** all new for the year for my garden."



V-Pug
Photo © Adam Hartley



Yellow-barred Brindle
Photo © Adam Hartley



Bee Moth
Photo © Adam Hartley

On 6th May Darren Seaman got his first **V-Pug** and **Brimstone Moths** of the year in his garden at Milton Keynes, Bucks.

This message arrived from Marc Botham on 6th May: "Me again. Not much to report despite the glorious weather but **Lesser Swallow Prominent** on 3rd May at Bagley Woods, Oxon and **Small Phoenix**, **Red Twin-spot Carpet**, **Marbled Brown**, **Pebble Prominent**, **V-Pug** in SE Oxfordshire and **Chamomile Shark** in my garden at Benson, Oxon last night 5th May."

On 5th May Nigel Partridge caught **Small Phoenix**, **Least Black Arches** and **Scarce Tissue** in his garden at Loosely Row, Bucks.



Scarce Tissue (upperside)
Photo © Nigel Partridge



Scarce Tissue (underside)
Photo © Nigel Partridge

In his garden trap at Bracknell, Berks on 5th May David Rowe had **Lunar Marbled Brown (6), Early Thorn (3) and Early Grey (2), Least Black Arches (1) and Lesser Swallow Prominent (1).**

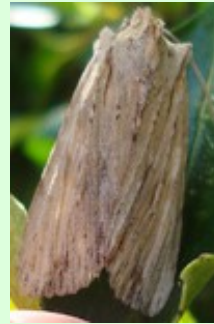


Lesser Swallow Prominent
Photo © David Rowe

Steve and Xander Goddard caught the following in their garden at **Wolvercote, Oxon on 5th May: Epiphyas postvittana (1), a possible Epinotia immundana (1), Emmelina monodactyla (1), Pale Prominent (1), Pale Pinion (1), Common Quaker (3), Clouded Drab (5), Hebrew Character (3) and Early Grey (2).**



Pale Prominent
Photo © Steve Goddard



Pale Pinion
Photo © Steve Goddard

Monday 6th May 2013 ~

On 5th May David Gower recorded **Pyrausta purpuralis (2)** on dandelions at **Ivinghoe Beacon, Bucks.**

Peter Hall and Dave Wilton ran traps in Bernwood Forest on 5th May where new species for the year included **Pseudoswammerdamia combinella, Scalloped Hook-tip, Pebble Hook-tip, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Oak-tree Pug, Great Prominent & Least Black Arches.**

While on a walk from Smaldean Lane to the church at Bradenham, Bucks on 3rd May, Paul Bowyer saw **Common Carpet (2)** while during the field trip to Homefield Wood in Bucks on 5th May Paul reports sightings of **Burnet Companion, Mother Shipton** and **Grapholita jungiella.**

Steve and Xander Goddard report the following from Wolvercote, Oxon: On 3rd May **Common Quaker (1), Early Grey (2), Emmelina monodactyla (1), Hebrew Character (3), Small Quaker (1), Streamer (1)** and on 4th May **Clouded Drab (1), Common Pug (1), Common Quaker (3), Early Grey (1), Hebrew Character (2), Pebble Prominent (1) & Spectacle (1).**



Pebble Prominent
Photo © Steve Goddard



Spectacle
Photo © Steve Goddard

Derek Brown put his moth trap out at [Beenham, Berks on 3rd May](#) and got singles of **Yellow-barred Brindle**, **Brimstone Moth**, **Mullein** and **Nut-tree Tussock**.



Mullein
Photo © Derek Brown

On 3rd May Tony Rayner had a very poor garden trapping result at [Cholsey, Oxon](#) but it did include a fresh **Silver Y**.

Alan Gudge sent this report on 3rd May: "We set an MV Skinner in our garden last night ([2nd May, Little Frieth, Bucks](#)) and had a few moths. There was an **Early Thorn**, 6 **Common Quakers**, 3 **Hebrew Characters**, 3 **Early Greys** and a **Mullein**, the latter being a first for our garden."



Mullein
Photo © Juliet Gudge

Friday 3rd May 2013 ~

This message was received on 3rd May from new contributor Martin Wainwright:
"I'm just emailing after discovering your excellent website to my great delight. My wife Penny and I have just moved to [Thrupp, Oxon](#) (on the edge of Kidlington) from Leeds where I ran a moth trap for the last five years and benefited very much from the equivalent site run by the Yorkshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. I am afraid that I am a rather unscientific person but now that I have retired, I hope to be a bit more diligent about counting the number of Hebrew Characters, assorted Quakers etc lurking in my eggboxes. In the meanwhile, I enclose a pic of the first 'southern' moth new to me, a **Nut-tree Tussock** which visited the trap on [30th April](#) and again this morning, [3rd May](#)."



Nut-tree Tussock
Photo © Martin Wainwright

Dave Wilton sent this report: "A wild male **Emperor Moth** came to a captive virgin female in my garden at **Westcott, Bucks** on **30th April**. Subsequent "assembling" has produced further records of wild males from **Haddenham (1st May)**, **Saunderton (1st May)** and **Calvert (2nd May)**, all in Bucks. Despite the recovery in daytime temperatures, the number of visitors to my garden trap are still very disappointing and the only new species added over the past few days have been **Chocolate-tip** and **Silver Y** both caught on **1st May**."

Richard Wheeler visited the disused railway cutting near **Westcott** on **1st May** and saw **Common Heath** (2).



Common Heath
Photo © Richard Wheeler

Ben Sheldon tells us that on **1st May** a welcome visitor to his trap in **East Oxford** was a **Yellow-barred Brindle**.

Trapped by Dave Morris at **Seer Green, Bucks** on **1st May** were **Early Thorn** (1), **Streamer** (2), **Brindled Pug** (1), **Hebrew Character** (1), **Double-striped Pug** (2), **Common Quaker** (1), **Early Grey** (1) and **Muslin Moth** (1).



Muslin Moth
Photo © Dave Morris

David Rowe reports another **Frosted Green** from his garden at **Bracknell, Berks** on **26th April**, illustrated below.



Frosted Green
Photo © David Rowe

Marc Botham has added another species to our year list with a sighting of **Waved Umber** in his garden at **Benson, Oxon** back on **25th April**.

Wednesday 1st May 2013 ~

Adam Hartley sent this report: "One more to report which might well be a new species for the year: Caught on the **25th April** in my central **Oxford** garden a **Caloptilia rufipennella**. The ID has been confirmed from photos by Richard Lewington and Phil Sterling no less!"

Andy King is no longer so sure about his 'avalanche' of moths! "There do seem to be winners and losers with the late Spring, the Quakers, for instance, not doing so well. I have four 'odds and ends' to report, which I don't think have registered on your 2013 list yet. Attached is a photo of **Phyllonorycter emberizaepenella** which emerged in April from a leaf-mine I had collected on **10th October 2012** on honeysuckle in **Chartridge, Bucks**. I suppose it may count as a 2012 moth, but this species is not so often reported (probably because no-one fancies spelling the name!). A **Phyllonorycter salicicolella** emerged from some dead leaves off a willow tree at **College Lake Nature Reserve** (just in Bucks) on **14th March 2013**. Neither of these emergence dates count as they were brought indoors. A **Ruby Tiger** was found as a caterpillar, hibernating under loose bark on a fallen log at **Rushmere Park, Bucks** on **1st April**. Flying in the sunshine over heather at **Stoke Common, Bucks** on **25th April** was an **Incurvaria pectinea**, despite windy conditions (another photo)."



Phyllonorycter
emberizaepenella
Photo © Andy King



Incurvaria pectinea
Photo © Andy King

Friday 26th April 2013 ~

Adam Hartley reports: "It's been rather quiet in my central **Oxford** garden using my actinic trap over the last week, with modest catches of **Early Grey**, **Hebrew Character**, **Clouded Drab**, **Common Quaker** and **Double-striped Pug**. The highlight was a lovely **Streamer** in the trap on the **25th April**."



Streamer
Photo © Adam Hartley

Ali Driver sent this report on 26th April: "I set my Robinson trap a few times at home in [Sonning, Berks](#) this last week, but I'm still only catching species which I was catching exactly a month earlier in 2012. The only exception was a small number of **Eriocrania subpurpurella** caught on the [24th April](#) - which deserves the English name Bronze Gem!"



Eriocrania subpurpurella
Photo © Ali Driver

This report came from Steve and Xander Goddard at Wolvercote, Oxon: "Here are some results from us from the last couple of nights:

[23rd April](#) - **Aphomia sociella/Bee Moth** (1 male), **Brindled Beauty** (1 male), **Clouded Drab** (3), **Double-striped Pug** (2), **Early Grey** (2), **Hebrew Character** (2), **Small Quaker** (1), **Twin-spotted Quaker** (3).

[24th April](#) - **Amblyptilia acanthodactyla** (1), **Aphomia sociella/Bee Moth** (1 female), **Brimstone Moth** (1), **Brindled Beauty** (2 male), **Common Quaker** (7), **Double-striped Pug** (11), **Early Grey** (3), **Early Thorn** (3), **Hebrew Character** (3), **Herald** (2), **Streamer** (1), **Twin-spotted Quaker** (2). A few new species there, I think. Certainly some considerable improvement in numbers and range of species, although I think it is due to turn colder at the weekend so that's not likely to continue."

Marc Botham has added a few more species to his year list: **Agonopterix umbellana** & **Nut-tree Tussock** ([Shotover, Oxon 23rd April](#)); **Drinker larva** ([Little Wittenham Hill Farm, Oxon 23rd April](#)); **Vapourer eggs** ([Buttler's Hangings, Bucks 24th April](#)); **White-marked, Scorched Carpet** & **Lunar Marbled Brown** ([Little Wittenham on 24th April](#)); **Agonopterix alstromeriana** ([Benson, Oxon 24th April](#)); **Purple Thorn** & **Frosted Green** ([Bagley Woods, Oxon 25th April](#)). Marc notes that numbers are still very low all round.

At Bracknell in Berks David Rowe had **Yellow Horned** to light back on [10th March](#), a **Herald** on [16th April](#), a possible **Frosted Green** on [21st April](#) (*pending confirmation of a photograph*) and two **Lunar Marbled Browns** on [23rd April](#).



Yellow Horned
Photo © David Rowe



Lunar Marbled Brown
Photo © David Rowe

Thursday 25th April 2013 ~

Dave Maunder sent this update on 25th April: "Still very poor results from my garden trap here in [Aylesbury, Bucks](#). Very low compared to this time last year, with often only singles of **Clouded Drab**, **Hebrew Character** and **Early Grey**, although slightly higher last night (24th). I did find an interesting micro at our local sports centre in the form of **Ypsolopha mucronella**. My captive **Lappet larvae** are off and feeding again after hibernation and I have attached a photo - they're all 4th instar, I think."



Ypsolopha mucronella
Photo © Dave Maunder



Lappet caterpillar
Photo © Dave Maunder

Dave Wilton has added a few new species over the past week: "On 20th April here at [Westcott, Bucks](#) there were several small moths flying around the garden during the daytime and one netted example proved to be **Mompha subbistrigella**. On 22nd April the garden trap produced my first **Powdered Quaker** of the year but otherwise its contents have remained quite disappointing. On 23rd April **Mompha epilobiella** came to a lit window. Away from home I've had **Agonopterix alstromeriana**, **Northern Drab** & **Nut-tree Tussock** all at [Ivinghoe, Bucks](#) on 23rd April and then **Pammene giganteana**, **White-marked** & **Lunar Marbled Brown** all at [Ashridge, Bucks](#) on 24th April, while **Peter Hall** caught a **Chinese Character** near [Ivinghoe](#) on the latter date."



Northern Drab
Photo © Dave Wilton

Pammene giganteana
Photo © Dave Wilton

White-marked
Photo © Dave Wilton

Dave Morris reported the following from Seer Green, Bucks on 21st April: Emmelina monodactyla (1), **Streamer** (2, a new species for Dave's garden), **Small Quaker** (1), **Common Quaker** (1), **Hebrew Character** (2) & **Dotted Chestnut** (1).



Streamer
Photo © Dave Morris

Sunday 21st April 2013 ~

Steve and Xander Goddard report this catch from **Wolvercote, Oxon on 17th April:** Epiphyas postvittana (1), **Clouded Drab** (1), **Hebrew Character** (5), **Oak Beauty** (1) and **Twin-spotted Quaker** (1).

Saturday 20th April 2013 ~

Dave Wilton ran an MV light in Finemere Wood, Bucks again on 17th April: "The wind was gusting up to 40 knots outside the wood but it was nice and calm inside and plenty of moths were flying (20 species this time). New for my traps for this year were **Ypsolopha ustella**, **Water Carpet**, **Pine Beauty**, **Blossom Underwing** & **Lead-coloured Drab**."



Pine Beauty
Photo © Dave Wilton



Water Carpet
Photo © Dave Wilton



Blossom Underwing
Photo © Dave Wilton

Caught by Dave Morris in Seer Green, Bucks on 17th April were: Diurnea fagella (1), Emmelina monodactyla (3), **Brindled Pug** (1), **Early Grey** (5), **Small Quaker** (5), **Common Quaker** (3), **Hebrew Character** (1) & **Early Grey** (5).



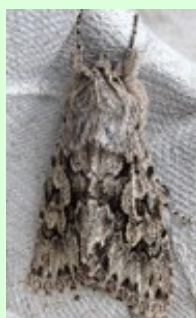
Brindled Pug

Mary Elford reports: "This beautifully fresh **Early Thorn** was in my trap this morning, April 17th, in **Bampton, Oxon**. However, numbers of species and individuals remain low, even for my modest actinic trap."



Early Thorn
Photo © Mary Elford

Adam Hartley reports that he's finally got round to running his trap for the first time this year over the last week in central **Oxford** and the results from four sessions have been: **Clouded Drab** (3), **Early Grey** (5), **Common Quaker** (1), **Hebrew Character** (3), **Emmelina monodactyla** (1) and **Diurnea fagella** (1).



Early Grey
Photo © Adam Hartley



Common Quaker
Photo © Adam Hartley

This report was received from Marc Botham on 16th April: "I imagine you may have had a few records come in from the weekend as it was warm and the first opportunity for many to actually see some Spring moths. Species that I caught which have not yet appeared on the UTB list are: **Agonopterix arenella**, **Caloptilia stigmatella** & **Early Tooth-striped** (all 13th April at Warburg, Oxon) and **Dark Sword-grass** (13th April in my garden trap at Benson, Oxon)."

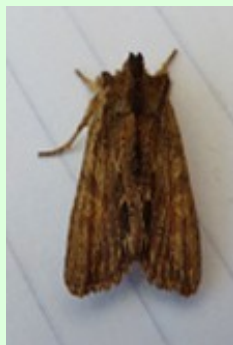
Wednesday 17th April 2013 ~

Martin Albertini, Peter Hall and Dave Wilton ran lights at two different locations in the hills above **Ivinghoe, Bucks** on 15th April. Although it wasn't really the kind of night that anyone in their right minds would want to be sitting on exposed chalk grassland, three individuals of **Mottled Grey** (uncommon in Bucks) were trapped so that made it worthwhile. Other species caught, mostly under tree cover, were **Diurnea fagella**, **Shoulder Stripe**, **Brindled Pug**, **Water Carpet**, **Oak Beauty**, **Engrailed**, **Small Quaker**, **Clouded Drab**, **Common Quaker**, **Twin-spotted Quaker**, **Hebrew Character**, **Satellite** & **Chestnut**.



Mottled Grey
Photo © Dave Wilton

Mary Elford sent this report: "I found this moth resting on a fence in my garden in [Bampton, Oxon](#) on [15th April](#). I've not seen it or recorded it here before so I checked the photo with my moth advisers (Richard Comont and Martin Townsend) who agree that it is a **Tawny Pinion**. I notice that it was last recorded on the UTB website in 2010 so it was lovely to see it, especially after all the dreadful weather over the last couple of years."



Tawny Pinion
Photo © Mary Elford

This was received from Steve and Xander Goddard: "First proper night's mothing for the year in [Wolvercote, Oxon](#) overnight on [14th April](#) (again a Robinson MV trap) - not a great variety of species (only six), but a good few more than we'd got on any previous night this year. Specifically, **Hebrew Character** (8), **Common Quaker** (6), **Clouded Drab** (5), **Twin-spotted Quaker** (3), **Brindled Beauty** (1, male) and **Pale Pinion** (1). On [15th April](#) we had **Clouded Drab** (7), **Common Quaker** (6), **Hebrew Character** (4), **Small Quaker** (2), **Early Grey** (1) & **Diurnea fagella** (1)."



Brindled Beauty
Photo © Steve Goddard



Pale Pinion
Photo © Steve Goddard



Diurnea fagella
Photo © Steve Goddard

Nigel Partridge tells us that he finally managed a trapping session on [15th April](#) in [Loosley Row, Bucks](#) and included amongst the catch was **Diurnea fagella**.

During the daytime on 14th April Dave Wilton visited Kingswood, Bucks and achieved his first confirmed sighting of **Light Orange Underwing** for the year. That

evening he ran an MV light at [Finemere Wood, Bucks](#) and, amongst 167 moths of 18 species, got **Semioscopis steinkellneriana**, **Agonopterix ocellana**, **Brindled Pug**, **Early Thorn** and **Red Chestnut**. A **Dotted Chestnut**, new to the site, was also caught (this species seems to be having a good season).



Semioscopis steinkellneriana
Photo © Dave Wilton

Friday 12th April 2013 ~

Mary Elford tells us that she's been suffering from moth deprivation for months!

However, "this morning (11th April) there were **Clouded Drab** (3) and **Early Grey** (2) in my trap here in [Bampton, Oxon](#). Compared to 2012, the Early Grey's debut is exactly 3 months later to the night. The only other moths I had seen this year were an **Angle Shades (first adult)** that my keen-eyed grandson found on the landing on [20th March](#) and a **Plume** moth that I disturbed while gardening. Hopefully you'll soon be inundated with moth sightings."

Andy King has sent us two very interesting pictures. During a visit to [Rushmere Park near Heath and Reach \(just inside Bucks\)](#) on [1st April](#) Andy found some larval spinnings on broom characteristic of **Agonopterix assimilella**, which if confirmed might well be a first record for the county. One of the caterpillars is illustrated here. He has also had an indoor emergence of **Stigmella tityrella** from a leaf-mine on beech collected at [Chorleywood, Bucks](#) on [30th October](#) last year. The adult pictured below is barely 3mm in length.



Agonopterix assimilella
Photo © Andy King



Stigmella tityrella
Photo © Andy King

Thursday 11th April 2013 ~

Dave Maunder sent this update from Aylesbury, Bucks on 11th April: "In my garden trap last night I got **Clouded Drab** (2), **Hebrew Character** (1) and **Early Grey** (1) - a pretty poor night's catch. I also found a **Common Quaker** at the Fairford Leys shops and an **Acleris literana** at Hartwell House (a first for me!)."



Clouded Drabs
Photo © Dave Maunder



Acleris literana
Photo © Dave Maunder

Dave Morris reports that his moth catch in [Seer Green, Bucks on 9th April](#) comprised **Common Quaker** (3), **Small Quaker** (1), **Chestnut** (1), **Dotted Chestnut** (1), **Oak Beauty** (1) and **Tortricodes alternella** (1).



Dotted Chestnut
Photo © Dave Morris

Wednesday 10th April 2013 ~

Dave Wilton reports: "Recent frost-free nights have meant a small improvement to catches in my garden trap at [Westcott, Bucks](#) with numbers now just getting into double figures thanks to **Clouded Drab** and **Hebrew Character**, while **Endrosis sarcitrella** (**White-shouldered House Moth**) was found indoors on [8th April](#). Over the past week I've been searching evergreen Holm Oaks for larvae of **Ectoedemia heringella** which should be fully grown now (the moth, a fairly recent invader, was first recorded in Bucks last winter). Locating the trees has been the bigger challenge! Leaf-mines have been recorded on almost every one found around Aylesbury and eastwards but the furthest west that I've seen evidence of the moth has been at [Quinton, Bucks on 3rd April](#); trees in the Claydons and closer towards Oxfordshire seem to have escaped it thus far. Some Holm Oaks can have many mines per leaf and it can be quite disfiguring to the foliage, much like the damage caused to Horse Chestnuts by *Cameraria ohridella*."



Endrosis sarcitrella
Photo © Dave Wilton



Ectoedemia heringella
Photo © Dave Wilton

Dave Maunder lists the moths he's found around Aylesbury, Bucks over the last few weeks: "**Oak Beauty** (1, 9th April), **Engrailed** (1, 8th April in Finemere Wood on an

oak trunk), **Orange Underwing** (1, [6th April at Grangelands](#)), **March Moth** (2 on [18th March](#), 1 on [8th April](#)), **Shoulder Stripe** (1, [7th April](#)), **Dotted Border** (1, [19th March](#)) and **Clouded Drab** (1, [8th April](#) in my garden trap). So still lean pickings on the moth front!"



Oak Beauty
Photo © Dave Maunder



Engrailed
Photo © Dave Maunder



Shoulder Stripe
Photo © Dave Maunder

This message was received from Darren Seaman: "My first decent catch of the year on Sunday night [7th April](#), with **Hebrew Character** (6), **Clouded Drab** (1), **Common Quaker** (1), **Small Quaker** (1) and **Twin-spotted Quaker** (1), all at actinic light in my [Milton Keynes](#) garden."



Twin-spotted Quaker
Photo © Darren Seaman

Monday 8th April 2013 ~

This report came from Dave Morris on 8th April: "Nothing new for the year, but I'm so pleased to see some moths in my [Seer Green, Bucks](#) garden: 2 x **Common Quaker**, 1 x **Small Quaker**, 1 x **Early Grey**, 1 x **Yellow Horned**. It must be spring!"

Mark Calway reports sightings of seven **Orange Underwings** and a single **Acleris ferrugana/notana** flying in the sunshine at [Padworth Common, Berks](#) on [6th April](#).

Wednesday 3rd April 2013 ~

Dave Wilton had a result at Westcott, Bucks on 2nd April: "I wouldn't normally get so excited over a worn **Clouded Drab** but this is the first moth which has entered my garden trap for about three weeks. What an awful start to the season. A quick check shows that my garden produced 28 individuals of 11 species up to 31st March, whereas over the same period in 2012 it was 1,454 moths of 37 species. There's a lot of catching up to be done this year and I'm looking forward to Andy King's 'explosion'!"



Clouded Drab
Photo © Dave Wilton

Monday 1st April 2013 ~

This report was received from Andy King on 31st March: "As far as I can gather there are very nearly no moths flying anywhere during these cold nights. Perhaps we might expect an 'explosion' if and when we get a mild night. However, in the mean time, a **Tinea pellionella** turned up indoors at home in [Chorleywood, Bucks on 23 March](#). Given what they eat as caterpillars I expect I'll find a hole in one of my pullovers sooner or later."

Sunday 31st March 2013 ~

Adam Bassett sent this message from Marlow Bottom, Bucks: "I forgot to send over this record from last month, **Ypsolopha ustella** (thanks to Dave Wilton for the confirmation). It was lurking in a kitchen cupboard on [February 19th](#)."



Ypsolopha ustella
Photo © Adam Bassett

Monday 11th March 2013 ~

Marc Botham sent this report on 11th March: "A few weeks back, I can't remember exactly when but most likely 16th/17th February, I went out to check my over-wintering moth larvae that I had kept outside on some potted Docks here at [Benson, Oxon](#). Amongst them were a couple of larvae that I hadn't put there. I paid them little attention at the time as they were Noctua-looking. As it happens, now they have grown up, one is in fact a Noctua, **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing**, but the other was a far better surprise as its markings have become much clearer and its size has helped give it away too – it's an **Old Lady**."

This message came from Dave Maunder on 10th March: "Today I was given a specimen of a **Small Magpie** by my father-in-law who lives in [Adstock, Bucks](#) which I can only assume has overwintered in his house and hatched recently - my earliest ever record for this species! Other moths seen in [Aylesbury, Bucks](#) over the last two days were **March Moth** (1) on [8th March](#) and **Clouded Drab** (1), **Early Moth** (1) & **Dotted Border** (3) all [9th March](#)".



Small Magpie
Photo © Dave Maunder

Sunday 10th March 2013 ~

Steve Goddard ran his Robinson MV trap at **Wolvercote, Oxford** on **8th March** and got a **Small Quaker**, a first for his garden and an addition to this year's UTB list.

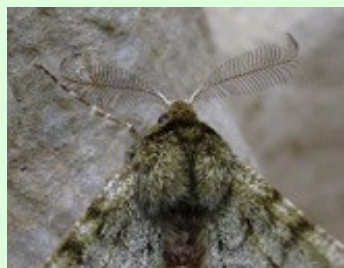


Small Quaker
Photo © Steve Goddard

The following report was received from Dave Morris on 8th March: "I've been taking advantage of the milder weather and trapping in my **Seer Green, Bucks** garden: **5th March** Satellite (2), March Moth (1), Chestnut (1), Hebrew Character (3), *Tortricodes alternella* (1), *Acleris notana/ferrugana* agg. (1), **Epiphyas postvittana/Light Brown Apple Moth** (1); **6th March** Oak Beauty (1), Dotted Border (1), Chestnut (1), *Acleris notana/ferrugana* agg. (1), *Emmelina monodactyla* (1), *Hofmannophila pseudospretella*/Brown House Moth (1); **7th March** in my garage *Alucita hexadactyla*/Twenty-plumed Moth (1) and in the trap **Small Brindled Beauty** (1), Dotted Border (1), Chestnut (2), *Acleris notana/ferrugana* agg. (3), *Epiphyas postvittana*/Light Brown Apple Moth (1), ***Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*** (1)."

Friday 8th March 2013 ~

Dave Maunder sent this report on 7th March: "After Tuesday's warm weather I only managed to get a couple of moths to my garden trap in **Aylesbury, Bucks** that night, which were **Early Grey** (1) and **Pale Brindled Beauty** (1, antennae illustrated below). Down the road at the Fairford Leys sports fields I found six **Dotted Borders** at security lamps, so the warm weather must have induced a hatching of this species here!"



Wednesday 6th March 2013 ~

Dave Wilton ran one MV light at **Finemere Wood, Bucks** for three hours on **5th March** and was pleased to get 13 species: **Acleris ferrugana/notana**, **Tortricodes alternella**, **Yellow Horned, March Moth**, **Shoulder Stripe**, **Small Brindled Beauty**, **Pale Brindled Beauty**, **Spring Usher**, **Engrailed**, **Common Quaker**, **Grey Shoulder-knot**, **Satellite** & **Chestnut**.

Marc Botham sent this report on 6th March: "There was a **Lead-coloured Drab** in the Rothamsted trap at **CEH Wallingford, Oxon** last night. Things are finally improving a little in the garden (at **Benson**) as well although I've nothing new to add to the UTB 2013 list: **March Moth** (4), **Small Brindled Beauty** (1), **Early Moth** (1), **Dotted Border** (1), **Hebrew Character** (2) & **Satellite** (3)."

In his first report for the website, Ashley Beolens from Great Holm in Milton Keynes, Bucks tells us that he caught a **Lead-coloured Drab** in his garden trap on **4th March** followed by an **Oak Beauty** on **5th March**.

Saturday 2nd March 2013 ~

The following report came from Dave Wilton on 28th February: "The weather offered few opportunities to run a trap during February so my interest was kept going through leaf-miner emergences. Another dozen adult micro-moths appeared during the month from mines collected in Bucks last autumn. Although they had been kept in an unheated north-facing room, the fact that they were indoors at all meant that emergence times were considerably at variance to the norm but it was still a worthwhile exercise to get confirmation of species. They included **Stigmella viscerella** (from Elm at **Lenborough Wood**), **Stigmella centifoliella** (from Dog Rose at **Calvert**), **Phyllonorycter froelichiella** (from Alder at **Stockgrove Country Park**), **Phyllonorycter platani** (from London Plane in **Aylesbury**) & **Phyllonorycter schreberella** (from Elm at a number of sites, including **Westcott**).



Phyllonorycter platani larva
Photo © Dave Wilton



Phyllonorycter platani
Photo © Dave Wilton

Stigmella centifoliella was a good find for Bucks and I see that both it and **Phyllonorycter platani** need adding to the All-time UTB list."



Stigmella centifoliella larva
Photo © Dave Wilton



Stigmella centifoliella
Photo © Dave Wilton

On 26th February Dave Morris found a **Herald** hibernating indoors in High Wycombe, Bucks.



Herald
Photo © Dave Morris

Monday 18th February 2013 ~

On 17th February Dave Maunder reported that he had found a few more moths locally in Aylesbury, Bucks over the previous two days: **Agonopterix heracliana**, **Pale Brindled Beauty**, **Dotted Border** & **Early Moth**. An update sent by Dave on **18th February** added two more species: **Acleris cristana** & **Acleris schalleriana**.



Acleris cristana
Photo © Dave Maunder



Acleris schalleriana
Photo © Dave Maunder



Dotted Border
Photo © Dave Maunder

David Rowe sent in the following sighting: "Just to report that I had a single **Oak Beauty** in my Skinner trap on Saturday **16th February** in **Bracknell, Berks.**"



Oak Beauty
Photo © David Rowe

Dave Wilton tells us that the successful Brown Hairstreak egg search at **Bernwood Meadows, Bucks** on **16th February** also produced eggs of **Blue-bordered Carpet** (4), **Green-brindled Crescent** (2) and **Lackey** (three batches) as well as an adult **Acleris ferrugana/notana**.

This report was received from Ali Driver: "I had **Pale Brindled Beauty**, **Dotted Border** and **Acleris kochiella** come to my porch light in **Sonning, Berks** on Friday **15th February**. The latter was a first for me and many thanks go to Dave Wilton for the identification (although Dave did say that to be 100% certain, dissection would be required - and that won't be possible because I released it!)."



Pale Brindled Beauty &
Dotted Border
Photo © Ali Driver



Acleris kochiella
Photo © Ali Driver

Sunday 10th February 2013 ~

Dave Maunder sent this report on 7th February: "Only a few moths to report from **Aylesbury, Bucks** recently, which include **Spring Usher** (1), **Early Moth** (2) and **Pale Brindled Beauty** (1). Let's hope the weather improves in the near future!"



Spring Usher
Photo © Dave Maunder

Thursday 7th February 2013 ~

Dave Morris reports that in **Seer Green, Bucks** on **28th January** he trapped 1 each of **Chestnut**, **Dark Chestnut** and **March Moth**.

Tuesday 5th February 2013 ~

This update was received from Marc Botham on 4th February: "As always seems to happen when I send in a record, I then get another one to send in and then I'll see nothing again for ages! My first **March Moth** of the year last night (3rd February), again in the garden at **Benson, Oxon.**"

Sunday 3rd February 2013 ~

Marc Botham sent this report on 3rd February: "During what seems like a long period of time now, where my moth trap at **Benson, Oxon** has been empty of moths night after night, I caught my first **Hebrew Character** of the year on the **31st January**. Whilst I have heard several reports of this species being caught elsewhere both before and shortly after the turn of the year, this is my first and I notice not as yet on the UTB list. Apart from the odd **Pale Brindled Beauty** and one **Acleris notana/ferugana** the trap has only really been visited by flies and ichneumons."

Dave Wilton managed to find a sheltered spot at **Finemere Wood, Bucks** on **31st January** and in a couple of hours one MV light brought in **Tortricodes alternella** (1), **Small Brindled Beauty** (1), **Pale Brindled Beauty** (8), **Spring Usher** (13) & **Early Moth** (1).



Tortricodes alternella
Photo © Dave Wilton

Saturday 2nd February 2013 ~

Derek Brown sent this report: "I had a very early **Double-striped Pug** yesterday (**29th January**) indoors in our lobby area at home in **Beenham, Berks**. One turned up last year in the same place on 25th January. I'm not sure what is happening but this area has a permanently-open cat flap and a light on so they are presumably coming in from outside. I'm not sure why they're out so early here."



Double-striped Pug
Photo © Derek Brown

Helen Hyre tells us that she found a Twenty-plume Moth **Alucita hexadactyla** indoors in **Aylesbury, Bucks** on **26th January**.

Friday 11th January 2013 ~

Darren Seaman sent this report on 7th January: "The first two moths I've had this year, a **Chestnut** on 4th January and a **Red-green Carpet** on 6th January, both at actinic light in my Milton Keynes, Bucks garden."



Red-green Carpet
Photo © Darren Seaman

Marc Botham reports that the Rothamsted trap at CEH Wallingford, Oxon produced a **Dotted Border** on 2nd January, the earliest that he has ever recorded the species. Another was caught there on 6th January.

This report came from Dave Wilton: "I have added just one more moth to my garden year list here at Westcott, Bucks with **Acleris schalleriana** caught on 4th January. Not really countable towards this year's total but on 9th January I had two moths emerge from leaf mines which had been kept indoors. One was **Phyllonorycter harrisella** and the other **Tischeria ekebladella**, both of which were collected from an oak near Hogshaw, Bucks on 30th September 2012. Many of my records for the latter moth are of the distinctive larval stage leaf mines so, even though it is just a tiny 'boring brown job', it was nice to get a good view of the adult for a change!"



Tischeria ekebladella
Photo © Dave Wilton

Tuesday 8th January 2013 ~

On 3rd January Nigel Partridge found his first moth of the year, **Alucita hexadactyla**, on his front door at Loosley Row, Bucks.

Dave Maunder sent this report on 5th January: "After 3 night's trapping here in my Aylesbury, Bucks garden I finally managed to get a female **Chestnut** moth on 4th January!"



Chestnut
Photo © Dave Maunder

Saturday 5th January 2013 ~

Chris Bottrell tells us that catches in his **Merton (Oxon)** garden fizzled out more than expected towards the end of 2012 with very few moths and nothing new for the list. "In the 96 sessions of 2012, in total I only caught one more moth (4012 v 4011) than I had in 2010 when I only trapped 50 times. I trapped 98 times in 2011 and caught a total of 7847 moths which is almost twice the count for 2012. Anyway, 2013 is now off to a roaring start with the trap going out on the **1st January** and catching my usual first moth, a solitary **Agonopterix heracliana**."

Marc Botham adds to his last message from Benson, Oxon: "The trap was even busier last night (**2nd January**) with a couple of **Dark Chestnuts** and 3 **Chestnuts** added to the mix. I have also found a few **Angle Shades** and **Large Yellow Underwing** larvae in amongst the mess created by the rabbits I keep."

Dave Wilton ran an MV trap at **Finemere Wood, Bucks** for a few hours on **2nd January** and caught about 40 moths of eight species, comprising **Acleris ferrugana/notana**, **Acleris hastiana**, **Winter Moth**, **Pale Brindled Beauty**, **Spring Usher**, **Mottled Umber**, **Early Moth** and **Chestnut**. In his **Westcott, Bucks** garden on **4th January** he found a single **Acleris aspersana**.



Spring Usher
Photo © Dave Wilton

On 4th January Dave Maunder sent this report: "My only moth so far this year is one **Winter Moth** found on **New Year's Day** at Fairford Leys football fields (**Aylesbury, Bucks**). Nothing came to my garden trap the last two nights apart from numerous Midges, Gnats, Flies and a couple of Vine weevils! Very poor considering the mild temps."

This report came from Dave Morris on 4th January: "Not the most exciting moth to start my year list off, but in my **Seer Green, Bucks** kitchen not 5 minutes ago - **Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House Moth)**."

Wednesday 2nd January 2013 ~

Marc Botham sent the following report from Benson, Oxon: "Despite it being incredibly mild over Christmas the rain and often strong winds mixed with the apparent

lack of moths meant that my moth trap was most often empty – of moths at least as there were still plenty of slugs and flies. As such there was nothing to report for December, but last night ([1st January](#)) I caught my earliest **Early Moth**, along with a **Satellite**, **Winter Moth** and **Mottled Umber**."

Dave Wilton reports that the traditional New Year's Day Brown Hairstreak egg hunt at Otmoor, Oxon on [1st January](#) also produced a ring of **Lackey eggs** and a handful of **Blue-bordered Carpet eggs**.

Rob Payne had a **Pale Brindled Beauty** outside his flat in [Langley, Bucks](#) this morning ([2nd January](#)).

Tuesday 1st January 2013 ~

Well done to Ali Driver for spotting the first UTB moth of the year on 1st January: "Had my first moth of the year on the first day of the year - **Emmelina monodactyla** - which I disturbed whilst unfuzzing my New Year's Day head with a long awaited spot of gardening at home in [Sonning, Berks](#)."