

Moth Sightings - 2004 Archive - Upper Thames Branch (Berks, Bucks & Oxon)

November & December 2004

The final list of moths for 2004 received from Peter Hall:

BALLINGER COMMON – 20/10/04

Setaceous Hebrew Character: Spruce Carpet: Feathered Thorn: Yellow-line quaker: Brick: Barred Sallow: Lunar Underwing: Chestnut: **Figure of Eight**: Beaded Chestnut: Red-line Quaker: Blair's Shoulder-knot: Epiphyas postvittana: November Moth: Vapourer: **Pale November**

BALLINGER COMMON – 26/10/04

Emmelina monodactyla; Blastobasis decolorella

BALLINGER COMMON – 29/10/04

Feathered Thorn: Red-green Carpet: Barred Sallow: Mottled Umber: Chestnut: Spruce Carpet: **Sprawler**: Yellow-line quaker: Brick: **December Moth**: Large Yellow Underwing: **Acleris hastiana**

BALLINGER COMMON – 02/11/04

Mottled Umber

BALLINGER COMMON – 08/11/04

Yellow-line quaker: Red-line Quaker: Chestnut: Feathered Thorn: Sprawler: Acleris hastiana: Mottled Umber

BALLINGER COMMON – 04/12/04

Winter

BALLINGER COMMON – 20/12/04

Mottled Umber

BALLINGER COMMON – 23/12/04

Mottled Umber; Winter

BALLINGER COMMON – 26/12/04

Mompha subbistrigella

30/12/04 – Alistair Driver set his Robinson trap in Sonning on the 30th Dec and caught a **Hebrew Character** in good condition. He says "I note that they're on the wing in March/April - is it unusual for adults to be out in December?"

06/12/04 - Ched George reports that he was surprised to record a very early **Pale Brindled Beauty** male at his garden MV in Radnage last night 5/12.

06/12/04 – Alastair Driver found a late-ish **Feathered Thorn** in his garden at Sonning today, but hasn't done any trapping lately due to poor weather.

October 2004

30/10/04 – This interesting report received from Mark Calway: I notice the absence of **Convolvulus Hawk Moth** on the UTB Species List. I know this was recorded in Berkshire and that it successfully bred in Berkshire in the wild.

19/10/04 - Peter Hall recorded **November moth** in his Ballinger garden on the 18th.

12/10/04 – Dave Maunder's weekly moth list from Aylesbury for 3rd-9th October as follows:-

Vapourer(1, on 3rd), Large ranunculus(1), Lunar u/wings(3), Angle Shades(1), Lg. yellow u/wing(1), Emmelina monodactyla(3), and Common marbled carpet(1).

12/10/04 – Records from Pete Hall's Ballinger garden last night:

Common Marbled Carpet; Large Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Blair's Shoulder-knot; **Brick**; Yellow-line quaker; Beaded Chestnut; Lunar Underwing; Barred Sallow; Sallow; Pale Mottled Willow **and one micro:** Emmelina monodactyla

08/10/04 – Moths seen around Aylesbury by Dave Maunder from 26th-2nd October:-

Vapourer(1), Emmelina monodactyla(6), Lunar u/wings(7), Yellow shell(1), Small dusty wave(1), Large ranunculus(7), Black rustic(1), and Lsr. yellow u/wing(1).

03/10/04 – Jan Haseler, Tilehurst, recorded these new moths for her garden on 2/10:

Beaded Chestnut, Red-green Carpet, **Yellow-line Quaker, Red-line Quaker, Pink-barred Sallow**, Brindled Green

And on 24/9: Blair's Shoulder knot

September 2004

29/09/05 – Keith Mitchell said he had another relatively poor weekend for the Skinner Trap, 23rd & 24th Sept: However, one new one for the UTB list:

Beaded Chestnut (8); Black Rustic (2); Blair's Shoulder-knot (2); Burnished Brass; Common Wainscot (7); Copper Underwing; Large Yellow Underwing (2); Lesser Yellow Underwing (1); Lunar Underwing (31); Rosy Rustic; Sallow; Setaceous Hebrew Character (13); Silver 'Y'; Square-spot Rustic

29/09/04 - Pat Morris sent this report in for SU874940

15/09/04 Small Dusty Wave

14/09/04 & 28/09/04 Lunar Underwing

29/09/04 Hummingbird Hawk moth

28/09/05 - Colleen & Tim Watts are still seeing **Hummingbird Hawk moths** in their garden in Whitchurch on 24th, 26th and 27th September. Also on 27/9/04 a **Red Underwing** seen at rest on a roadside post in Thame.

28/09/05 – Dave Maunder's moth sightings from 19th - 25th in Aylesbury were: Vapourer(1), Silver y(1), Garden carpet(1), Red-green carpet(1), Small dusty wave(1), Double-striped pug(1), Brimstone(1), Snout moth(1), Large ranunculus(4), Lunar u/wings(3), Lsr. yellow u/wing(1), Angle shades(1), Common wainscot 1), a Puss moth pupa (in cocoon on a wall in Fairford leys - near Sallow shrubs), and a Broad-bordered yellow u/wing at Halton canal.

25/09/05 – Alastair Driver says he took the weatherman's suggestion of a dry night seriously last night and set the Robinson trap at Ali's Pond LNR, Sonning. No new species for the site, but 66 moths of 8 species altogether, namely: Lunar Underwing (40!), Large Yellow Underwing (12) Black Rustic (5), Setaceous Hebrew Character (4), Lesser Yellow Underwing (2) and singles of Common Marbled Carpet, Angle Shades and Orange Sallow.

23/09/05 – Peter Hall says he found **Cameraria ohridella leaf miners** in Horse Chestnut today in Maidenhead.

23/09/05 Keith Mitchell reports from Stoke Goldington: "Autumn is well and truly under way with my first **Blair's Shoulder Knot** of the season at the front door lights.

22/09/05 – Peter Hall recorded the following in his Ballinger garden moth trap: Dusky Thorn; Large Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Common Wainscot; Deep-brown Dart; Black Rustic; **Blair's Shoulder-knot**; Large Ranunculus; Lunar Underwing; Barred Sallow; Copper Underwing; Silver Y; Snout. **Micros:** Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer)

22/09/04 - Keith Mitchell says he didn't have a brilliant night on Friday 17th: "Only Black Rustic, Frosted Orange and Blood-vein of note, but a slightly small, very pale **Orange Sallow** has just flown through the open kitchen window (who needs expensive traps!). I believe this is a two-year first for UTB."

22/09/04 – The following is Dave Maunder's list of moths from 12th-18th September: Lg. yellow u/wings(2), Small square-spot(1), Square-spot rustic(1), Lunar u/wing(1), Silver y(1), Common wainscot(1), and Angle shades(1). "Numbers of moths seen are diminishing now, obviously, with the weather turning less favourable."

19/09/04 Tim & Colleen Watts report a **Hummingbird Hawk moth** in their garden in Whitchurch most days this week including today. Mostly feeding on honeysuckle.

17/09/04 – David Redhead ran a moth trap again last night with a much reduced catch but two new species, Black Rustic & Lunar Underwing, for his 2004 list. **Full macro-moth catch:** Large Yellow Underwing (6), Vine's Rustic (6), Black Rustic (4), Setaceous Hebrew Character (3) and singletons of Centre-barred Sallow, Copper Underwing, Dusky Thorn, Frosted Orange, Lunar Underwing, Pine Carpet, Square-spot Rustic, Snout & Turnip moth which equals 13 species and 28 moths.

Peter Hall's Ballinger garden - 16/09/04 - Garden Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Brimstone Moth; Dusky Thorn; Turnip; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Square-spot Rustic; Smoky Wainscot; **Deep-brown Dart**; Black Rustic; Chestnut; **Brown-spot Pinion**; Lunar Underwing; Copper Underwing; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Angle Shades; Vine's Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Silver Y

micros: Acleris variegana

Eddie Napper sent this report on 16/09/04: "Using an actinic lamp last night, the only thing of any note was a **Barred Sallow**. However, I think this is an addition to the list - **Beaded Chestnut** on 14/09/04. Also a **Herald** trapped in Wokingham on 10/09/04. This was a first for my garden. This is the first year that I have used a trap and I find that combined with a digital camera anything I can't identify immediately can usually be solved within a week. It's like having a digital fridge!"

15th September 2004

Dave Maunder's list of moths seen in Aylesbury from 5th -11th September: Red underwing(1), Lg. yellow u/wing(1), Lsr. yellow u/wing(1), Dusky thorns(2), blood-vein(1), Double-striped pug(1), Garden carpets(2), Silver y moths(2), Dot moth larva(1), Sycamore moth larva(1), Chinese character(1), Marbled beauties(3), Vapourer(1), Angle shades(1), Orange swift(1), and Common wainscot(1).

Keith Mitchell reports on Friday 10th: "A blustery night on Friday (10th) produced only 11 spp, including Burnished Brass, Frosted Orange, Snout, Black Rustic (2) and Large Wainscot. At the front door lights on Sunday morning, 12th, was a Lunar Underwing."

Jan Haseler reports the following new moths for her garden in Tilehurst on 11/09/04: Barred sallow, black rustic, large ranunculus, lunar underwing. "We have a lot of flowering ivy in the garden at the moment, which seems to be good for moths."

Peter Hall's overnight moth trap in his garden in Ballinger Common on 09/09/04 produced this list, including 6 new species for the UTB 2004 list:

Angle Shades; **Black Rustic**; Bloodvein; Brimstone Moth; Brindled Green; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Burnished Brass; Centre-barred Sallow; Common Marbled Carpet; Copper Underwing; Dusky Thorn; Flame; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Frosted Orange; Green Carpet; Grey Pine Carpet; **Hedge Rustic**; **Large Ranunculus**; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; **Lunar Underwing**; Mouse; Pale Mottled Willow; Red-green Carpet; Rosy Rustic; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Silver Y; Small Square-spot; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Square-spot Rustic; Straw Dot; Turnip; Vine's Rustic; **and these micros:** Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Agonopterix arenella; Blastobasis lignea; **Epinotia nisella**; **Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple)**; Galleria mellonella (Wax); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Ypsolopha dentella (Honeysuckle); Ypsolopha parenthesesella

10th September 2004

David Redhead ran another garden moth trap last night, 10th, with 92 macro moths of 22 species, two of which are new for the UTB 2004 list

Large Yellow Underwing (36), Centre-barred Sallow (9), Lesser Yellow Underwing (9), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (6), Setaceous Hebrew Character (5), Square-spot Rustic (4), Rosy Rustic (3), 2 each of Copper Underwing, Smoky Wainscot, Snout, Turnip Moth & Vine's Rustic, and singletons of Canary-shouldered Thorn, Common Wainscot, Dusky Thorn, Frosted Orange, **Large Wainscot**, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Mouse moth, Red Underwing, **The Sallow** and Willow Beauty.

Derek Brown saw a Hummingbird Hawk Moth this evening (10th/ Sept): "It was trying to get into our conservatory after the Petunias. I didn't realise they were still around at this time of year."

Eddie Napper trapped this moth overnight on 08/09/04, which could be the Common Marbled Carpet or Dark Marbled Carpet. These 2 moths are distinguished from their underside markings. Click photo for a larger image:

On 8th September John Taft spotted a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** feeding on a white phlox at 18.30hrs in Cookham Dean, Berks.

On 6th September Chris Harris, who lives in Horsham, West Sussex found 2 caterpillars in the garden: "Having done some research on them on the web this evening, I think they must be the caterpillar of the Elephant Hawk Moth... would you agree? Needless to say, I have not disturbed them too much, and so they are safe and well. Sorry to email you with this, but your web-site was one of the first I came across."

6th September . Report from David Redhead. "Overnight moth trap in my garden produced 125 macro-moths from 25 species as follows : Large Yellow Underwing (52), Square-spot Rustic (15), Setaceous Hebrew Character (12), Centre-barred Sallow (8), Snout (5), Lesser Yellow Underwing (3) and two each of Burnished Brass, Common Wainscot, Copper Underwing, Dusky Thorn, Green Carpet, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Silver-Y, Turnip & Vine's Rustic, and one each of Angle Shades, Common Marbled Carpet, Flounced Rustic, Old Lady, Pale Mottled Willow, **Pine Carpet**, Red Underwing, Rosy Rustic, Smoky Wainscot & Willow Beauty. The Pine Carpet is new for my 2004 list and the UTB list."

On a short walk around Grangelands on Sunday 5th, Dave Maunder noted the following moths: Vapourer moths(2), Treble-bar moths(2), Pyrausta purpuralis(1), and Pyrausta aurata(1).

New for Jan Haseler's Tilehurst garden last night, 4/9, were: Centre-barred Sallow, Chinese Character, Old Lady and **Toadflax Pug**.

On Friday night 3rd September, Keith Mitchell's trap numbers were down on recent times, but garden firsts: Red Underwing, Dusky Thorn and Brindled Green provided some entertainment. The Brindled Green is also a UTB 2004 first. Full list as follows: Brindled Green; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (2); Centre-barred Sallow (2); Common Wainscot (15); Dusky Thorn; Flounced Rustic (9); Large Yellow Underwing (15); Lesser Yellow Underwing (6); Red Underwing; Rosy Rustic; Setaceous Hebrew Character (9); Small Square-spot; Smoky Wainscot; Square-spot Rustic (20); Uncertain (2)

David Redhead's overnight trap in his garden on 3rd/4th September produced the following - Large Yellow Underwing (23), Square-spot Rustic (14), Common Wainscot (6), Setaceous Hebrew Character (5), Mother of Pearl (3), Snout (3), Burnished Brass (2), Centre-barred Sallow (2), Lesser Yellow Underwing (2), Rosy Rustic (2), Turnip (2) and singletons of Bloodvein, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Copper Underwing, Least Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Red-green Carpet, Silver Y, Svensson's Copper Underwing, Vine's Rustic and Willow Beauty = 21 species, 74 moths. The Bloodvein was pristine - 3rd generation? The Centre-barred Sallow and Red-green Carpet were new for my trap this year but no additions for the UTB list.

6th September 2004

Dave Maunder reports seeing his first Bucks Hummingbird hawk moth in Aylesbury on 4th September - it was flying around a building, settling in window frames as though possibly looking for hibernation quarters. Other moths seen since last Tuesday are Blood-vein(1), Square-spot rustics(4), Flounced rustics(2), Brimstone moths(3), Yellow shell(1), Garden carpet(1), Gold triangle(1), Common wainscots(2), Marbled beauty(1), and Angle shades(1).

Alastair Driver sent in this report on 4th September: "I rekindled the moth trap at Ali's Pond LNR last night and had a good night with over 200 macro-moths of 22 species. Nothing new for the UTBC year list unless a **Pine Carpet/Grey Pine Carpet** turns out to be the former - if I can get it to open its wings for more than a millisecond I'll send Peter a photo for id! New for the parish though was **Feathered Gothic**, which I find surprising because when I was a kid treacling in the Cotswolds in the 60s it was very common."
[The Pine Carpet/Grey Pine Carpet has been identified as the latter.]

3rd September - Tim and Colleen Watts saw a **Hummingbird Hawk moth** feeding on honeysuckle for the last 3 days in their garden in *Whitchurch* and a **Red Underwing** at the *Calvert reserve* last week and another seen at *Grendon Underwood churchyard*.

Keith Mitchell's wine ropes produced a garden first on 2nd September: **Old Lady**, at 21:30.

A few more moth sightings from Dave Maunder in Aylesbury during the last week of August, with the Small Mottled Willow bringing the UTB Species Count to 450 for the year:- Smoky wainscot(1), Small dusty waves(3), Square-spot rustics(3), Silver y(1), Many plume(1), Brimstone moths(4), Common wainscots(4), Orange swifts(6), Flounced rustics(5), Red underwing(1), Yellow shells(3), Lg. yellow u/wing(1), Marbled beauties(3), Willow beauty(1), Vapourers(2), Feathered gothic(1), Garden carpet(1), **Small mottled willow**(1).

31st August 2004

Keith Mitchell says: "Not a brilliant weekend, but here are the records from Fri (27th) and Sat (28th) night. Only the Feathered Gothic is new for UTB this year:"

Angle Shades; Common Wainscot (34); Centre-barred Sallow (3); Emmelina monodactyla; **Feathered Gothic** (2); Flounced Rustic (32); Garden Pebble; Large Yellow Underwing (38); Lesser Yellow Underwing (4); Pale Eggar; Pale Mottled Willow; Orange Swift; Setaceous Hebrew Character(41); Silver 'Y'; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Six-striped Rustic; Small Square-spot; Smoky Wainscot; Square-spot Rustic (64); Straw Dot (4); Svensson's Copper Underwing; Vine's Rustic (2)

The following 3 reports were received from David Redhead:

28th August – "A fairly low number of moths last night presumably due to low overnight temperatures. Only 45 macro-moths from 17 species but another new one for my 2004 list & the UTB list - **Frosted Orange**."

David's overnight (Thu 26th/Fri 27th) garden moth trap was again blighted by rain and produced a relatively poor total of 90 moths. But the **Crescent** was a new moth for his 2004 list and the UTB list.

David ran an overnight moth trap in his garden Sunday 22nd/Monday 23rd: “In spite of turning the trap on late and the overnight rain it still produced 161 macro-moths as follows: Large Yellow Underwing (71), Vine's Rustic (14), Setaceous Hebrew Character (10), Common Wainscot (6), Least Yellow Underwing (5), Swallow Prominent (5), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (4), Common/Lesser Common Rustic (4), Rosy Rustic (4), Silver Y (4), Six-striped Rustic (4), Angle Shades (3), Burnished Brass (3), Dusky Thorn (3), Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (3), Uncertain/Rustic (3), Flounced Rustic (2), Olive (2), Svensson's Copper Underwing (2) and singletons of Bright-line Brown-eye, Bulrush Wainscot female (they are quite different from male which rarely comes to light), Copper Underwing, Green Carpet, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Snout, Spectacle, Square-spot Rustic & Straw Dot. Five of these were new for my 2004 list, but no new additions to the UTB list.”

24th August 2004

Moths recorded by Dave Maunder since 18th August were:- Yellow shells(2), Small dusty wave, Marbled beauties(3), Bulrush wainscot, Smoky wainscot, Common wainscot, Lg. yellow u/wings(6), Orange swifts(11), Garden carpets(2), Flounced rustic, Vapourer, Brimstone moth, Straw u/wing, Emmelina monodactyla, and a single Buff-tip larva.

Keith Mitchell's Skinner Trap at the weekend (20th and 21st) produced the following results:-

Angle Shades; Brimstone; Burnished Brass; Canary-shouldered Thorn; **Centre-barred Sallow**; Common Carpet; Common Rustic (5); Common Wainscot (20); Flame Shoulder; Flounced Rustic (53); Garden Pebble (2); Green Carpet; Large Yellow Underwing (27); Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (6); Lesser Yellow Underwing (3); Lime-speck Pug; Orange Swift; Mother of Pearl; Purple Bar; Pyrausta aurata; Setaceous Hebrew Character (45); Shuttle-shaped Dart (2); Silver 'Y' (2); Six-striped Rustic (6); Small Waved Umber; Snout; The Spectacle; Square-spot Rustic (23); Turnip; Vine's Rustic (9). *Also the front door lights did their thing again on Sunday night*, pulling in an obliging **Pale Eggar**, which stayed throughout Monday. *Photos below are of the Centre-barred Sallow (left) and Pale Eggar:*

Peter Hall's overnight moth trap from his garden in Ballinger Common on 22/08/04:-

Oak Hook-tip; Flame Carpet; Yellow Shell; Small Phoenix; Lime-speck Pug; Tawny Speckled Pug; Brimstone Moth; Dusky Thorn; Willow Beauty; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Six-striped Rustic; Square-spot Rustic; Common Wainscot; Copper Underwing; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Angle Shades; Common Rustic; Flounced Rustic; Vine's Rustic; Burnished Brass; Silver Y; Straw Dot. **Micros:-** Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Agriphila geniculea; Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House); Blastobasis lignea; Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Jan Haseler reports the following for 14th August, which are new for her garden in Tilehurst:

Garden Pebble, Square-spot Rustic, Straw Dot, Swallow Prominent, **Tawny Speckled Pug** and Turnip Moth.

22nd August 2004

Keith Mitchell sent this report in on 19th August: “Wine ropes seem to do best at this time of year. In the hour after dusk tonight despite far from ideal conditions I had - Copper Underwing (garden first), Angle Shades (2), Square-spot Rustic (4), Common Wainscot (5).”

19th August 2004

Martin Albertini and Peter Hall were very excited to record **Eublemma purpurina** on 17th August at Ellesboro'. Peter says: “**This is a very rare migrant and we think it is about the 5th UK record.**”

[Click here to see a photo of this stunning moth ..](#)

A Skinner Trap in Keith Mitchell's Stoke Goldington garden on 13-14 August produced 92 larger moths of 26 spp. including a UTB year first, **Square-spot Rustic**, plus garden firsts: Lychnis, Rosy Rustic, Six-striped Rustic(8), and Vine's Rustic. The front door lights continue to pull good moths, however, with Purple Bar (2004 UTB first) on 15th and Bordered Beauty (UTB first 2003/04) on 17th.

The following is a list of moth species that Dave Maunder has recorded in and around Aylesbury during 11th –17th August: Angle shades; Brimstone; Cloaked Minor; Common Rustic; Double-Striped Pug; Dusky Sallow; Dusky Thorn; Flounced Rustic; Garden Carpet; Gold Triangle; Marbled Beauty; Orange Swift; Riband Wave; Ruby Tiger; Silver Y; **Square-spot Rustic** (seen on 13th); Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Vapourer; Willow Beauty.

18th August 2004

David Redhead reports as follows: “My moth trap last night, 15th August, was inundated with Yellow Underwings - 53 Large, 33 Lesser Broad-bordered and 23 Least but no Lesser or Broad-bordered. Among the other 29 species of macro-moth there were 4 new species for my 2004 list and 2 for the UTB - **Canary-shouldered Thorn** and **Flounced Rustic**.”

On 14th August David Redhead went to NT's Boarstall Duck Decoy and found a **Red Underwing** on the information hut wall.

14th August 2004

This report was sent in by David Redhead yesterday, 13th August: “Last night's moth trap in my garden produced 91 macro-moths from 29 species. However, by far the most numerous was the large micro-moth, Mother of Pearl with an estimated 65 (they are extremely volatile). I had nine new species to add to my 2004 list and four new to the UTB list - **Copper Underwing** (underwings carefully examined to ensure it was not a Svensson's Copper Underwing), **Rosy Rustic**, **Six-striped Rustic** and **September Thorn**. Interestingly the September Thorn is on the wing before the August Thorn - which illogical person named these things? Again I had a Poplar Hawkmoth - since the first appeared on May 10th I have had at least one in all my 19 moth traps bar two. The total for this species is now 38 with a maximum of five.”

Paul Bowyer found a single **Double Striped Pug** in his kitchen in Flackwell Heath yesterday, 13th.

An out-of-area report received from Colin Farmer, Scunthorpe, N Lincs. He spotted a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in his daughter's garden feeding off Bizzy Lizzys Tuesday 10th August, early evening. “I haven't seen one before, so thought I would like to tell someone who should know.”

11th August 2004

Dave Wilton saw a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** feeding from Phlox in his garden near Wotton on Monday 9th August.

On a warm evening, Saturday 7th August, the Wycombe Wildlife Group met for a moth trapping evening in the Deeds Grove area of Wycombe, led by Paul Bowyer. Two traps were run in neighbouring gardens. The species identified in the first were as follows: Phlyctaenia coronata, Pyrausta purpuralis, Mother of Pearl, Small Magpie, Orange Swift, Yellow Shell, Lime Speck Pug, Red Twin Spot Carpet, Common Carpet, Flame Shoulder, Pine Hawk Moth, Brimstone, Willow Beauty, Pebble Hook Tip, Marbled Beauty, Scalloped Oak, Small Waved Umber, The Dot, Dunbar, Nut Tree Tussock, Broad Bordered Yellow Underwing, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad Bordered Yellow Underwing, **Dusky Sallow** and Silver Y. **The second trap recorded 12 species, 5 of which were different from its neighbouring moth trap:** Black Arches; Riband Wave; Straw Dot; Chinese Character; Lesser Swallow Prominent

Here is Peter Hall's list of moths, recorded in the overnight trap in his Ballinger garden on 31/07/04:

Barred Hook-tip; Black Arches; Brimstone Moth; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-line Bright-eye; Buff Footman; Buff-tip; Clay; Cloaked Minor; Clouded Border; Common Carpet; Common Footman; Common Rustic; Common Wave; Dark Arches; Dingy Footman; Double Square-spot; Double-striped Pug; Dun-bar; Early Thorn; Elephant Hawk; Fan-foot; Flame Shoulder; July Highflyer; Large Yellow Underwing; Least Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lime-speck Pug; Marbled Beauty; Mouse; Nut-tree Tussock; Oak Hook-tip; Peppered; Phoenix; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Riband Wave; Ruby Tiger; Rustic; Scalloped Oak; Scarce Footman; Scarce Silver-lines; Shaded Broad-bar; Single-dotted Wave; Small Fan-footed Wave; Small Phoenix; Small Rivulet; Small Scallop; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Tawny-barred Angle;

V-Pug; Waved Black; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell; Yellow-barred Brindle; Yellow-tail

and these Micros

Acentria ephemerella; Acleris forsskaleana; Acleris laterana; Acleris variegana; Agapeta zoegana; Agriphila geniculea; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla; **Ancylis badiana**; Archips podana; Blastobasis lignea; Carcina quercana; Catoptria falsella; Celypha lacunana; Conobathra repandana; Crambus perlella; Cydia pomonella; Endotricha flammealis; Epiblema uddmanniana; Eurrhyncha hortulata; Euzophera pinguis; **Gypsonoma dealbana**; Hypsopygia costalis; **Morophaga choragella**; Pandemis corylana; Pandemis heparana; Phlyctaenia coronata; Pleuroptya ruralis; Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Ptycholomoides aeriferanus; Pyrausta aurata; Rhopobota naevana; Spilonota ocellana; **Tinea trinotella**; **Trachycera advenella**; Udea prunalis; Yponomeuta evonymella

Peter also recorded the following at The Lee – Home Farm:

Dingy Footman; Lime-speck Pug; Riband Wave; Shaded Broad-bar *and these micros*: Agapeta hamana; Agriphila straminella

10th August 2004

David Redhead reports a **Double Kidney** caught in his last overnight moth trap on 30/31 July along with another 45 species. He had his highest number of moths to date at 230 although 85 of them were Mother of Pearl.

5th August 2004

New for Jan Haseler's Tilehurst garden last night, 4th August, were:

Broad-bordered yellow underwing, cloaked minor, common carpet, common rustic, **dark-barred twin-spot carpet**, **dusky thorn**, knot grass, lesser broad-bordered yellow underwing, lesser swallow prominent, **marbled beauty**, orange swift, **treble bar**.

Dave Maunder sent in the following list of moths seen in the Aylesbury area over the last 2 weeks:

Bee Moth ; Brimstone Moth ; Cabbage Moth ; Chinese Character ; Common Carpet; Common Rustics; Common Wainscot; Dingy Footman ; Dun-Bar ; Flame Shoulder ; Garden Carpet ; Garden Pebble ; Ghost Swift ; **Gold Spot** ; Large Yellow U/Wing ; Leopard Moth ; Lesser Yellow U/Wings; Magpie Moth ; Many Plume Moth ; Marbled Beauties(4) ; Meal Moth ; Mother Of Pearl(20+); Old Lady Moth;; Orange Swift ; Pale Prominent ; **Perinephela Lancealis** ; Pyrausta Purpuralis; Riband Wave; Scalloped Oak;; Scorched Carpet ; Single-Dotted Wave; Six-Spot Burnets; Small Fan-Footed Wave; Willow Beauty ; Small Magpie ; Small Scallop ; Smoky Wainscot; Swallow Prominent ; Sycamore Moth; Vapourer ; White Plume; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell; Yellow Tail Moth.

3rd August 2004

Peter Hall recorded this huge list of moths in his Ballinger garden on 26/07/04. 19 species are new to the UTB Species list this year:

Barred Hook-tip; Black Arches; Bloodvein; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-line Bright-eye; Buff Arches; Buff Footman; Buff-tip; **Cabbage**; Champion; Chinese Character; Clay; Clay Triple-lines; Cloaked Minor; Clouded Border; Common Footman; Common Rustic; Common White Wave; Coxcomb Prominent; Dark Arches; Dark Umber; Dingy Footman; Dot; Double Square-spot; Double-striped Pug; Drinker; Dun-bar; Early Thorn; Elephant Hawk; Fern; Flame; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Garden Carpet; Green Pug; Grey Dagger; Heart & Dart; July Highflyer; Large Yellow Underwing; Least Yellow Underwing; Leopard; Lesser Broad-border; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Light Arches; Light Emerald; Lime-speck Pug; Lunar-spotted Pinion; Magpie; Mottled Beauty; Nut-tree Tussock; Oak Hook-tip; Pale Mottled Willow; Pale Prominent; Pebble Hook-tip; Pebble Prominent; Peppered; Phoenix; Poplar Hawk; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Riband Wave; Ruby Tiger; Rustic; **Satin Beauty**; Scalloped Oak; Scarce Footman; **Scarce Silver-lines**;

Shaded Broad-bar; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Single-dotted Wave; Slender Brindle; Small Emerald; Small Fan-footed Wave; Small Phoenix; Small Rivulet; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Swallow-tailed; Sycamore; Turnip; Uncertain; V-Pug; **Waved Black**; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell; Yellow-tail; Fan-foot (*Zanclognatha tarsipennalis*);

Micros:

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Acleris forsskaleana; Acleris holmiana; Acleris laterana; **Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix)**; Agapeta hamana; Agapeta zoegana; Agonopterix heracliana; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); **Apotomis turbidana**; Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Batia lunaris; Batia unitella; **Blastobasis decolorella**; **Blastobasis lignea**; **Caloptilia alchimiella**; **Caloptilia stigmatella**; Carcina quercana; **Catoptria falsella**; Celypha lacunana; Conobathra repandana; Crambus pascuella; Cydia pomonella (Codling); **Cydia splendana**; Ditula angustiorana (Red-barred Tortrix); Eana incanana; Endotricha flammealis; **Epiblema roborana**; **Euzophera pinguis**; Galleria mellonella (Wax); Hedyia nubiferana; Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); **Lyonetia clerkella (Apple Leaf Miner)**; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Orthopygia glaucinalis; **Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix)**; Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Parapoynx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); Phlyctaenia coronata; Phycita roborella; **Phyllonorycter acerifoliella**; Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Pterophorus pentadactyla (White Plume); Rhopobota naevana (Holly Tortrix); Spilonota ocellana (Bud); Udea prunalis; **Yponomeuta padella (Orchard Ermine)**; **Ypsolopha parenthesesella**

1st August 2004

Derek & Cathy Brown saw 2 more **Hummingbird Hawk Moths** in the garden - one last night, 31st July, and one this morning.

Alastair Driver set the trap again in his Sonning garden last night and caught **72 macros of 31 species**, including a veritable ribband wave of Ribband Waves (14)! No new parish records, but new for the garden were Ruby Tiger and Sallow Kitten and new for the UTBC year list were **Lesser-spotted Pinion** and **Mouse Moth**.

30th July 2004

Dave Maunder sent in this list of moths seen around Aylesbury during the last few weeks, showing what can be recorded without using a moth trap: Ghost moth(1), Yellow shell(1), Yellow tails(3), Bright-line brown-eye(1), Nut-tree tussock(1), Small dusty waves(3), Ribband waves(2), Brimstone moths(2), Small bloodvein (1), Large tabby(1), Bee moths(2), Gold triangle(1), Small magpies(3), Mother of pearls(30+), Chinese characters(2), Scalloped oak(1), Dark arches(1), **Vapourers**(4), Light arches(1), Common rustic(1), Lg. yellow u/wing(1), elephant hawk, Six-spot burnets(6), Burnished brass(1), Silver y(1), Smoky wainscots(20+), Dot moth(1), Grey dagger(1), **Svensson's copper u/wing**(1), Old lady moth(1), Common carpet(1). - not bad as I still have no m.v. lamp!

27th July 2004

Alastair Driver set the Robinson trap in his Sonning garden on Friday night, 23rd and caught 61 moths of 27 species. Apart from two which remain to be identified, the only species new for the UTBC year list was **Least Carpet**, of which he caught a couple.

Peter Hall recorded 61 species in his Ballinger Common garden moth trap on 23/07/04. Four of these were new to the UTB Species List for this year:

Black Arches; Bright-line Brown-eye; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-line Bright-eye; Buff Arches; **Buff Footman**; Chinese Character; Common Footman; Common Rustic; Dark Arches; Double Square-spot; Double-striped Pug; Early Thorn; Engrailed; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Grey Dagger; Heart & Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; Leopard; Lesser Yellow

Underwing; Lobster; Nut-tree Tussock; Pebble Hook-tip; Peppered; Riband Wave; Scalloped Oak; Scarce Footman; Shaded Broad-bar; Single-dotted Wave; Small Fan-footed Wave; Small Phoenix; Snout; Swallow-tailed; Turnip; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell

and these micros:

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); **Acleris forsskaeana**; Acleris holmiana; Acleris laterana; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Carcina quercana; Celypha lacunana; Celypha striana; Crambus pascuella; Cydia pomonella (Codling); **Dioryctria abietella**; Endotricha flammealis; Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Lozotaeniodes formosanus; Orthopygia glaucinalis; Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Rhopobota naevana (Holly Tortrix); Udea prunalis; **Yponomeuta evonymella (Bird-cherry Ermine)**

Derek and Cathy Brown were visited by 2 **Hummingbird Hawk Moths** last week in their garden in Beenham.

Keith Mitchell managed to squeeze in a trapping session on Thurs night (22nd-23rd) but not before a Gothic flew in through the bathroom window! 193 Moths of 49spp. Including the Gothic, 4 moths are new to UTB this year:

Agapeta hamana; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing ; Burnished Brass (2); Chinese Character; Clay(2); **Cloaked Minor**; Clouded Border; Common Footman (7); Common Rustic (8); Common Wainscot (9); Dark Arches (20); Dot Moth (2); Double Lobed; Double Square-spot (5); Dwarf Cream Wave (2); Elephant Hawk-moth (3); Engrailed; Flame Shoulder; **Gothic**; Heart and Dart (7); Herald; July Highflyer; Large Yellow Underwing (9); Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (2); Lesser Yellow Underwing (2); Light Arches (2); Mother of Pearl (8); Mottled Rustic; **Nutmeg**; Orthopygia glaucinalis; Pale Mottled Willow (2); Pebble Prominent; Phlyctaenia coronata; Poplar Hawk-moth (2); Red Twin-spot Carpet; Riband Wave (15); Ruby Tiger (3); Rustic (12); Rustic/Uncertain (15); Silver 'Y' (3); Single-dotted Wave (2); **Small Scallop**; Small Wainscot; Smoky Wainscot (21); Spectacle (2); Straw Underwing (4); Uncertain (22); White Satin

23rd July 2004

Welcome to Eddie Napper who is a new contributor to the website: "In my Wokingham garden on 12/06/04 I'm sure that this is a male **Yellow legged Clearwing** (see photo at top of page). I also had a **Rosy Footman** on 11/07/04 (photo below)."

21st July 2004

Keith Mitchell, Stoke Goldington, trapped 277 moths of 44 spp on Friday and Saturday nights, 16th & 17th July, 5 of which are new to UTB:

Agapeta hamana; Beautiful Hook-tip; Bright-line Brown-eye (3); Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-line Bright-eye; The Clay; Common Footman (12); Common Rustic 2; Common Wainscot (10); Dark Arches (17); **Dingy Footman**; Dot Moth (7); Double Square-spot; Early Thorn; Elephant Hawk-moth (2); Flame (3); Garden Carpet; Gold Triangle; Heart and Dart (7); Large-yellow Underwing; **Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing**; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Light Arches (5); **The Magpie**; Mother of Pearl (11); Mottled Beauty; Mottled Rustic; Peppered Moth; Poplar Hawk-moth (3); Privet Hawk-moth; Riband Wave (4); Ruby Tiger; Rustic/Uncertain (112); Scalloped Oak (6); Short-cloaked Moth; Small Dotted Buff (4); Small Emerald (2); Small Magpie (1); **Small Wainscot** (2); Small Waved Umber; Smoky Wainscot (33); **Straw Underwing**; White Satin (2); Yellow-tail (2)

19th July 2004

The Wycombe Wildlife Group held a moth trapping evening, led by Paul Bowyer, at a delightful garden in Cadmore End on 17th July. The following species were identified:-

The Coronet, The Snout, Yellow Shell, Large Yellow Underwing, July Highflyer, Brimstone, Common Footman, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Shaded Broad Bar, Small Magpie, Double Square Spot, Swallow-tailed, Mother of Pearl, Elephant Hawk, Willow Beauty, Riband Wave, Peppered Moth, Dot moth, Buff Arches, Black Arches, Dark Arches, Small Emerald, Smoky Wainscot, Clouded Border and Scalloped Oak.

18th July 2004

On a visit to Heythrop Park near Enstone, Oxon today, Dave Maunder saw his first Hummingbird hawk moth of the year feeding on Buddleia. Also a few yards away resting on reeds in a pond he discovered 3 **Scarlet tiger moths** - a nice find!

Jan Haseler sent the following sightings from yesterday / last night:

Udea lutealis – seen at Walbury Hill

Grass emerald – seen at Inkpen Common

and new for her Tilehurst garden last night:

Ruby tiger, single-dotted wave, black arches, small emerald, **double lobed**, mother of pearl, oak hook-tip, clay and chrysoteuchia culmella

A remarkable list of moths from Peter Hall's Ballinger garden, 16/07/04. Included is a day sighting of a Hummingbird Hawk. 25 species are new to the UTB list for this year:

Leopard; Buff Arches; Common Emerald; Small Emerald; Clay Triple-lines ; Small Fan-footed Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Shaded Broad-bar; July Highflyer; Fern; V-Pug; Green Pug; Double-striped Pug; **Small Yellow Wave**; Beautiful Hook-tip; **Black Arches**; Bright-line Brown-eye; **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing**; Brown-line Bright-eye; Clouded Silver; Common Footman; Common Rustic; Common White Wave; Coxcomb Prominent; Dark Arches; Dot; Double Square-spot; Dun-bar; Early Thorn; Elephant Hawk; Engrailed; Flame; **Grey Dagger**; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; **Hummingbird Hawk**; Iron Prominent; Large Yellow Underwing; Brimstone Moth; Light Arches; Light Emerald; Mottled Beauty; Mottled Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Pale Mottled Willow; Peppered; Poplar Grey; **Purple Clay**; Rustic; Scalloped Oak; Scarce Footman; Short-cloaked; **Slender Brindle**; Small Angle Shades; Small Dotted Buff; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Spectacle; Swallow-tailed; Turnip; Uncertain; Willow Beauty; Yellow-tail

and the following Micros:

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Acleris holmiana; Acleris laterana; Agapeta hamana; **Agapeta zoegana; Agriphila geniculea;** Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); **Anthophila fabriciana;** Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Archips xylosteana (Variegated Golden Tortrix); **Batia lunaris; Batia unitella; Catoptria pinella;** Celypha striana; Chrysoteuchia culmella; **Conobathra repandana;** Crambus pascuella; Crambus perlella; Cydia pomonella (Codling); **Eana incanana;** Endotricha flammealis; Endrosis sarcitrella (White-shouldered House); **Epiblema uddmanniana (Bramble Shoot); Epinotia brunnichana; Eucosma cana;** Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie); Fan-foot (Zanclognatha tarsipennalis); **Galleria mellonella (Wax);** Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Pandemis cerasana (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Parapoynx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); **Phycitodes binaevella;** Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); **Rhopobota naevana (Holly Tortrix); Spilonota ocellana (Bud);** Udea olivalis; Udea prunalis; **Ypsolopha dentella (Honeysuckle)**

17th July 2004

Paul Bowyer and David Fuller led the successful and enjoyable moth trap event at the Holtspur LNR Reserve last night, 16th July. 34 species of moth were identified, 4 of them new to the UTB species list for this season and two Hawk Moths paying a visit:

Agapeta Hamana; Brimstone; Clouded Silver; Common Carpet; Common Footman; Dark Arches; **Dark Umber**; Dot Moth; Double Square-spot; **Ear Moth**; Elephant Hawk Moth; Flame Shoulder; Garden Carpet; Gold Triangle; Green Carpet; July Highflyer; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; **Lunar Spotted Pinion**; Mother of Pearl; Peppered Moth; Phlyctaenia Coronata; **Pine Hawk Moth**; Riband Wave; Ruby Tiger; Scorched Carpet; Small Blood-vein; Small Magpie; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Spectacle; Swallow-tailed; The Flame; White Plume.

David Fuller also reported seeing a Hummingbird Hawk moth in his Maidenhead garden on 14th, 16th and again today.

Lots of moths in Keith Mitchell's Stoke Goldington garden trap on 13th in ideal conditions. A few garden firsts with **Broom** and **Least Yellow Underwing** new to UTB this year, 238 larger moths (including some micros) of 37 spp.

Bright-line Brown-eye (3); Brimstone Moth; **Broom Moth** (2); Buff Arches (2); Buff-tip (3); Burnished Brass (2); The Clay; Common Footman (2); Common Wainscot (8); Dagger sp; Dark Arches (14); Dot Moth (5); Double Square-spot; Elephant Hawk-moth (2); Flame (9); Flame Shoulder; Heart and Dart (10); Iron Prominent; Large Yellow Underwing (4); **Least Yellow Underwing**; Light Arches (22); Marbled Minor; Mother of Pearl (18); Mottled Rustic; Peppered Moth; Poplar Hawk-moth; Riband Wave (2); Rustic/Uncertain (68); Scalloped Oak (3); The Shark; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Smoky Wainscot (38); The Spectacle; Swallow-tailed Moth; Thistle Ermine; Varied Coronet.

For the last four nights (11th – 14th July) a Humingbird Hawk moth has been visiting the Buddleia in Allen Beechey's front garden in Didcot.

16th July 2004

Mike and Rose Collard had a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** feeding on Lanai Verbena Blue (P) in a hanging basket in their Prestwood Garden on July 15th.

14th July 2004

Alastair Driver sent this report in tonight: I set the Robinson trap in my Sonning garden last night, in readiness to show the moths to the kids at Sonning Primary School today as part of an outdoor nature study exercise at Ali's Pond LNR to celebrate national LNR week. Unfortunately I had to rescue the trap from the pouring rain at 6.30 a.m. and had to cancel the school event due to the weather. Nevertheless I caught **75 macro-moths of 23 species**. One of them - **Shaded broad-bar** was new for my parish records and new to the UTBC year list.

Peter Hall ran a moth trap in his garden in Ballinger Common on 11/07/04, adding 20 new species to the UTB list for this year:

Ghost; Buff Arches; Common Emerald; Small Emerald; Clay Triple-lines; Small Fan-footed Wave; Riband Wave; Common Carpet; **Small Rivulet**; Foxglove Pug; Grey Pug; **V-Pug**; Green Pug; Double-striped Pug; Latticed Heath; Brimstone Moth; Scalloped Oak; Swallow-tailed; Peppered; Willow Beauty; Mottled Beauty; Engrailed; Common White Wave; Common Wave; Clouded Silver; Light Emerald; Elephant Hawk; Buff-tip; Lobster; Iron Prominent; Yellow-tail; **Scarce Footman**; Common Footman; Short-cloaked; Turnip; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Flame; Large Yellow Underwing; Green Arches; Dot; Bright-line Brown-eye; **Brown-line Bright-eye**; Clay; Smoky Wainscot; Coronet; Dark Arches; Common Rustic; Uncertain; Rustic; Spectacle; Beautiful Hook-tip; Snout; Fan-foot

and the following micros

Lozotaeniodes formosanus; *Ditula angustiorana* (Red-barred Tortrix); *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*; *Celypha striana*; *Celypha lacunana*; *Hedya nubiferana*; *Pammene fasciana*; *Alucita hexadactyla* (Twenty plume); *Chrysoteuchia culmella*; *Crambus pascuella*; *Crambus perlella*; *Agriphila straminella*; *Phlyctaenia coronata*; *Udea prunalis*; *Udea olivalis*; *Hypsopygia costalis* (Gold Triangle); *Orthopygia glaucinalis*; *Endotricha flammealis*; *Phycita roborella*; *Prays fraxinella* (Ash Bud); *Carcina quercana*; *Agapeta hamana*; *Pandemis cerasana* (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Pandemis heparana* (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Archips podana* (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Archips xylosteana* (Variegated Golden Tortrix); *Ptycholomoides aeriferanus*

13th July 2004

Dave Wilton went to Rushbeds BBOWT Reserve this morning, 13th July: there was a veritable plague of **Six-Spot Burnet Moths** in the Lapland Farm meadows. Standing still in the middle of one patch of thistles, I was able to count 100 of them! Seen within the wood was a single **Silver-Y Moth** and what I believe may have been a **Muslin Moth caterpillar** (picture below). *At Finemere Wood* this afternoon a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** put in an appearance along the track, the second one I've seen in the area this month.

The following report was received from Keith Mitchell, Stoke Goldington: On Saturday (10th) I had a brief visit from a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** in the garden, which brightened up my weeding session. This brings my Hawk-moth tally to seven so far this year. Overnight on 11th, in better conditions I trapped the following, of which I think **Small Emerald** and **Common Rustic** are new for the UTB year:

Agapeta hamana; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Buff-tip; The Clay (2); **Clouded Border**; Common Footman (14); **Common Rustic** (3); Common Swift; Common Wainscot (5); Dark Arches (5); Double Square-spot; Flame (4); Flame Shoulder; Heart and Dart (7); The Lackey; Large Yellow Underwing (2); Mother of Pearl (3); Mottled Rustic (3); Peppered Moth (2); Privet Hawk-moth; Rustic/Uncertain (58); Scalloped Oak (3); Setaceous Hebrew Character; Silver 'Y'; **Small Emerald**; Small Magpie; Smoky Wainscot (19); The Spectacle; Twenty Plume; Straw Dot

Moths seen by Dave Maunder in Aylesbury since July 4th were:-

Silver y(1), Grey dagger(1), Bee moths(3), Small bloodvein(1), Heart and dart(1), Marbled minor(1), *Pyrausta purpuralis*(1), Swallowtail(1), Thistle ermine(1), Dwarf cream waves(2), Riband waves(2), Dark arches(2), Light arches(1), Scalloped oak(1), and a single Six-spot burnet along the Fairford Leys stream - each year I see a few specimens here on Knapweed - an isolated population, I think.

11th July 2004

New moth species for Jan Haseler's Tilehurst garden from last night, 10th July are as follows, including 3 new species for this year's UTB list:

Scalloped Oak; Light Emerald; Common Footman; **Lesser Yellow Underwing**; **Bird's Wing**; Dun-bar; Silver-y.

10th July 2004

Tim Watts reports seeing a Hummingbird hawk moth (see photo at top of page) in his Whitchurch garden feeding on petunias at 2 p.m. today. He also read a report on the internet of 3 other sightings so far in the local area, 1 at Ringshall and 2 at Halemere,

8th July 2004

*An additional moth overlooked by Keith Mitchell last weekend (2/3 July): **Short-cloaked Moth** - one trapped on each day.*

5th July 2004

The following records were received from David Redhead: An overnight moth trap in far from ideal conditions (7C) produced a low haul of the usual suspects - **Uncertain (15), Double Square-spot (8), Bright-line Brown-eye (3), Heart & Dart (3), Large Yellow Underwing (3), Southern Wainscot (3), Clouded Border (2), Dark Arches (2), Dun-bar (2), Mottled Rustic (2), White Satin Moth (2), Barred Straw, Buff Arches, Heart and Club, Mottled Beauty, Peppered, Poplar Hawkmoth, Riband Wave, Smoky Wainscot & Snout.**

The only possible addition to the UTB list is a Dagger but is it Dark or Grey? Being a very light specimen my money would be on the latter but I will have to wait for Martin T to inspect it! The three Heart & Darts (99) still mean it has not overtaken Treble Lines (107) as the most numerous overall, but as the last Treble Lines was seen on 18th June this is only a matter of time. Poplar Hawkmoth (36) seems to be having the longest flight period with the first seen on 10th May.

Alex Mitchell sent in the following report from Milton Keynes today: "On 30th June a Meal Moth (*Pyralis farinalis*) was attracted to the front door lights. The following moths were trapped (or seen) in my garden over the weekend; the Small Elephant Hawk-moth makes 6 species of Hawks so far this year, and is a good moth for Milton Keynes:"

Barred Straw; Barred Yellow; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Brown Rustic; Buff Ermine; **Burnished Brass** (see photo below & click on it for a larger image); The Clay; Common Emerald; Common Footman; Common Swift; Common Wainscot; Dark Arches; Dingy Shears; Dot Moth; Fan-foot; Flame; Heart and Dart; Ingrailed Clay; The Lackey; Large Nutmeg; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Arches; Light Emerald; Maple Prominent; **Meal Moth (*Pyralis farinalis*)** [Keith's garden is about 200m from farm buildings which contain grain from time to time]; Middle-barred Minor; Minor spp; Mottled Rustic; Privet Hawk Moth; Rustic/Uncertain; Scorched Carpet; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Shuttle-shaped Dart; **Small Dotted Buff**; Small Elephant Hawk-moth; Small Magpie; Smoky Wainscot; Swallow-tailed Moth; The Spectacle; Thistle Ermine; Yellow Shell; Yellow-tail.

4th July 2004

Jan Haseler recorded the following new moths for her garden in Tilehurst last night: snout, bee moth, common emerald and 2 white plumes disturbed from vegetation this morning.

3rd July 2004

Jim Ryder recorded a species he had never seen before on Friday 2nd July about 11:00am - a **Red-belted Clearwing**. It was on a privet hedge near his house in Old Amersham, Bucks.

A belated moth trap report from David Redhead for an overnight trap in his garden in Oxon for Tuesday 29th/ Wednesday 30th June. My best catch to date with **194 macro-moths** from at least **54 species** (two Pugs are currently undergoing closer examination by Martin Townsend). Included were 11 new species for my list this year taking the total number of macro-moth species caught in my garden in 2004 past the 150 mark. 8 of the 11 are new to the UTB 2004 list - **Clay, Dun-bar, July Highflyer, Large Twin-spot Carpet, Olive** (early), **Sallow Kitten, White Satin Moth & Yellow-tail**. Also 3 new micros - **Gold Triangle, Donacaula forficella & Tinea semifulvella** (the last again identified by Martin Townsend).

David also had a **Brown House Moth** in the house last weekend.

1st July 2004

Martin Albertini reports seeing an **Old Lady moth** in Maidenhead on 28 June, which is a bit earlier than would normally be expected.

30th June 2004

A number of people have asked how to tell the Five-spot Burnet from the Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet as they look so similar. Here are some key points:

Many people aren't aware that there are two "5-spot" species and just talk about 5-spot:

- ▶ **5-spot Burnets are a problem and identification in the field is almost impossible.**
- ▶ Flight periods overlap in late June, but as flight periods seem to be changing for many species the overlap might now be greater.
- ▶ Habitat and plants present can also give an indication. Five spot is most likely to be on chalk grassland and Birdsfoot trefoil must be present. Narrow-bordered will be in any rough grassland (inc. chalk grassland).
- ▶ So, if caught in **May** on chalk grassland most likely to be 5-spot.
- ▶ If seen in **July** on any sort of grassland most likely to be Narrow-bordered.
- ▶ There is also a West country sub-species of 5-spot which can add to the confusion - it flies in July and August and frequents marshy areas.

Hope this helps.

Martin Albertini (Moth Conservation Officer, Bucks)

The following was received from Dave Maunder today: - I'm a bit behind with my messages, so here are moths I've seen in Aylesbury recently: Swallow-tailed(2), Barred yellow, Light arches(6), Heart & dart, Varied coronet, Broad-barred white, Juniper pug, Small blood-vein, Lg. yellow u/wing, Garden carpet, Brown rustic, Riband waves(2), Small magpie, White plume moths(5), Treble brown spot, Mottled beauty, Common wainscot (2) and Bee moth sp (5),

Dave Wilton saw several moths in Finemere Wood today: A Hummingbird Hawk Moth kept landing in front of me as I walked up the main ride, while other moths included a Light Emerald, a couple of Silver-Ys and several Six-spot Burnets. A Burnet caterpillar was also seen on Lady's Bedstraw.

27th June 2004

Alastair Driver ran a Robinson trap in his garden on Fri 25th. He caught 97 moths of 22 species, but no new records. Highlight was 5 immaculate Elephant Hawk-moths. I don't usually bother with micros, but I caught large Tortrix, which was so distinctive, I thought I must check it out - turned out to be *Lozotaenia forsterana*, which isn't on the year list yet.

From David Redhead: An overnight (Friday 25th/Saturday 26th June) produced a middling catch with 102 macro-moths from 33 species. Double Square-spot was the most numerous at 17 and there were two new additions to my 2004 list - Heart & Club and Smoky Wainscot, but none for the UTB list. However, I came across a Small Fan-footed Wave on our kitchen wall on Saturday evening which is an addition to the UTB 2004 list.

Jan Haseler reports these moth species from 25th, which are new for her Tilehurst garden this year and 5 are new to the UTB species list:

Leopard, sycamore, dwarf cream wave, mottled beauty, rustic, dot moth, lackey, small elephant hawk moth, buff arches, rustic shoulder knot, common wainscot, iron prominent, light arches, small dusty wave and varied coronet

On 25th June Peter Hall recorded the following species at Ballinger Common:

Barred Yellow; Beautiful Golden Y; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Buff Ermine; Common Emerald; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Common White Wave; Dark Arches; Flame; Green Arches; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Nutmeg; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Emerald; Middle-barred Minor; Mottled Rustic; Plain Golden Y; Privet Hawk; Rustic; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shark; Shears; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Straw Dot; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell *and these Micros:* Celypha lacunana; Chrysoteuchia culmella; Crambus pascuella; Hedya pruniana; Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Udea olivalis, Hofmannophila pseudospretella.

25th June 2004

Pat Morris asked me to let you know of a report Wycombe Wildlife Group received of an **Eyed Hawk-moth** seen in a garden in Lowfield Way, Hazlemere on 14 June. **Roger Wilding**.

Peter Hall reports another sighting of a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** from Ford on June 14th.

22nd June 2004

Tuesday - Looks like the indoor moth season is getting under way! We have a **Small Blood-vein** on our bedroom windowsill. **Jan Haseler**.

News just received that Julia Carey and Andrew McVeigh recorded a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in their garden in Horwood, Bucks, on the 13th June.

21st June 2004

On a rather chilly night, Friday 18th June, the Wycombe Wildlife Group held a moth trapping event in a back garden in Loudwater, led by Paul Bowyer. 12 moth species were identified, adding 3 new species to the UTB list for 2004:

Maple Prominent, Riband Wave, Heart and Dart, **Barred Yellow**, Flame Shoulder, Green Carpet, Small Magpie, Bright Line Brown Eye, Dark Arches, **Orange Swift**, Buff Ermine and **Coronet**.

20th June 2004

David Madgwick and Simon Norris, both UTB members, were in a hotel garden in Pangbourne on June 14th and again on 17th and observed about 20 large red moths flying around some mature yew trees, sometimes alighting temporarily on a twig which seemed to be just catching the sunlight. "These moths flew hell-for-leather around these yews and since some appeared larger than the others I can only assume that they were engaged in a mating flight. On the second occasion Simon was able to identify them positively as **Scarlet Tiger (Callimorpha dominula)**. According to Skinner these moths are uncommon other than in the SE. If we counted 20 there must have been many more. There were none tonight (18.06.04) perhaps because either the courtship was over or the weather was too cold. We shall keep a watch out and if anything interesting occurs will let you know."

18th June 2004

This report received from David Redhead today: My garden moth trap last night produced nearly my best haul to date with 154 macro-moths from 54 different species. The Flame (16) was the most numerous and there were 12 additions to my 2004 list and 9 for the UTB list - **Barred Straw, Beautiful Hook-tip, Dinky Shears, Double Square-spot, Drinker, Scarlet Tiger, Satyr Pug, Single-dotted Wave** and **Southern Wainscot**. Identifying the Pugs still usually defeats me and the above identification is thanks to Martin Townsend. **Scarlet Tigers** have been flying in our lane and garden for the last couple of days. Also two new Pyralids - **Orthophygia glaucinalis** and **Scoparia Pyraelella**. Have just annointed about half a dozen trees in the vicinity with a potion of black treacle, brown sugar, ripe banana, dark rum and cheap (undrinkable) Poire de Normandie to see what else I can attract in!

Peter Hall recorded the following moths at Ballinger Common on 14th June, adding 8 new species to the UTB list for 2004:

Beautiful Golden Y; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Broken-barred Carpet; Brown Rustic; Buff Ermine; Buff-tip; **Bulrush Wainscot**; Cinnabar; **Clay Triple-lines**; Clouded Border; Clouded Silver; **Common Footman**; Dark Arches; Elephant Hawk; Eyed Hawk; Fan-foot; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Green Pug; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Nutmeg; Light Arches; **Little Emerald**; Lychnis; Middle-barred Minor; Mottled Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Pale-shouldered Brocade; Peppered; Privet Hawk; Riband Wave; **Rustic**; Rustic Shoulder-knot; Scorched Wing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shears; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Silver Ground Carpet; Silver Y; Smoky Wainscot; Straw Dot; Treble Brown Spot; Treble Lines;

Uncertain; Vine's Rustic; White Ermine

Micros: Agapeta hamana; Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Celypha lacunana; **Chrysoteuchia culmella**; Crambus pascuella; Cydia pomonella (Codling); Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie); Hedyia pruniana; **Nemophora degeerella**; Pandemis cerasana (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix); Parapoinx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); **Phlyctaenia perlucidalis**; Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Tortrix viridana (Green Oak Tortrix); Udea olivalis

Mark Symmons reports finding a real treat on the 16th - a pair of **Poplar Hawk moths** (mating pair). These were found in his garden in Marlow.

17th June 2004

Alastair Driver caught 166 moths of 36 species in his Robinson trap near Ali's Pond LNR on 13th June, of which 67 were Heart and Dart ! 36 species of macro-moth equals his PB for diversity.

Four species were new for my parish list - Light Emerald, Marbled Brown, The Lychnis and Beautiful Golden-y. The following are new for the UTBC year list: **The Phoenix**, **Rufous Minor**, and **Light Arches**. Three individuals remain to be identified.

15th June 2004

A few more moths seen by Dave Maunder in Aylesbury during the last few days:-

Poplar grey(1), Clouded brindle(1), Middle-barred minor(1), Garden carpet(1), Common carpet(1, in Adstock), Treble brown spots(2), **Carnation tortrix**(6+), Pyrausta purpuralis(3, in Adstock), and **Agriphila tristella**(2).

On Saturday night, 12th, Keith Mitchell says 138 moths of 40 species were trapped. Along with 3 Privet Hawk-moths, the following additions were made to the species list, 2 of them new to the UTB list:

Agapeta hamana; **Beautiful China-mark (Parapoinx stagnata)**; Bright-line Brown-eye (2); Cinnabar; **Clouded Brindle**; Dark Arches; Dusky Brocade; Elephant Hawk-moth; Foxglove Pug; Ghost; Knot-grass; Light Emerald; Lime Hawk-moth; Mottled Pug; Pebble Prominent; Scorched Wing; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Silver-ground Carpet; Smoky Wainscot; Uncertain/Rustic

A very successful moth trap in Peter Hall's Ballinger garden on 12/06/04, with 80 species recorded, 21 of them new to the UTB list:

Barred Red; **Beautiful Golden Y**; Brimstone Moth; Broken-barred Carpet; Buff Ermine; Buff-tip; **Burnished Brass**; Chinese Character; Cinnabar; Clouded Border; Clouded Silver; Common Swift; Common Wainscot; Common Wave; Dark Arches; Elephant Hawk; **Fan-foot**; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Foxglove Pug; Green Carpet; Green Pug; Green Silver-lines; Grey Pine Carpet; **Heart & Club**; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Yellow Underwing; Marbled Minor; Middle-barred Minor; Mottled Pug; Mottled Rustic; **Mullein (larvae)**; Oak Hook-tip; Orange Footman; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale tussock; Pebble Hook-tip; Peppered; **Plain Golden Y**; Poplar Grey; **Privet Hawk**; Scorched Wing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Silver Ground Carpet; Silver Y; Small Dusty Wave; Small Fan-foot; Smoky Wainscot; Spectacle; Spruce Carpet; Straw Dot; Swallow Prominent; Treble Brown Spot; Treble Lines; Uncertain; White Ermine; White-pinion Spotted; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell

and these micros:

Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Argyroresthia trifasciata; Celypha lacunana; Crambus lathionellus; Crambus pascuella; Crambus perlella; Cydia pomonella (Codling); Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie); Hedyia pruniana; Nematopogon schwarziellus; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pandemis cerasana (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix);

Parapoynx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Pyrausta purpuralis; Scoparia ambigualis; Tortrix viridana (Green Oak Tortrix); Udea olivalis

Also, at The Lee - St John The Baptist Church, Peter recorded: Silver Y; Mother Shipton; Burnet Companion; Pyrausta Nigrata.

14th June 2004

The following report was received from David Redhead yesterday, 13th: Had reasonable numbers of macro-moths for overnight moth traps in my garden in Oxon on Wednesday/Thursday and Saturday/Sunday nights with 34 species/91 moths and 29 species/60 moths respectively. Altogether 12 new species for my 2004 list and 5 for the UTB list - **Green Arches, Haworth's Pug, Pinion-streaked Snout, Round-winged Muslin & The Uncertain.** Among the micros, a Bee Moth.

13th June 2004

Welcome to Mark Symmons who is new to the website. I was recently looking at the Upper Thames Branch moth sightings website and thought I would send you a few records that I have from this area, for my home address in Marlow, Bucks

25/5/04 - Common White Wave x1; Common Swift x3; Least Black Arches x1; Green Carpet x1; Brimstone x3; Common Pug x3

8/6/04 - Large Yellow Underwing (female)

David Manning helped to id the following micros for Keith Mitchell:

Blue Lagoon 14th May **Grapholita jungiella** (common)

Stoke Goldington 29th May: Thistle Ermine, **Bee Moth** (Aphomia sociella), **Agapeta hamana**

A **Small Dusty Wave** was on the house wall on Thursday morning (10th)

A Cinnabar Moth was a welcome fly-through on Friday afternoon (and new to the garden). Pyrausta aurata is recorded every day in the garden. I also have some Mullein Moth caterpillars demolishing the Verbascum!

and the following moths were trapped overnight in Keith's Stoke Goldington garden (11th):

Common Swift (27); Privet Hawk-moth (2); Treble Lines (3); Peppered Moth; Buff-tip (2); **Mottled Beauty**; Middle-barred Minor (2); Buff Ermine (6); Common Wainscot (4); Spectacle; Minor spp (melanistic) (11); Rustic Shoulder-knot; Heart and Dart (12); Large Nutmeg (9); Mottled Rustic; Brown Rustic; Turnip Moth (2); White Ermine; Flame Shoulder (2); Thistle Ermine; The Flame; Setaceous Hebrew Character; **Ingrailed Clay.**

11th June 2004

Two new moths for David Fuller's garden in Maidenhead on 9th June and both new to the UTB species list this year:

Blotched Emerald; Small China-mark (Cataclysta lemnata).

9th June 2004

David Redhead ran a moth trap last night with a new record catch for year with 184 macro-moths - 54 species. Ten new species for my 2004 list and **Buff Arches, Dusky Brocade, Light Emerald, Silver Hook and Small Square-spot** for the UTB list. A reasonable number of micros including a couple of Thistle Ermine. Four hawk moths included in the catch - Elephant, Eyed, Lime & Poplar. Heart & Dart numbers have started to take off with 25, Clouded Silver second with 18 but very few actually in the trap mainly scattered on grass around the trap.

Just recently back from holiday in Devon Dave Maunder reports these moths around Aylesbury over the last week or so:

Pale prominent, Spectacle moth, Brimstone, Garden carpet, Latticed heath - all seen week ending **29th May**.

This week so far I have seen:- White ermine, **Ghost Moth**, Common swifts (45+), Burnet companion (on my allotment in town centre!), Common wainscot, Common white waves (3), Brimstones (2), **Thistle ermines** (5), and **Mother of pearl**. Not bad for someone without an m.v. lamp?

Alastair Driver sent in the following report: The insect highlight of the year for me so far - a **Red-tipped Clearwing** (photo below) caught today (6th June) whilst sweepnetting to show my son and niece some damselflies etc at Thames Valley Business Park Nature Reserve near Sonning. I've only ever seen one clearwing before and that was over 30 years ago and not this species! Is it unusual for this area? *Click this link to see Alastair's photo of the [Red-tipped Clearwing](#).*

8th June 2004

On Keith Mitchell's wall this morning, 7th June: attracted by the front door lights, I was delighted to find a **Fern**. This is two weeks earlier than the only Fern reported last year to UTB. Are a lot of moths early this year?

Also, Keith recently had a puzzling Noctuid from a trap he ran on 6th May. It has been identified by George Higgs as a specimen of **Lead-coloured Drab**, new to the UTB list this year.

6th June 2004

Keith Mitchell ran a trap again last night 5th June in his garden, and despite the clear conditions recorded the following additions to the week-end's tally, including another 3 new species for the UTB list:

Pale Oak Beauty; Elephant Hawk-moth; **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**; Snout; Broken-barred Carpet; Lime-speck Pug; Blood-vein; **Varied Coronet**; **Broad-barred White**.

Jan Haseler had 52 moths of 25 species in her garden last night, 5th June. New for the year were:

3 small magpie; 2 clouded silver; 1 miller; 1 **riband wave**; 2 **green pug**; 1 **broad barred white**; 1 common pug; 2 broken barred carpet; 1 **treble brown spot**.

5th June 2004

Keith Mitchell had some interesting moths in his Stoke Goldington garden moth trap Thurs and Friday night, in ideal conditions. The Privet Hawk moth makes 5 Hawk moth species this spring. 289 moths of 42 species (not including most micros), 4 new to the UTB list:

Privet Hawk moth; Lime Hawk moth (2); Eyed Hawk moth; **Green Silver-lines**; White Ermine (6); Brimstone (2); Pale Tussock (4); Common Swift (150); Middle-barred Minor (3); Silver-ground Carpet (3); Clouded Silver (6); Small Magpie (2); Spectacle (2); Buff Ermine (6); Small Waved Umber (2); Treble Lines (3); Common Wainscot (8); Rustic Shoulder-knot (8); Large Nutmeg (10); Uncertain/Rustic (2); Campion; Bright-line Brown-eye; Heart and Dart (20); Brown Rustic (7); Marbled Minor (3); Minor spp (14); **The Miller (2)**; Green Carpet; Flame Shoulder (6); Scorched Wing (3); Straw Dot (2); Scorched Carpet; Common White Wave; Grey Pine Carpet; Setaceous Hebrew Character (2); Foxglove Pug; Flame (3); Pale Prominent (2); **Small Angle Shades**; **Maple Prominent**; Poplar Grey; Mottled Rustic.

4th June 2004

David Redhead has sent in 2 reports for overnight traps in his garden in Oxon:

My best catch to date last night, **3rd June** - 46 species of macro-moth with a total of 88 moths. 17 new species for me - taking me over the hundred for 2004, plus 9 new species for the UTB list. Needed some help identifying them all - kindly provided by Martin Townsend. **An Obscure Wainscot** (there's a reed bed a few hundred yards from my garden) was the most notable. The Peppered Moths were interesting 2 typical, 1 intermediate and 1 melanic - only my second in several years of moth trapping on the edge of Oxford. Full list as follows:

7 - Treble Lines; 5 - Broken-barred Carpet; 4 - Clouded Silver, Green Carpet, Heart & Dart, Pale Oak Beauty, Peppered Moth; 3 - Brown Silver-line, Common Marbled Carpet, Flame Shoulder, Mottled Pug; 2 - Brown Rustic, Marbled Minor, **Mottled Rustic**, Pale Prominent, Poplar Hawk moth, Spruce Carpet, White-spotted Pug; 1 - **Alder Moth**, Bright-line Brown-eye, Brimstone Moth, Buff Ermine, Clouded Border, Common Wave, **Dark Arches**, Elephant Hawkmoth, Figure of Eighty, Flame, **Gold Swift**, Grey Pug, Large Nutmeg, **Large Yellow Underwing**, Lime Hawkmoth, **Middle-barred Minor**, **Obscure Wainscot**, Poplar Grey, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Scorched Wing, Silver-ground Carpet, **Small Fan-foot**, **Small Seraphim**, Small Waved Umber, Sycamore, V Pug, Vine's Rustic, White Ermine. Quite a lot of micros - still being "analysed" - report to follow. *Click here to see photos of [Lime Hawk Moth](#) and [Obscure Wainscot](#).*

The overnight moth trap, 2nd June, in David's garden did not produce very high numbers (19 macro-species, 39 moths) owing to the low overnight temperatures but two new species for the UTB 2004 list - **Pale-shouldered Brocade** and the **Snout**. White Ermings were the most numerous at 6, followed by Treble Lines with 5 but surprisingly only 1 Heart & Dart. A Blood-vein was also a new species for my garden this year.

Alastair Driver says that Tuesday night, 1st June, was poor - still cool and breezy - 19 moths, 9 species, including first Brown rustic and **Silver-y** of the year for me (latter is also new for UTBC year list).

Wednesday night warm and still and thus much better - 55 moths, 16 species, including Shoulder-striped Wainscot - first record for the parish and Elephant Hawk first for the garden. The former is new for the UTBC year list as was Cabbage Moth caught last night and Small Dusty Wave taken at light tonight.

2nd June 2004

Keith Mitchell ran a trap overnight in his garden in Stoke Goldington on Saturday 29th May, obtaining three new species for the year:

Small Waved Umber, Straw Dot and Garden Pebble. Along with 91 Common Swift were Elephant Hawk-moth; Poplar Hawk-Moth; Pale Tussock (2); Rustic Shoulder-knot (3); Large Nutmeg (2); Heart and Dart (2); Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Buff-tip; Brimstone; Brown Rustic (2); White Ermine (3); Clouded Silver; Small Magpie; Blood-vein; Common Wave

Also, the unidentified moths from 28th turned out to be: **Large Nutmeg** (8) new for UTB; Common Pug; Uncertain/Rustic (probable Thistle Ermine still awaiting confirmation).

1st June 2004

The following moth report received from Alastair Driver yesterday: Still quiet here in Sonning as temps are continuing to drop significantly at night - although when I compare with my 2002 and 2003 records for the end of May things are pretty consistent: [30.5.02 -16 moths, 10 species] [26.5.03 - 16 moths, 11 species] [30.5.04 - 22 moths, 8 species]

Latest details are (both from my garden in Sonning):

27th May - Heart and Dart (1), Vine's Rustic (1), Light Brocade (1) and **Smoky Wainscot** (1) - the latter hasn't appeared on the UTBC 2004 list yet.

30th May - Pale Mottled Willow (1), Peppered Moth (1), Treble Lines (1), Turnip Moth (1), Heart and Dart (9), Set Heb. Char. (4), Common Swift (1) and Vine's Rustic (4).

Also took a Large Tabby (**Aglossa pinguinalis**) indoors today (**31st**) which hasn't appeared on the UTBC 04 list yet.

31st May 2004

Jan Haseler's latest report as follows: New species for me in my Tilehurst garden moth trap last night (30/5) were:

1 figure of eighty; 1 pale oak beauty; 1 **shark**; 1 **grey arches**; 1 buff tip; 1 setaceous hebrew character; 1 spectacle.

I was looking at your 2004 moth list, and see that I have also had: **shears** (1 last night, 2 22/5); **dotted chestnut** (1 16/4)

(I also had 8 yellow shell at Lardon Chase on 28th May.)

From David Redhead : An overnight moth trap in my garden resulted in a poor catch owing to the low overnight temperatures. Only 12 species, 25 moths and nothing new to report. After two months of moth trapping in my garden I have worked out my current top ten macro-moths - 1st Treble Lines (70), 2nd Common Quaker (56), 3rd Hebrew Character (38), 4th Clouded Drab (35), 5th Chocolate Tip (18), 6th Swallow Prominent (17), 7th Light Brocade (16), 8th= Flame Shoulder, Pebble Prominent, Poplar Hawkmoth, Seraphim (15). My garden is well surrounded by trees - hence the high proportion of tree feeders. I wonder how this top ten compares to others regularly trapping moths in their garden? Interestingly I get very few micros (with the exception of Mother of Pearl later in the summer) which is just as well as I can identify very few of them.

30th May 2004

On a visit to Finemere today, Dave Wilton reports these moths: a Blood-vein, a Mother Shipton, two or three unidentified Carpets and a Lackey caterpillar.

The UTB field trip to Ivinghoe Beacon yesterday, 29th May, recorded the following moths (full report available on the [butterfly sightings](#) page):

Pyrausta Nigrata, Mother Shipton, Common Carpet, Burnet Companion, Cinnabar, Green Carpet, Yellow Shell and Silver-ground Carpet, Clouded Silver and (by a process of elimination) a **Wood Tiger**.

Keith Mitchell ran a trap overnight in his garden in Stoke Goldington on Friday and caught 97 moths of at least 32 species, 3 of them new to the UTB 2004 Species list:

Blood-vein; Brimstone (5); Brown Rustic (2); Buff Ermine; Buff-tip (2); Campion; Clouded Silver (4); Clouded-bordered Brindle; Common Marbled Carpet (2); Common Swift (30); **Common Wainscot** (3); Flame; Flame Shoulder (2); Heart and Dart (2); **Lime-speck Pug**; Mottled Pug (4); Muslin female (unusual at light); Pale Prominent; Poplar Hawk-moth (2); Rustic Shoulder-knot (5); Scorched Wing (2); Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver-ground Carpet (2); Spectacle (2); Treble Lines (3); White Ermine (2); White-spotted Pug (2); Noctuids, pug and small ermine spp yet to be positively id'd (11).

29th May 2004

The following records are from a moth trap run by Jan Haseler in her Tilehurst garden, 27/28 May:

1 bright-line brown-eye; 1 brimstone; 2 dark/grey dagger (not sure which); 2 flame shoulder; 2 heart and dart; 1 light brocade; 1 **lychnis**; 1 marbled minor; 1 **mottled pug**; 1 pale mottled willow; 1 pale prominent; 1 pale tussock; 1 peppered moth; 1 poplar hawkmoth; 6 shuttle-shaped dart; 2 treble lines; 5 vine's rustic.

Peter Hall ran a trap in his Ballinger garden on 25/05/04 and recorded 33 species, 9 new for the 2004 UTB species list:

Macros: **Oak Hook-tip**; Chinese Character; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Silver Ground Carpet; Red-green Carpet; Grey Pine Carpet; Spruce Carpet; **Broken-barred Carpet**; **Foxglove Pug**; **Brown Silver-line**; Brimstone Moth; Scalloped Hazel; Peppered; Pale Oak Beauty; White-pinion Spotted; **Privet Hawk**; Buff-tip; Lobster; **Marbled Brown**; Pale tussock; **Orange Footman**; White Ermine; Cinnabar; Heart & Dart; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame Shoulder; **Bright-line Brown-eye**; Clouded-bordered Brindle; Rustic Shoulder-knot; Treble Lines; Nut-tree Tussock **and these micros:** **Pseudargyrotoza conwagana**; *Alucita hexadactyla* (Twenty-plume)

28th May 2004

Some casual daytime moth sightings reported as follows:

Keith Mitchell spent a couple of hours today, 28th, at the Blue Lagoon Reserve in Bletchley and recorded 15+ Burnet Companions.

Dave Wilton visited Finemere Wood Reserve, Bucks, Fri 28th May: he saw a Mother Shipton and several Lackey moth caterpillars which were sunning themselves beside the track leading up to the reserve.

On the Aston Rowant Field Trip meeting on 25th May: Adela reaumurella; Aethes tesserana; Pyrausta purpuralis; Pyrausta nigrata; Silver-ground Carpet; Common Carpet; Green Carpet; Mother Shipton; Burnet Companion.

27th May 2004

Wendy & Mick Campbell went to Lodge Hill today and saw a number of moths: 17 Cinnabar, 2 Pyrausta Nigrata, 4 Lesser Treble-bar and a Burnet Companion.

Wednesday 26th – David Redhead paid an afternoon visit to Sydlings Copse and found numerous Grass Rivulets and a singleton Latticed Heath, Burnet Companion and Lesser Treble-bar flying. The grassland area was awash with Yellow Rattle which is the foodplant of the Grass Rivulet.

After leaving Sydlings Copse I went to Whitecross Green Wood to check on Brown Hairstreak caterpillars and saw a Mother Shipton moth.

Wednesday 26th/Thursday 27th ran an overnight moth trap in our garden in Oxon and, in spite of some overnight rain, got by far my best haul to date - 33 species, 84 moths: Treble Lines (28), Heart & Dart (7), Light Brocade (5), Brown Rustic (3), Spectacle (3), Clouded silver (2), Clouded-bordered Brindle (2), Figure of Eighty (2), Grey Pug (2), Rustic Shoulder-knot (2), Setaceous Hebrew Character (2), Shuttle-shaped Dart (2), Swallow Prominent (2), Vine's Rustic (2), White Ermine (2), Buff-tip, Common Marbled Carpet, Common Quaker, Common Wave, Common White Wave, Elephant Hawk moth, Flame, Flame Shoulder, Green Carpet, Marbled Minor, May Highflier, Pale Oak Beauty, Peppered Moth, Small Clouded Brindle, Small Magpie, Small Phoenix, Spruce Carpet, Turnip Moth. Also found a Common Pug in living room. Treble Lines has now become my moth of 2004 with 63 in total displacing Common Quaker with 56. But with advent of the first Heart & Darts how long will the Treble Lines reign last?

26th May 2004

These 2 reports in from David Redhead yesterday:

During a walk round Bernwood Forest today, 25th May, which included a detour into the meadows, we had quite a varied haul - several Burnet Companions, Mother Shipton, Common Heath, an Oak Eggar caterpillar (fully grown), 2 Figure of Eight caterpillars (one fully grown and one 2/3rds grown) and several geometrid moth caterpillars. The Oak Eggar caterpillar was on an oak sapling - in spite of its name this is not a commonly listed foodplant. All the others were on blackthorn. [See also [butterfly sightings](#) page.]

I ran my moth trap overnight Sunday/Monday. Catch a bit down at 17 species and 35 moths but two new ones for me & UTB this year - Clouded-bordered Brindle & Sandy Carpet. Also, David has had confirmation that a micro he trapped on 19th May was Phtheochroa rugosana.

25th May 2004

Jan Haseler took a break from the monthly work party at Moor Copse, Berks, this morning, 23rd May, to check the wood spurge plants, and managed to spot a single Drab Looper in Hogmoor.

24th May 2004

Keith Mitchell comments: “National Moth Night, 22nd May, was a non-event in my frost pocket of a garden in Stoke Goldington. The Skinner Trap produced just two moths! Knot Grass (first for garden) and Common Swift.”

23rd May 2004

National Moth Night was held on Saturday 22nd May and two traps were run in Bernwood where the temperature dropped down to 6 degrees by midnight, resulting in some shivering enthusiasts! No False Mocha (the target species) was recorded. Thanks to Peter Hall for providing the following records:

Moth Trap 1: BERNWOOD - OAKLEY WOOD CORNER

Barred Umber; Brimstone Moth; Chocolate-tip; **Common White Wave; Cream Wave;** Green Carpet; **Grey Birch; Maiden's Blush;** Pale tussock; **Pebble Hook-tip;** Scalloped Hazel; **Scoparia ambigualis; Small White Wave;** Tawny-barred Angle

Moth Trap 2 - BERNWOOD - OAKLEY WOOD

Brimstone Moth; Common White Wave; **Great Prominent;** Green Carpet; Grey Pine Carpet; Maiden's Blush; Nut-tree Tussock; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale tussock; Pebble Hook-tip; Pebble Prominent; Poplar Hawk; Scalloped Hazel; Scoparia ambigualis; **Scorched Carpet;** Seraphim; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Tawny-barred Angle; Treble Lines.

Alistair Driver had a disappointing haul from last night (22nd) at Ali's Pond LNR. Clear skies and low temperatures resulted in only 9 moths of 5 species! No new records, although Peppered Moth and Scalloped Hazel were firsts for me for the year. Details as follows:

Peppered Moth 2, Treble Lines 3, Set. Heb Char. 1, Shuttle-shaped Dart 2, Scalloped Hazel 1.

The following moths were seen by David Fuller on Thursday evening, 20th May, in Maidenhead:

Buff-tip; Grey Pine Carpet; Red green Carpet; Hebrew character; Pale tussock 2; Clouded Silver 2; **Willow Beauty**

Dave Maunder reports a couple of moths seen in Aylesbury recently:- **Sycamore** moths (2) - 1 on 20th, 1 on 21st, also 1 Cinnabar on 18th, + 1 Emmelina monodactyla.

21st May 2004

I ran a Skinner trap overnight in my garden on 19th in warm, partially overcast conditions and had my best catch this year (48 moths, 21 species). I am still a novice in mothing terms and was taken aback by the sheer variety and beauty of the catch. The Puss Moth was absolutely stunning. I now admit to being a total addict! **Keith Mitchell.**

Silver-ground Carpet; Brimstone (4); Chinese Character (2); **2 Lime Hawk-moth (2); Eyed Hawk-moth;** Pale Tussock; **Puss Moth;** Hebrew Character; Common Swift (6); Flame Shoulder (2); White Ermine (3); **Buff Ermine;** **Buff-tip;** ***Dark Brocade;** Clouded Silver (2); **Campion** (fresh with purple/pink marbling, very scarce in Milton Keynes area); **Flame** (3); Shuttle-shaped Dart (4); Pebble Prominent (2); White-spotted Pug (5); ***Brindled Pug** (4)

[* Errata 2nd June: *Dark Brocade* should read *Rustic Shoulder-knot*, *Brindled Pug* (4) should read *Mottled Pug* (4).]

20th May 2004

David Redhead: Another good night's moth trapping last night with 25 species and 52 moths. Much the same species as the 17th May but **Treble Lines** most numerous with 12 and three new species this year for me and UTB - **Brown Rustic, Poplar Grey & Tawny-barred Angle.** Micro: **Epiblema cynosbatella.**

19th May 2004

David Fuller recorded 4 species in his trap last evening:

Lime Hawk moth 2; Pale Pinion 1; Hebrew Character 1; Shuttle-shaped Dart 1

Forgot to include a **Ruby Tiger** in my Seven Barrows report for 17th May - spotted roosting in the grass by Wendy. I think this is a first for UTB 2004 list. **David Redhead**.

Here is Alastair Driver's report from the moth trap he ran at Ali's Pond LNR on 17th May:

Still not getting great numbers here in Sonning - only 21 moths of 11 species from trapping at Ali's Pond LNR last night, 17th May. However 2 were new for my parish records - **Coxcomb Prominent** and **Chocolate Tip** - both beauties and both species I used to dream of catching as a kid but never did! The former hasn't appeared yet this year on the Upper Thames list by the looks of it. Also is it possible for somebody to put my mind at rest with the attached id? Are they both Pale Mottled Willow?

18th May 2004

Alastair Driver reports: Couldn't resist setting the trap on Sunday night (16th) having missed out on recent fine nights due to enjoying a different sort of "wildlife" associated with the Challenge Cup final in Cardiff on Saturday! Only 16 macro-moths but 13 species. New for my parish records was **Clouded Silver**. The only other that hasn't appeared on your 2004 list yet was **Common Swift** apart from a **possible Grey Pug**, which I have attempted to photograph and will e-mail the image for corroboration (or not!). Trying again tonight at Ali's Pond LNR so more news to follow tomorrow hopefully!

17th May 2004

"Last night my best moth trap of the year to date", says David Redhead, "with 25 species and 50 moths. May Bugs decreasing - down to 21. 8 additions to my 2004 list and 6 for the UTB 2004 list.

Chocolate Tip (5), **Poplar Hawk moth** (5), Treble Lines (5), Flame Shoulder (4), Pale Prominent (4), Seraphim (4), Light Brocade (3), Shuttle-shaped Dart (3), Brimstone Moth, Brindled Pug, **Common Carpet**, Common Quaker, Early Grey, **Eyed Hawk moth**, Green Carpet, **Iron Prominent, Knot Grass**, Least Black Arches, **Lime Hawk moth, Pale Oak Beauty**, Pale Tussock, Pebble Prominent, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Rustic Shoulder-knot & **White Ermine**.

16th May 2004

This report just in from David Redhead: Not such a good night for moth trapping last night with 17 species and 30 moths in my trap - perhaps the May Bugs, all 29 of them, frightened them away. But still 6 new species for me this year and 5 new to the UTB 2004 list:

Chocolate Tip (5), Treble Lines (4), Green Carpet (3), Flame Shoulder (2), Pale Prominent (2), Poplar Hawkmoth (2), Shuttle-shaped Dart (2), Clouded Border, Light Brocade, Pebble Prominent, Poplar Kitten, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Scalloped Hazel, Seraphim, Small Phoenix & Yellow-barred Brindle.

David also called in at Westwell Gorse, BBOWT's most westerly reserve, today where there were several Burnet Companions and Latticed Heath and a **Common Heath**.

Records from Keith Mitchell's Skinner Trap in his garden on 14th May:

Swallow Prominent (2); The Spectacle (2); Hebrew Character (3); Muslin (2); Lime Hawk Moth; Chinese Character (2); Brimstone; Flame Shoulder; Brindled Pug; Pale Prominent

On a walk through Cadmore End this morning Paul Bowyer and Mick & Wendy Campbell saw 5 Burnet Companion, Cinnabar, **Mother Shipton** and **Small Yellow Underwing** all on grassy chalk downland bordering a wood.

15th May 2004

David Fuller reports a Least Black Arches in his porch this evening, 15th May.

A pristine **Cinnabar moth** was **seen at Aston Upton today by a group of UTB members** while there on a butterfly field trip.

Records from Peter Hall's moth trap in Ballinger on 10/05/04 - 19 species, 2 of which are new for this year, despite being bombarded by May Bugs:

Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Brimstone Moth; Brindled Pug; Chinese Character; Clouded Drab; Hebrew Character; Lesser Swallow Prominent; **Lobster**; Lunar Marbled Brown; Muslin; Nut-tree Tussock; **Pale tussock**; Pebble Prominent; Peppered; Scalloped Hazel; Scalloped Hook-tip; Seraphim; Swallow Prominent; Waved Umber

14th May 2004

David Redhead sent in this update to his last moth trap: "Martin Townsend has identified the micros in my last moth trap reported to you (see 12th May). The 3 definites are all additions to the UTB 2004 list:"

Plutella porrectella several; **Incurvaria masculella** 1 female; **Epinotia immundana** 2; + 1 other, probably **Scrobipalpa** sp.

At Hewins Wood Drain today Mick Campbell saw a **Latticed Heath** and **2 Burnet Companions**, all in very fresh condition.

13th May 2004

"Just a couple of recent sightings from Aylesbury - 2 **Emmelina monodactyla** on 11th, also a **Chocolate tip** - a new one for me here." **Dave Maunder**.

12th May 2004

"Last night was a better night for moths," says David Redhead, "as shown by the 21 species (including six new to UTB 2004 list taking it into 3 figures) and 40 moths found in my overnight moth trap."

Seraphim (6), Brimstone Moth (4), Nut-tree Tussock (3), Spruce Carpet (3), White-spotted Pug (3), Flame Shoulder (2), Muslin Moth (2), Red Twin-spot Carpet (2), Chocolate Tip, Flame Carpet, Green Carpet, Hebrew Character, Light Brocade, Lime Hawkmoth, Oak-tree Pug, Pebble Prominent, Peppered Moth, Small Phoenix, V Pug & Waved Umber.

Here's the promised moth report from Keith Mitchell: I ran moth traps in my garden on 6th and 8th May - only two days apart, but different species. The Scarce Prominent is a rarity in the North Bucks area, and may even constitute the first record for Milton Keynes?

6th May - 6 Hebrew Character; 1 Chocolate Tip; 1 Scarce Prominent (photo below); 1 Purple Thorn; 1 Garden Carpet; 1 Clouded Drab

and on 8th May - 2 Hebrew Character; 7 Swallow Prominent; 1 Pebble Prominent; 1 Brimstone.

As promised, here is my shot of Swallow Prominent and Lesser Swallow Prominent together (see report on 10th May) for comparison. Unfortunately I couldn't get them both to sit nicely together on the log - hence the screwdriver! Alastair Driver.

11th May 2004

Between 10 and 12 o'clock last night, Mick Campbell ran a moth trap in his Holmer Green garden. He recorded 9 species, one of them new to the UTB count: Brimstone (4), Nut-tree Tussock, Pale Prominent, Waved Umber, Garden Carpet, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Scalloped Hazel, Pine Beauty and Clouded Drab. Also 6 Cockchafers, one of which managed to find it's way into the house and emerged this evening from inside the printer!

10th May 2004

Moth trap results from David Redhead's garden in Oxon last night - not great numbers as it rained overnight here but three new species for me this year, two of which are new to the UTB 2004 list:

Yellow-barred Brindle (1), Chocolate Tip (5), Pebble Prominent (4), Brindled Beauty (1), Pale Prominent (1), Poplar Hawk moth (1) – (see photo), Scalloped Hook-tip (1), Small Phoenix (1), Swallow Prominent (1) & White-pinion Spotted (1). 10 species, 17 moths.

Alastair Driver managed to catch a few in the trap in his garden in Sonning last night despite the showers.

New for the year for me were **Red Twin-spot Carpet, Flame Shoulder, Swallow Prominent, Grey Pine Carpet and Lesser Swallow Prominent.** The latter was a first for my parish list and I've attempted to take pictures of it alongside the Swallow Prominent for comparison. I'll e-mail them through in due course if they're any good.

9th May 2004

Just received from David Redhead - This pair of **Muslin moths** were found mating on our doorstep by Wendy on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th May. Sorry about late reporting but I think they are a new species for the 2004 list. Running a moth trap tonight so may have some more new ones for you tomorrow.

"I wish I still had my old m.v. trap from years ago!" writes Dave Maunder from Aylesbury. A couple of moths found at his house lights last week: **Streamer** on the 5th and a **Garden Carpet** on the 7th.

Another of Peter Hall's regular moth lists from Ballinger on 03/05/04:

Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Angle Shades; Brindled Pug; Chestnut; Common Quaker; **Depressaria pastinacella (Parsnip)**; Least Black Arches; Nut-tree Tussock; Pebble Prominent; Twin-spotted Quaker; Water Carpet

8th May 2004

Another new moth attracted to David Fuller's low energy bulbs in his porch:

Yellow-barred Brindle new for my garden 8th May this moth has olive green colour, so must be mint as I understand they soon fade to yellow.

4th May 2004

Keith Mitchell's regular contributions from Stoke Goldington continue with the following recent records of moths attracted to his low energy fluorescent front door lights:

Garden Carpet; Powdered Quaker; Engrailed; Emmelina monodactyla; Twenty-plume

Keith also adds: I've finally got my Skinner Trap together, first night 2nd May:

13 Hebrew Character; 2 Waved Umber; 2 Brimstone; 2 Chestnut; 1 **Chinese Character**; 1 Early Grey; 2 Common Quaker; 1 Small Quaker; 2 Clouded Drab; 2 Streamer

3rd May 2004

Welcome to Alastair Driver, who is new to the website. Alistair is a keen conservationist and has sent in the following report:

I run a Robinson trap in my garden at Sonning and at Ali's Pond LNR in Sonning, which I manage in my spare time. I set the trap at Ali's Pond last night, 2nd May, and although I only caught 16 moths, these included 12 species of which 5 were firsts for the year: **Brimstone Moth, Least Black Arches, Nut-tree Tussock, Red-green Carpet and Scarce Tissue**. In addition, the Red-green Carpet was a first for the parish and the **Scarce Tissue** was a first for the LNR site. I've caught this in my garden a few times in recent years and with the two last night it seems like we have a reasonable meta-population in Sonning. (I note that this wasn't on your UTBC list for last year, so I thought this may be of particular interest).

News in from David Fuller today: I have had both **Pale Prominent** and a ***Plume Moth sp.** (pending confirmation of id) on my front door in Maidenhead for three days now. Last night a perfect specimen **Brimstone** moth occurred and this morning a **Scorched Wing**, all attracted by a new porch plus 2 new energy saving bulbs - it is certainly pulling in the moths. **[*The Plume moth has been confirmed as *Emmelina monodactyla* – 05/05/04.]**

Yesterday, 2nd May, Jan Haseler was in Whitchurch-on-Thames and was able to make a positive id on 3 daytime flying moths: Burnet Companion; Pyrausta Nigrata; Pyrausta Purpuralis.

I had struggled with *Pyrausta Nigrata* at The Holies the previous week, but was helped to an identification by two knowledgeable friends. Yesterday the 2 *Pyraustas* were flying together and perched quite cooperatively, which was very helpful to me for sorting them out.

Peter Hall recorded 25 species in his Ballinger garden on 26/04/04, adding 7 new species to the 2004 count:

Barred Hook-tip; Brindled Beauty; Brindled Pug; Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Double-striped Pug; Early Grey; Early Thorn; Frosted Green; Hebrew Character; Least Black Arches; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Lunar Marbled Brown; Nut-tree Tussock; Pine Beauty; Purple Thorn; Red-green Carpet; Scalloped Hook-tip; Small Quaker; Streamer; Water Carpet; Waved Umber and the following micros: Agonopterix arenella; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Emmelina monodactyla

1st May 2004

Otmoor Caterpillar Crawl & Moth Trap – 29th April. Thanks to David Redhead and Martin Townsend for a very successful and enjoyable evening, despite the cold and very damp conditions. The following species report was received from David:

The results of the moth trap which ran overnight were much as expected - **8 Hebrew Characters & 3 Powdered Quakers.**

The caterpillar species count was as follows - Brown Hairstreak, Meadow Brown, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Mottled Umber, Winter Moth, Drinker, Six-Striped or Square Spot Rustic, Green Pug, a Geometrid, a second Geometrid possibly Mottled Beauty. Photos below are of the Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing & Meadow Brown, by David Redhead (click for larger image):

Another species was added when **an adult Speckled Wood** was found roosting in the grass.

30th April 2004

Click here to see a selection of photographs from the **Common Wood, Penn**, moth trap held on 24th April. Thanks to Stan Armstrong for providing the photos.

Keith Mitchell writes that things have been slow on the moth front at home with nothing at the lights apart from a single **Angle Shades** on 27/04/04. "I'm awaiting delivery of a MV Bulb and choke which hopefully should liven things up a bit!"

28th April 2004

An email just received from Andrew Kershaw adds another species to this year's total and the first reported Hawk Moth of the season:

17 clouded drab; 11 hebrew character; early grey; emmelina monodactyla 4; common quaker; small quaker; mullein; swallow prominent **lime hawk moth**.

David Redhead has been running a series of moth traps in his garden this month and has sent the following reports, adding 12 new species to the annual count:

Ran another moth trap in my garden last night, 26th April, with a similar number of species of macro-moths to the previous night but several differences in actual species. I think the four highlighted are new to the UTB all-comers 2004 list:

16 species : Swallow Prominent (7), Clouded Drab (4), Common Quaker (2), **Small Phoenix** (1), Brindled Pug (1), **Oak-tree Pug** (1), **V Pug** (1), Seraphim (1), **Yellow-barred Brindle** (1), Pebble Prominent (1), Pale Prominent (1), Lunar Marbled Brown (1), Chocolate Tip (1), Hebrew Character (1), Early Grey (1), Nut-tree Tussock (1).

Last night, 25th April, I ran my fourth moth trap of the month in my garden and achieved the highest number of species to date. The 15 species were:

Clouded Drab (8), **Pebble Prominent** (5), Common Quaker (4), Hebrew Character (4), **Pale Prominent** (3), **Powdered Quaker** (3), Double-striped Pug (1), Streamer (1), **Seraphim** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1), **Chocolate Tip** (1), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (1), Oak Nycteoline (1), **Spectacle** (1) & Herald (1). All fairly common stuff although the Streamer was new to me and the Setaceous Hebrew Character is early - usually not out until May.

24th April 2004

On Friday 23rd April, a moth trap evening was held in Common Wood, Penn. A large group of 15-20 people came along, including local residents and members of WWG and UTB. Daytime temperatures had been very warm and this continued into a mild evening. Three traps were run and the following moths species were recorded, the beautiful and numerous Purple Thorns attracting much attention. Our thanks to Pat Morris of the Wycombe Wildlife Group and David Harris for organising this very successful event:

Agonopterix alstromeriana; Brindled Pug; Chestnut; Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Diurnia fagella; Double-striped pug; Early Thorn; **Early Tooth Striped**; Engrailed; **Eriocrania subpurpurella**; **Frosted Green**; Hebrew Character; **Lunar Marbled Brown**; Nut Tree Tussock; Purple Thorn; **Red Chestnut**; **Scarce Prominent**; **Semioscopis steinkelleriana**; Twin Spotted Quaker; **Water Carpet**

[Also a possible Mottled Pug – subject to confirmation once the photographs have been checked.] [Update - the Mottled Pug turned out to be a Brindled Pug – 28/4]

22nd April 2004

Andrew Kershaw says he's still only recording small moth numbers, but a much more interesting mix now. These are from his Longwick garden on 21/4, adding 3 new species to this year's count

5 Hebrew character; 4 clouded drab; 1 nut tree tussock; 1 **purple thorn**; 1 **mullein**; 1 **argyrotaenia ljugiana**; 1 **pyrausta purpuralis**.

17th April 2004

Here are some more records of moths attracted to Keith Mitchell's door light in the last two weeks:

Blossom Underwing 1 on 12th - a rare moth in the Milton Keynes area (3 previous records) – **see photo below**

Streamer 1 on 9th. Other moths: Common Quaker, Double-striped Pug, Early Grey, Early Thorn, Hebrew Character, Shoulder Stripe, Small Quaker, Emmelina monodactyla.

14th April 2004

David White ran a black MV Skinner trap for three hours last night, 12th April. Seven species in total and apart from the usual suspects had three additions to the yearly list viz. **Pale Mottled Willow, Oak Nycteoline and Nut-tree Tussock.**

David Redhead ran a moth trap in his garden overnight on 11th April - 18 Hebrew Character, 14 Common Quaker, 6 Clouded Drab, 1 each of **Brindled Beauty**, Early Thorn, Herald, Twin-spotted Quaker, Double-striped Pug, Pale Mottled Willow and Small Quaker = 10 species, 46 moths.

These moths recorded in Longwick on 9th April, by Andrew Kershaw:

clouded drab 11; hebrew character 10; common quaker 6; small quaker; **angle shades**; early grey 2; shoulder stripe; **red green carpet**; march moth 2; also by day 13/4 **pyrausta purpuralis**

An early sighting of **Pyrausta Aurata** which flew up out of the marjoram in Wendy Campbell's garden in Holmer Green today, 9th April.

11th April 2004

Latest records from Peter Hall's Ballinger garden from 8th April:

March Moth; Early Thorn; Oak Beauty; Engrailed; White-marked; Small Quaker; Common Quaker; Clouded Drab; Twin-spotted Quaker; Hebrew Character; Chestnut; Diurnia fagella

6th April 2004

Peter Hall recorded the following 12 moth species in his garden in Ballinger on 16th March:

March Moth (*Alsophila aescularia*); Shoulder Stripe (*Anticlea badiata*); Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*); Dotted Border (*Agriopis marginaria*); Engrailed (*Ectropis bistortata*); Small Quaker (*Orthosia cruda*); Common Quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*); Clouded Drab (*Orthosia incerta*); Twin-spotted Quaker (*Orthosia munda*); Hebrew Character (*Orthosia gothica*); Chestnut (*Conistra vaccinii*); *Agonopterix heracliana*

5th April 2004

Keith Mitchell reports two new moths for the year from his Stoke Goldington garden:

Brindled Pug on 29th March and **Twenty-plume** on 31st March.

1st April 2004

Longwick 31/3 – Andrew Kershaw reports things are starting to look up:

6 march moth, 5 common quaker, 2 early thorn, 2 oak beauty, **double striped pug**, shoulder stripe, emmelina monodactyla 12, diurnea fagella, twin spotted quaker, 6 hebrew character, 12 clouded drab, small quaker, 3 dotted border, **herald**, early grey, chestnut, **ypsolopha mucronella**.

31st March 2004

At *Whitecross Green Wood today* in the warm sunshine my wife and I saw three **Orange Underwings**. These were positive sightings as they all settled down on the grass and we were able to get within a couple of feet of them. **Tony Croft**.

30th March 2004

Mick Campbell reported seeing an **Orange Underwing** in Penn Woods, Bucks, today.

Another collection of moths recorded in Keith Mitchell's Stoke Goldington garden between 18th – 28th March:

Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Small Quaker; Dotted Border; **Early Grey** (at 1deg C on 24th!); **Early Thorn**; Grey Shoulder-knot; Hebrew Character; **Emmelina monodactyla**.

23rd March 2004

Tony Croft sent the following sighting in today: While on a working party at Whitecross Green Wood on Sunday 21st an orangey coloured moth was seen flying strongly. Becky Woodell thought it could be an **Orange Underwing**. No positive identification was possible but I thought you might be interested.

20th March 2004

Here are a couple more records from Keith Mitchell's Stoke Goldington garden:

Hebrew Character (1 on 17th); **Common Quaker** (1 on 17th); **Small Quaker** (1 on 17th); **Twin-spotted Quaker** (1 on 18th).

19th March 2004

The recent milder weather has seen a few more moths attracted to the light at Keith Mitchell's front door (Stoke Goldington):

March Moth - 1 on 11th; **Dotted Border** - 1 on 16th; **Common Quaker** - 4 on 16th; **Clouded Drab** - 2 on 16th

18th March 2004

Paul Bowyer ran his first moth trap of the year last night, 17th March, in his garden in Flackwell Heath. He caught **3 Common Quaker** moths.

Keith Mitchell sent the following: A few more records from the front door light at my home in Stoke Goldington: **Dotted Border** - 2 on 22nd Feb; **Early Moth** - 1 on 19th Feb; **March Moth** - 1 on 15th Feb, 2 on 4th March; **Shoulder-stripe** - 1 on 4th March

16th March 2004

Mick & Wendy Campbell tried a short moth trap this evening, although the sky was rather clear, and recorded 2 species:

Common Quaker; **Twin-Spotted Quaker**.

6th March 2004

Mark Calway was taking advantage of the mild spell and trapping in Shinfield, Berkshire last night. He recorded 8 species, 32 moths:

Diurnea flagella; **Agonopterix heracliiana**; **Tortricodes alternella**; **Alsophila aescularia** (**March Moth**); **Apocheima hispidaria** (**Small Brindled Beauty**); **Biston strataria** (**Oak Beauty**); **Agriopis marginaria** (**Dotted Border**); **Orthosia cruda** (**Small Quaker**)

I was particularly pleased with the Small Brindled Beauty. I have been looking out for it at this Shinfield site ever since I found a tatty dead specimen in a spider's web in 2001. The distribution is described as local.

15th February 2004

These records from Keith Mitchell's garden in Stoke Goldington (attracted to light):

Pale Brindled Beauty (on 4th and 11th Feb); **Early Moth** (1 on 11th Feb); **March Moth** (1 on 12th-14th Feb);

Dotted Border (1 on 14th Feb).

13th February 2004

Thanks to Mark Calway for the following summary list of moth species recorded in Berkshire so far this year (1st January 2004 to 12th February 2004). The figures are over 160 individuals of 19 species. The Berkshire Moth Group had its second meeting of the year last night, hence the curious period i.e. ending part way through a month:

Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple Moth), Tortricodes alternella, Acleris cristana, Acleris ferrugana/notana, Alsophila aescularia (March Moth), Operophtera brumata (Winter Moth); Apocheima pilosaria (Pale Brindled Beauty); Biston strataria (Oak Beauty); Agriopis leucophaearia (Spring Usher); Agriopis marginaria (Dotted Border); Erannis defoliaria (Mottled Umber); Ectropis bistortata (Engrailed); Theria primaria (Early Moth); Orthosia cerasi (Common Quaker); Orthosia gothica (Hebrew Character); Lithophane ornitopus lactipennis (Grey Shoulder-knot); Eupsilia transversa (Satellite); Conistra vaccinii (Chestnut); Conistra ligula (Dark Chestnut)

31st January 2004

Keith Mitchell sent in these January records from his garden in Stoke Goldington, Bucks:

Winter Moth (1 on 4th and 10th), **Pale Brindled Beauty** (1 on 11th and 22nd), **Early Moth** (2 on 22nd)

28th January 2004

Andrew Kershaw recorded the following two species at his home in Longwick, Bucks:

20/1 - **White shouldered house moth** and 21/1 - **Grey shoulder knot**

26th January 2004

The first moth records for the year received today from Peter Hall in Ballinger:

Mottled Umber - 4/1/04 and **Plodia interpunctella** – 10/1/04

TOTAL SPECIES RECORDED IN 2004:

480

(Total was 359 in 2003)

(most recent additions in lavender)

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer)

Acleris cristana

Acleris ferrugana/notana

Acleris forsskaleana

Acleris hastiana

Acleris holmiana

Acleris laterana

Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix)

Agapeta hamana

Agapeta zoegana

Aglossa pinguinalis

Agonopterix alstromeriana

Agonopterix arenella

Agonopterix heracliiana

Agriphila geniculea

Agriphila straminella

Agriphila tristella

Alder Moth

Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume)

Ancylis badiana

Angle shades

Anthophila fabriciana

Apotomis turbidana

Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Archips xylosteana (Variegated Golden Tortrix)

Argyresthia trifasciata

Argyrotaenia Ljungiana

Barred Hook-tip

Barred Red

Barred Sallow

Barred Straw

Barred Umber

Barred Yellow

Batia lunaris

Batia unitella

Beaded Chestnut

Beautiful Golden Y

Beautiful Hook-tip

Bee Moth (Aphomia sociella)

Belted Clearwing

Bird's Wing

Black Arches

Black Rustic

Blair's Shoulder-knot

Blastobasis decolorella

Blastobasis lignea

Blood-vein

Blossom Underwing

Blotched Emerald

Bordered Beauty

Brick

Bright-line Brown-eye

Brimstone

Brindled Beauty

Brindled Green

Brindled Pug

Broad-barred White

Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing

Broken-barred Carpet

Broom Moth

Brown Rustic

Brown Silver-line

Brown-line Bright-eye

Brown-spot Pinion

Buff Arches

Buff Ermine

Buff Footman

Buff-tip

Bulrush Wainscot

Burnet Companion

Burnished Brass

Cabbage

Caloptilia alchimiella

Caloptilia stigmatella

Cameraria ohridella leaf miner

Campion

Canary-shouldered Thorn

Carcina quercana

Carnation tortrix

Cataclysta Lemnata (Small China-mark)

Catoptria falsella

Catoptria pinella

Celypha lacunana

Celypha striana

Centre-barred Sallow

Chestnut (*Conistra vaccinii*)

Chinese Character

Chocolate Tip

Chrysoteuchia culmella

Cinnabar

Clay

Clay Triple-lines

Cloaked Minor

Clouded Border

Clouded Brindle

Clouded Drab

Clouded Silver

Clouded-bordered Brindle

Common Carpet

Common Emerald

Common Footman

Common Heath

Common Marbled Carpet

Common Pug

Common Quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*)

Common Rustic

Common Swift

Common Wainscot

Common Wave

Common White Wave

Conobathra repandana

Copper Underwing

Coronet

Coxcomb Prominent

Crambus lathionellus

Crambus pascuella

Crambus perlella

Cream Wave

Crescent

Cydia pomonella (Codling)

Cydia splendana

Dark Arches

Dark Chestnut (Conistra ligula)

Dark Umber

Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet

December Moth

Deep-brown Dart

Depressaria pastinacella (Parsnip)

Dingy Footman

Dingy Shears

Dioryctria abietella

Ditula angustiorana (Red-barred Tortrix)

Diurnia fagella

Donacaula forficella

Dot moth

Dotted Border (Agriopsis marginaria)

Dotted chestnut (16th April)

Double Kidney

Double lobed

Double Square-spot

Double striped pug

Drab Looper

Drinker

Dun-bar

Dusky Brocade

Dusky Sallow

Dusky Thorn

Dwarf cream wave

Eana incanana

Ear Moth

Early Grey

Early Moth (Theria primaria)

Early Thorn

Early Tooth Striped

Elephant Hawk

Emmelina monodactyla

Endotricha flammealis

Endrosis sarcitrella (White-shouldered House)

Engrailed (Ectropis bistortata)

Epiblema cynosbatella

Epiblema roborana

Epiblema uddmanniana (Bramble Shoot)

Epinotia brunnichana

Epinotia immundana

Epinotia nisella

Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple)

Eriocrania subpurpurella

Eublemma purpurina

Eucosma cana

Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie)

Euzophera pinguis

Eyed Hawk moth

Fan-foot (Zanclognatha tarsipennalis)

Feathered Gothic

Feathered Thorn

Fern

Figure of Eight

Figure of Eighty

Flame

Flame Carpet

Flame Shoulder

Flounced Rustic

Foxglove Pug

Frosted Green

Frosted Orange

Galleria mellonella (Wax)

Garden Carpet

Garden Pebble

Ghost Moth

Gold Spot

Gold Swift

Gothic

Grapholita jungiella

Grass emerald

Grass Rivulet

Great Prominent

Green Arches

Green Carpet

Green pug

Green Silver-lines

Grey arches

Grey Birch

Grey Dagger

Grey Pine Carpet

Grey Pug

Grey Shoulder-knot (*Lithophane ornitopus lactipennis*)

Gypsonoma dealbana

Haworth's Pug

Heart & Club

Heart & Dart

Hebrew Character (*Orthosia gothica*)

Hedge Rustic

Hedya nubiferana

Hedya pruniana

Herald

Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House Moth)

Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle)

Incurvaria masculella

Ingrailed Clay

Iron Prominent

July Highflyer

Juniper pug

Knot Grass

Lackey

Large Nutmeg

Large Ranunculus

Large Twin-spot Carpet

Large Wainscot

Large Yellow Underwing

Latticed Heath

Lead-coloured Drab

Least Black Arches

Least Carpet

Least Yellow Underwing

Leopard

Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing

Lesser Swallow Prominent

Lesser Treble-bar

Lesser Yellow Underwing

Lesser-spotted Pinion

Light Arches

Light Brocade

Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*)

Light Emerald

Lime Hawk Moth

Lime-speck Pug

Little Emerald

Lobster

Lozotaenia forsterana

Lozotaeniodes formosanus

Lunar Marbled Brown

Lunar Spotted Pinion

Lunar Underwing

Lychnis

Lyonetia clerkella (Apple Leaf Miner)

Magpie

Maiden's Blush

Maple Prominent

Marbled Beauty

Marbled Brown

Marbled Minor

March Moth (Alsophila aescularia)

May Highflier

Meal Moth (Pyralis farinalis)

Middle-barred Minor

Miller

Mompha subbistrigella

Morphaga choragella

Mother Shipton

Mottled Beauty

Mottled pug

Mottled Rustic

Mottled Umber (Erannis defoliaria)

Mouse Moth

Mullein

Muslin Moth

Nematopogon schwarziellus

Nemophora degeerella

Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer)

November moth

Nutmeg

Nut-tree Tussock

Oak Beauty (Biston strataria)

Oak Hook-tip

Oak Nycteoline

Oak-tree Pug

Obscure Wainscot (confirmed id)

Old Lady moth

Olive

Oncocera semirubella

Orange Footman

Orange Sallow

Orange Swift

Orange Underwing

Orthophygia glaucinalis

Pale Brindled Beauty (Apocheima pilosaria)

Pale Eggar

Pale Mottled Willow

Pale November

Pale Oak Beauty

Pale Pinion

Pale Prominent

Pale Tussock

Pale-shouldered Brocade

Pammene fasciana

Pandemis cerasana (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Parapoinx stagnata (Beautiful China-mark)

Parapoinx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark)

Pebble Hook-tip

Pebble Prominent

Peppered Moth

Perinephela lancealis

Phlyctaenia coronata

Phlyctaenia perlucidalis

Phoenix

Phtheochroa rugosana

Phycita roborella

Phycitodes binaevella

Phyllonorycter acerifoliella

Pine Beauty

Pine Carpet

Pine Hawk Moth

Pinion-streaked Snout

Pink-barred Sallow

Plain Golden Y

Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl)

Plodia interpunctella

Plutella porrectella

Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back)

Poplar Grey

Poplar Hawk moth

Poplar Kitten

Powdered Quaker

Prays fraxinella (Ash Bud)

Privet Hawk

Pseudargyrotoza conwagana

Ptycholomoides aeriferanus

Purple Bar

Purple Clay

Purple Thorn

Puss Moth

Pyrausta Aurata

Pyrausta Nigrata

Pyrausta Purpuralis

Red Chestnut

Red Twin-spot Carpet

Red Underwing

Red-green carpet

Red-line Quaker

Red-tipped Clearwing

Rhopobota naevana (Holly Tortrix)

Riband wave

Rosy Footman

Rosy Rustic

Round-winged Muslin

Ruby Tiger

Rufous Minor

Rustic

Rustic Shoulder-knot

Sallow

Sallow Kitten

Sandy Carpet

Satellite

Satin Beauty

Satyr Pug

Scalloped Hazel

Scalloped Hook-tip

Scalloped Oak

Scarce Footman

Scarce Prominent

Scarce Silver-lines

Scarce Tissue

Scarlet Tiger

Scoparia ambigualis

Scoparia Pyralella.

Scorched Carpet

Scorched Wing

Semioscopis steinkelleriana

September Thorn

Seraphim

Setaceous Hebrew Character

Shaded broad-bar

Shark

Shears

Short-cloaked Moth

Shoulder-stripe

Shoulder-striped Wainscot

Shuttle-shaped Dart

Silver Hook

Silver-ground Carpet

Silver-y

Single-dotted Wave

Six-spot Burnet

Six-striped Rustic

Slender Brindle

Small Angle Shades

Small Blood-vein

Small Brindled Beauty (*Apocheima hispidaria*)

Small Clouded Brindle

Small Dotted Buff

Small Dusty Wave

Small Elephant Hawk Moth

Small Emerald

Small Fan-foot

Small Fan-footed Wave

Small Mottled Willow

Small Phoenix

Small Quaker (*Orthosia cruda*)

Small Rivulet

Small Scallop

Small Seraphim

Small Square-spot

Small Wainscot

Small Waved Umber

Small White Wave

Small Yellow Underwing

Small Yellow Wave

Smoky Wainscot

Snout

Southern Wainscot

Spectacle

Spilonota ocellana (Bud)

Sprawler

Spring Usher (Agriopsis leucophaearia)

Spruce Carpet

Square Spot Rustic

Straw Dot

Straw Underwing

Streamer

Svensson's Copper Underwing

Swallow Prominent

Swallow-tailed Moth

Sycamore

Tawny Speckled Pug

Tawny-barred Angle

Thistle ermine

Tinea semifulvella

Tinea trinotella

Toadflax Pug

Tortricodes alternella

Tortrix viridana (Green Oak Tortrix)

Trachycera advenella

Treble Bar

Treble brown spot

Treble Lines

Turnip Moth

Twin-Spotted Quaker

Udea lutealis

Udea olivalis

Udea prunalis

Uncertain

Vapourer

Varied Coronet

Vine's Rustic

V-Pug

Water Carpet

Waved Black

Waved Umber

White Ermine

White plume (*Pterophorus pentadactyla*)

White Satin Moth

White-marked

White-pinion Spotted

White-spotted Pug

Willow Beauty

Winter Moth (*Operophtera brumata*)

Wood Tiger

Yellow legged Clearwing

Yellow Shell

Yellow-barred Brindle

Yellow-line Quaker

Yellow-tail

Yponomeuta evonymella (Bird-cherry Ermine)

Yponomeuta padella (Orchard Ermine)

Ypsolopha dentella (Honeysuckle)

Ypsolopha mucronella

Ypsolopha parenthesesella