

# Butterfly Conservation Upper Thames Branch

## Moth Sightings Archive - July to December 2011

**MOTH SPECIES COUNT FOR 2011 AS AT 12/04/12 = 1,058**

~ A roundup of the last moth reports for 2011 ~

*On 2nd April Peter Hall sent the following additions to the 2011 Species List:*

**Cosmiotes freyerella** *Water Stratford April 21st*

**Cydia strobilella, Ocnerostoma friesei, Phyllonorycter cerasicolella** (first adult)

**Dancersend** *April 23rd*

**Glyphipterix fuscoviridella** *Wendover May 20th*

**Parornix fagivora, Stigmella lapponica** *Hodgemoor Wood May 6th*

**Epinotia fraternana** *Hodgemoor wood June 14th.*

*27th Feb 2012 - Peter Hall sent this addition to the 2011 Species List:*

**Dichrorampha sedatana** *Turville Heath June 11th 2011* County first.

*18th Feb 2012 - Another batch of moths new to the 2011 Species List, received from Peter Hall after inspection under his microscope:*

**Bohemannia auriciliella** *Hodgemoor Wood July 2nd 2011.* 6th UK record and 1st Bucks record.

**Depressaria douglasella** *Ivinghoe Hills July 3rd 2011*

**Eucosma fulvana** *Ivinghoe Hills July 3rd 2011*

**Sorhagenia lophyrella** *Ivinghoe Hills July 3rd 2011* County first

**Depressaria pulcherrimella** *Ivinghoe Hills July 31st 2011*

**Pimpinel Pug** *Ivinghoe Hills July 31st 2011*

**Agonopterix conterminella** *Wendover Woods August 22nd 2011*

**Dichrorampha simpliciana** *Wendover Woods August 22nd 2011.*

*9th Jan 2012 - Andy King sent the following:* "Peter Hall has just identified a moth that was caught in 2011: I found this one on the slopes of **Ivinghoe Beacon, Bucks on 14 May:** a tiny nepticulid, called **Stephensia brunnicella**. Not only would it be new for your 2011 list but, rather pleasingly, also for the All-time UTB list. My thanks are due once again to Peter."

*7th Jan 2012 - Adam Bassett reported the following:* "Many thanks to Peter Hall for using his dissection skills to confirm another batch of moths from earlier in 2011. Due to the large number of species already recorded, only 1 of these was new for the year, which surprisingly is **Merrifieldia baliodactyla** on **25th July** from my garden (**Marlow Bottom, Bucks**)."

*7th Jan 2012 - Dave Wilton sent his final moth additions for 2011:* "As of 5th January my "mothing account" for 2012 has yet to be opened, but Peter Hall recently completed the last dissections for me for 2011 so the following moth species from sites in Bucks can now be added to last year's list: **Small Rufous** (**Greatmoor 28th July**), **Acrocercops brongniardella** (**Bernwood 8th Sept**), **Anacampsis populella** (**Bernwood 3rd Oct**), **Aroga velocella** (**Rammamere 24th Aug**, county first), **Bryotropha similis** (**Westcott 31st July**), **Bucculatrix cristatella** (**Rammamere 9th Sept**), **Caloptilia robustella** (**Bernwood 1st Aug**), **Caloptilia rufipennella** (**Westcott 31st July**), **Calybites phasianipennella** (**Doddershall 12th**

Oct, county first), **Caryocolum tricolorella** (Bernwood 1st Aug), **Coleophora sternipennella** (Westcott 31st July), **Dioryctria abietella** (Whitecross Green 12th Aug), **Ectoedemia atrifrontella** (Bernwood 10th Aug), **Emmetia angusticollis** (Whitecross Green 12th Aug), **Eudonia truncicolella** (Bernwood 17th Aug), **Gelechia senticetella** (Westcott 28th July), **Gynnidomorpha alismana** (Greatmoor 28th July, county first), **Pammene populana** (Westcott 23rd Aug), **Ptocheuusa paupella** (Calvert 3rd Sept, county first), **Rhopobota stagnana** (near Princes Risborough 2nd Aug), **Scrobipalpa obsoletella** (Greatmoor 28th July, county first) & **Stigmella roborella** (Bernwood 1st Aug). Thankyou Peter!"

**3rd Jan 2012 - Chris Bottrell sent this December update:** "Completing the year, my December round-up. 8 sessions in my **Merton (Oxon)** back garden: 03/12 - 5 moths of 3 species, 07/12 - 2 of 2, 10/12 - 1 of 1, 15/12 - 1 of 1, 18/12 - nothing, 21/12 - 6 of 3, 26/12 - 1 of 1 and 31/12 - nothing. A total of only 16 moths of 4 species: December Moth (5), Mottled Umber (2), Winter Moth (6), Dark Chestnut (3)."

**2nd Jan 2012 - this roundup of moths for 2011 came from Nigel Partridge:** "My last moth record for 2011 is not a new one for the list but an unusual one for the time of year. A Large Nutmeg was the only moth attracted to our outside lights in **Loosley Row, Bucks** on **New Year's Eve**. Given that it's normal flight-time is mid May to late July it caused a certain amount of head-scratching. Thanks to Peter Hall for confirming the ID."

~ **Saturday 31st December 2011** ~

**Ross Newham sent the following on 29th December:** "Comparing my 2011 catch list for **Didcot, Oxon** with the 1000+ species caught by others, I note **Buttoned Snout** isn't on the UTB catch list. Caught on the **17th May**, this specimen (see below) looked more than a little ragged around the edges...! Here's hoping that 2012 will continue in the run of 'record years'."



Buttoned Snout  
Photo © Ross Newham

~ **Monday 26th December 2011** ~

**Dave Wilton sent this report:** "The recent mild nights tempted me out with the trap and I got a "fix" of moths that will hopefully now last me into the New Year! In a few hours at **Finemere Wood, Bucks** on **21st December** the Robinson caught **Ypsolopha ustella** (1), **Acleris ferrugana/notana** (1), December Moth (55, including 5 females), Winter Moth (55), Feathered Thorn (1), Mottled Umber (24) & Chestnut (5). The actinic in the garden at **Westcott** that night only produced five moths, comprising December Moth (2), Winter Moth (1), Satellite (1) & Dark Chestnut (1). Another outing with the Robinson, this time to **Shabbington Wood in Bernwood Forest** on **22nd December** brought in **Acleris ferrugana/notana** (1), December Moth

(37, all males), Red-green Carpet (1), Winter Moth (10), Pale Brindled Beauty (1), Feathered Thorn (1), Mottled Umber (31) & Chestnut (5). It was certainly nice to see so many December Moths over the two evenings although I was a little disappointed not to find any Northern Winters.

New moth species continue to filter through from earlier in the year, thanks to Peter Hall's microscope, and the following can now be added to the UTB total: **Maple Pug** (*Bernwood Forest 19th July*), **Plain Pug** (*Westcott 25th July*), **Chionodes fumatella** (*Westcott 26th July*, new to Bucks), **Cnephasia pumicana** (*Water Stratford 26th July*), **Coleophora hemerobiella** (*Doddershall 20th July*), **Coleophora lineolea** (*Pilch Fields 27th July*), **Coleophora therinella** (*Westcott 26th July*, new to Bucks), **Elegia similella**, **Epinotia abbreviana**, **Monochroa cytisella** (*all Rammamere Heath 11th July*), **Nemapogon ruricolella** (*Stoke Common 15th July*), **Neofriseria singula** (*Rammamere Heath 11th July*, new to Bucks), **Scrobipalpa atriplicella** (*Pilch Fields 27th July*) & **Swammerdamia pyrella** (*Doddershall 20th July*)."

*Olly Bevan reported the following via Jim Asher:* "So far I have set my moth trap twice through autumn. The first time I caught: 2 Yellow-line Quaker moths (both male), and a female Silver Y. This was on the **29th October** in the village of *Haddenham near Aylesbury, Bucks*. The second time I caught: A female Large Wainscot and a male Silver Y. These were again in Haddenham on the 12th November."

*Andy King sent the following:* "I haven't been able to find anything that somebody else hasn't already sent you for ages, but here are two more for you. On **22nd October at Burnham Beeches, Bucks** there was a vacated leaf-mine of **Stigmella ruficapitella** in an Oak leaf. Nothing much to look at, I'm afraid, but the accompanying photograph is of a blotch-mine with an oval hole beside which was made by **Antispila treitschkiella**. We know this because the hole was 4mm long. The material from the hole was used to make a case for the larva, which can also be seen in the photo. I think the larva is supposed to drop to the ground for the winter; I don't know why it hasn't. The Antispila was found on Dogwood on *Bacombe Hill, Bucks on 9 November*. Neither of these species appears to be on the UTB all-time list."



Antispila treitschkiella  
Photo © Andy King

~ Sunday 11th December 2011 ~

*Peter Hall has been checking some more micros under the microscope:* "These were trapped earlier in the year and are new to this year's UTB list:

**Vitula biviella** *Hodgemoor Wood August 3rd*

**Oegoconia deauratella**, **Coleophora saxicolella** *Ballinger Common August 12th*

**Depressaria sordidatella**, **Blastodacna atra** *Ballinger Common August 1st*

**Cnephasia genitalana** *Bernwood Forest August 10th*

**Coleophora spinella** *Wendover Woods August 2nd.*"

**Dave Wilton reported the following:** "During the second half of November my overnight catches in the garden at *Westcott, Bucks* fell away quickly to just a handful of moths from perhaps two or three species. The only noteworthy item was on *17th November* when a rather late Lesser Yellow Underwing came to the trap. A session with one MV lamp in nearby *Finemere Wood on 26th November* was reasonably productive, though, bringing in *Acleris ferrugana/notana* (9), December Moth (18), Winter Moth (14), Feathered Thorn (16), Scarce Umber (8), Mottled Umber (2) & Brick (1). The temperature remained in double figures that evening and the interior of the wood was sheltered from the very strong SW wind. Whilst searching roadside hedgerows near the *East Claydon* electricity sub-station on *15th November* I found a couple of vacated leafmines of **Stigmella catharticella** on buckthorn. The species appears to be a new addition to the all-time UTB list."

~ **Saturday 3rd December 2011** ~

**Chris Bottrell sent this report on 1st December:** "Here is my *November* round up. 9 sessions in my *Merton (Oxon)* back garden: 02/11 - 9 moths of 7 species, 05/11 - 3 of 3, 09/11 - 5 of 3, 12/11 - 10 of 5, 16/11 - 1 of 1, 19/11 - 2 of 2, 23/11 - 0 of 0, 28/11 - 2 of 2 and 30/11 - 1 of 1. A total of 33 moths of 15 species: Rusty Dot Pearl (*Udea ferrugalis*)(3), December Moth (1), November Moth sp (2), Winter Moth (1), Feathered Thorn (3), Scarce Umber (3), The Vapourer (1), Turnip Moth (1), Sprawler (8), Blair's Shoulder-knot (2), Green-Brindled Crescent (1), Dark Chestnut (2), Yellow-line Quaker (3), Beaded Chestnut (1) and Dark Arches (1 on 28/11)."



December Moth  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



*Udea ferrugalis*  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Scarce Umber  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Peter Hall reported the following on 27th November:** "I've been looking at a few of the micros I trapped earlier in the year under the microscope. New to the UTB list are:

**Stenolechia gemmella** *Hodgemoor Wood September 9th*

**Depressaria badiella** *Calvert Jubilee September 3rd*

**Parectopa ononidis** *Stoke Common September 2nd*

**Stigmella trimaculella (first adult)** *Stoke Common September 2nd*

**Acleris literana** *Hodgemoor Wood September 29th*

**Ectoedemia septembrella** *Hodgemoor Wood August 3rd*

**Caryocolum fraternella** *Ballinger Common August 1st.*"

**Dave Maunder sent the following update of his recent moth sightings in Aylesbury:** "Sprawler (1, 20th); December moth (1, 17th); Satellite moths (2, 22nd); Mottled Umber (1, 22nd); Scarce Ummers (2, 22nd); Feathered Thorns (9); Blair's

Shoulder-knots (2, 16th); Red-line Quakers (3); Chestnut Moth (1); Green-brindled Crescent (1, 15th); Winter Moths (34). Also in my garden trap on **20th November**:- Dark Chestnut (1); Chestnut moths (2) and Diamond-back moth (1). On **22nd November** I had:- Chestnut moth (1), Scarce Umber (1) and Double-striped Pug (1)."



Mottled Umber  
Photo © Dave Maunder

~ Wednesday 23rd November 2011 ~

**Adam Bassett sent the following update:** "Here's one from the summer that I forgot to send over and appears to be missing from the year list: **Nemapogon clematella** trapped in my garden in **Marlow Bottom, Bucks** on **20th August**."

~ Tuesday 15th November 2011 ~

**Will Atkinson sent this report:** "Here are my moth trappings from my garden in **Culham, Oxon** on Saturday night, **13th November**: 1 Feathered Thorn, 1 Sprawler, 1 Red-line Quaker and 1 Dark Chestnut."



Feathered Thorn  
Photo © Will Atkinson

**Dave Wilton reported the following:** "On **9th November** a trapping visit to **Homefield Wood, Bucks** produced **Plumed Prominent** (2 males), along with *Caloptilia semifascia*, *Blastobasis adustella*, *Acleris sparsana*, Red-green Carpet, Spruce Carpet, November Moth, Pale November Moth, Feathered Thorn, Willow Beauty, Satellite, Brick & Yellow-line Quaker. On **10th November** a visit with Martin Albertini to private woodland near **Skirmett** produced another five male Plumed Prominents. Now is the time to look for this nationally scarce species within areas of field maple in the Chilterns. Although reputed to fly from dusk, on these two occasions the moths didn't start to appear at the traps until between 6.30 and 7pm."



Plumed Prominent  
Photo © Dave Wilton

~ Saturday 5th November 2011 ~

**Dave Wilton sent the following update:** "The garden trap here at **Westcott, Bucks** has been averaging about a dozen species each session over the past week. For example, on **3rd November** I got *Blastobasis lacticolella* (1), *Emmelina monodactyla* (1), Red-green Carpet (4), V-Pug (1, a fresh female), Feathered Thorn (11), Dark Sword-grass (1), Black Rustic (1), Sprawler (4), Chestnut (3), Brick (1), Red-line Quaker (2), Yellow-line Quaker (2) & Beaded Chestnut (1). On **4th November** there were exactly the same number of species but half had changed, the new ones being *Acleris variegana* (1), November Moth (1), Winter Moth (4), **Scarce Umber** (2), Green-brindled Crescent (1) & Blair's Shoulder-knot (1). Other species records so far this month at Westcott have included *Agonopterix heracliata*, *Agonopterix arenella* & Dark Chestnut (**all 1st November**) and Large Wainscot (**2nd November**, a fresh specimen dusted with dark scales). At **Finemere Wood on 1st November** were *Diurnea lipsiella*, *Acleris emargana*, Pale November Moth, Autumnal Moth, Figure of Eight, Merveille du Jour & Satellite, while at **Homefield Wood on 4th November** I saw my first December Moth of the season and found a leaf-mine of ***Stigmella aceris*** on field maple.



V-Pug  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Large Wainscot  
Photo © Dave Wilton

I have also had another batch of results from "The Great Lens of Ballinger", identifying some difficult moths caught in Bucks during June and July this year. New to the UTB list are: **Dusky Brocade** (**Rammamere Heath 20th June**), **Grey Dagger** (**Rammamere Heath 20th June**), ***Aethes cnicana*** (**Finemere 10th July**), ***Agonopterix angelicella*** (**Greatmoor 3rd July**), ***Agriphila inquinatella*** (**Rammamere Heath 20th June**), ***Amblyptilia punctidactyla*** (**Bernwood 18th June**), ***Batrachedra pinicolella*** (**Rammamere Heath 20th June**), ***Biselachista utonella*** (**nr Stowe 26th June**), ***Bryotropha senectella*** (**Bernwood 4th July**), ***Cnephasia longana*** (**Gallowsbridge Farm 20th June**), ***Coleophora deauratella*** (**Bernwood 4th July**), ***Coleophora ibipennella*** (**Bernwood 9th July**), ***Coleophora lutipennella*** (**Greatmoor 3rd July**), ***Coleophora paripennella*** (**nr Stowe 26th June**), ***Coleophora prunifoliae*** (**nr Tingewick 28th June**), ***Coleophora taeniipennella*** (**Whitecross Green 7th July**), ***Ectoedemia longicaudella*** (**Bernwood 4th July**), ***Elachista adscitella*** (**nr Stowe 26th June**), ***Elachista atricomella*** (**Bernwood 9th July**), ***Elachista luticomella*** (**nr Stowe 26th June**), ***Gelechia nigra*** (**Finemere 10th July**), ***Glyphipterix forsterella*** (**Bernwood 9th July**), ***Grapholita funebrana*** (**Whitecross Green 7th July**), ***Narycia***

**duplicella** (nr **Tingewick 28th June**), **Piniphila bifasciana** (nr **Stowe 26th June**), **Platyptilia pallidactyla** (**Westcott 25th June**), **Rhyacionia pinicolana** (**Whitecross Green 7th July**) & **Syncopacma larseniella** (**Bernwood 4th July**). Once again, many thanks to Peter Hall for all his hard work."

**Chris Bottrell sent this update:** "My October round up. 9 sessions in my **Merton (Oxon)** back garden: **01/10** - 203 moths of 18 species, **05/10** - 19 of 6, **08/10** - 37 of 16, **12/10** - 18 of 9, **15/10** - 8 of 5, **19/10** - 0 of 0, **22/10** - 11 of 8, **26/10** - 10 of 8, **29/10** - 7 of 6. Reflecting the warm start to the month and the cold mid-month spell. A total of 313 individuals comprising 37 species: **Blastobasis lacticolella** (1), **Acleris sparsana** (2), **Rhomboid Tortrix (Acleris rhombana)**(2), **Garden Rose Tortrix (Acleris variegana)** (1), **Eudonia angustea** (1), **Mallow** (4), **Common Marbled Carpet** (1), **Grey Pine Carpet** (2), **Spruce Carpet** (1), **November Moth sp** (2), **Feathered Thorn** (1), **Willow Beauty** (1), **Turnip Moth** (2), **Shuttle-shaped Dart** (7), **Large Yellow Underwing** (6), **Lesser Yellow Underwing** (8), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (1), **Square-spot Rustic** (2), **Common Wainscot** (1), **Sprawler** (1), **Deep-brown Dart** (7), **Black Rustic** (14), **Blair's Shoulder-knot** (4), **Green-brindled Crescent** (1), **Satellite** (2), **Dark Chestnut** (1), **Brick** (1), **Red-line Quaker** (3), **Yellow-line Quaker** (3), **Brown-spot Pinion** (5), **Beaded Chestnut** (177), **Lunar Underwing** (31), **Barred Sallow** (3), **Sallow** (3), **Large Wainscot** (2), **Pale Mottled Willow** (8) and **Oak Nycteoline** (1). Out and about **The Vapourer** males in abundance along the centre bridleway at **RSPB Otmoor (Oxon) 02/10** and an individual found at **Stratfield Brake (Oxon) 12/10**. Also during the cool mid-month period **Twenty-plume Moth (Alucita hexadactyla)**(1), **Agonopterix heracliata** (1), **Amblyptilia acanthadactyla** (1) and **Emmelina monodactyla** (2) in the cottage presumably thinking of over-wintering."

**Ched George reported the following:** "My first December moth of the year here in **Radnage, Bucks on 30th October**, plus 2 **Sprawlers**."

~ **Saturday 29th October 2011** ~

**Dave Wilton sent this update on 27th October:** "The numbers of moths entering the garden actinic trap at **Westcott, Bucks** have continued to decline apart from on **21st October** when I got a respectable 68 individuals of 20 species: **Udea ferrugalis** (1), **Emmelina monodactyla** (1), **Red-green Carpet** (1), **November Moth sp** (1 female), **Feathered Thorn** (1), **Large Yellow Underwing** (3), **Black Rustic** (2), **Green-brindled Crescent** (8), **Merveille du Jour** (2), **Satellite** (1), **Chestnut** (1), **Dark Chestnut** (2), **Red-line Quaker** (8), **Yellow-line Quaker** (10), **Beaded Chestnut** (15), **Pink-barred Sallow** (1), **Sallow** (7), **Dusky-lemon Sallow** (1), **Rosy Rustic** (1) & **Large Wainscot** (1). I ran the trap again the following night and in a much smaller catch of 33 individuals of 14 species got **Blastobasis lacticolella**, **Figure of Eight**, **Sprawler**, **Brick** & **Angle Shades**, so there is still a bit of variety out there. A visit to a private wood near **Stowe, Bucks on 23rd October** produced **Autumnal Moth** which is one of the few macros left to be added to this year's list. The **Bucks Invertebrate Group** held a very successful leaf-mining afternoon in **Burnham Beeches on 22nd October**. Amongst the species found were **Ectoedemia atricollis** (on hawthorn), **Phyllonorycter cerasicolella** (on cherry), **Phyllonorycter esperella** (on hornbeam), **Stigmella hemargyrella** (on beech) & **Stigmella speciosa** (on sycamore) which are still new to the UTB list. I spent an afternoon out "tetrad bashing" for leaf mines in the area around **Kingswood and Ludgershall, Bucks on 25th October** and amongst the 26 species found were **Ectoedemia argyropeza** (on aspen), **Phyllonorycter oxyacanthae** (on hawthorn), **Phyllonorycter tristrigella** (on elm), **Stigmella anomalella** (on dog rose), **Stigmella crataegella** (on hawthorn), **Stigmella trimaculella** (on black poplar) & **Stigmella viscerella** (on elm), while at a

farm near [Tingewick on 26th October](#) I added **Phyllonorycter geniculella** (on sycamore)."

[Ched George sent this report on 24th October](#): "I had my first two Feathered Thorns of 2011 here in [Radnage, Bucks on 23rd October](#)."

[David Redhead sent the following reports](#): "A mild night on [Saturday 22nd October](#) resulted in the highest number of moths (24 macros & 1 micro) in my overnight garden moth trap in [Littlemore, Oxon](#) since 2nd October - 5 November moth spp, 4 Green-brindled Crescent, 4 Large Wainscot (now, for the first time, in my top 30 garden moths for the year), 4 Sallow (all very faded) and singletons of Blairs' Shoulder-knot, Brick (first of the year for my garden), Common Marbled Carpet, Large Yellow Underwing, Spruce Carpet, Vine's Rustic (so late I decided I had better check its underwings - this species has also had its best ever year in my garden) & Yellow-line Quaker, plus a late *Acleris variegana* (Garden Rose Tortrix).

[Monday 24th October](#) - Normally at this time of year I would leave it at least a week before running my garden moth trap again. However, the recent southerly winds prompted me to put it out again just two nights later in the hope of catching a migrant or two. I was disappointed to notice heavy rain at about 10.30pm but I don't think it lasted too long. I failed in my quest but was amazed to find 11 Large Wainscots inside the trap in the morning. This makes my cumulative total for this species 47 and makes it currently the 23rd most numerous moth in my garden in 2011. I suspect before it is finished it will make the top 20. Also present 4 November Moth spp, 3 Red-green Carpets, 2 Green-brindled Crescents and singletons of Red-line Quaker, Yellow-line Quaker and Sprawler (my first of the year)."

~ **Sunday 23rd October 2011** ~

[Dennis Dell sent the following sighting](#): "Yesterday, [22nd October](#), a Silver-Y moth appeared in my garden in [Aylesbury, Bucks](#) landing briefly to nectar, flying off and then returning a few minutes later."

[Will Atkinson sent the following report on 22nd October](#): "Here are my moth trappings for the last two Fridays from my garden in [Culham, Oxon](#):

[Friday 15th October](#) - Merveille du Jour 2, Black Rustic 3, Green-brindled Crescent 2 (1 pale, 1 melanic), November moth sp. 2, Common Wainscot 1, Large Wainscot 2, Chestnut 1, Shuttle-shaped Dart 1, Beaded Chestnut 2.

[Friday 22nd October](#) - November Moth sp. 9, Beaded Chestnut 7, Black Rustic 1, Merveille du Jour 1, Vine's Rustic 1, Lunar Underwing 1, Large Wainscot 1, Yellow Line Quaker 2, Chestnut 1, Blair's Shoulder-knot 2, Common Wainscot 1 and last, but not least, a **Sprawler**."

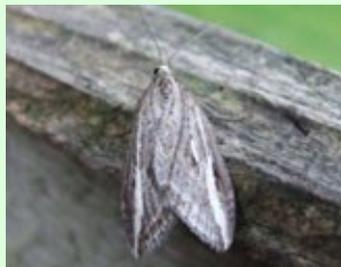


Sprawler  
Photo © Will Atkinson

~ Wednesday 19th October 2011 ~

*David Redhead sent this update on on 18th October:* "My overnight garden moth trap in *Littlemore, Oxon on 15th October* amazingly to me, after 16 years of garden moth trapping, added the 13th addition during 2011 to my all-time macro-moth garden list with a Grey Shoulder-knot. Inspection of the recently published "Provisional Atlas of the UK's Larger Moths" indicates this could be a first record this century for this species in SP50 and the same goes for 8 of my other 12 garden firsts of the year. The trap also contained 4 Large Wainscots making my cumulative total 32, an even more record breaking total than previously reported (see reports for 7th October). The trap was completed by 6 Green-brindled Crescent, 3 November Moth spp and singletons of Blair's Shoulder-knot & Yellow-line Quaker."

*Alastair Driver sent this news on 17th October:* "I returned from a "busman's holiday" to Australia, to the news that lots of migrants were being recorded in the south, so set the trap at home in *Sonning, Berks on 11th and 12th October*. I caught my first Blair's Shoulder-knot of the year, but more interestingly for me were two resident species - the first ever Large Wainscot for my parish records and only my second **Streak.**"



The Streak  
Photo © Alastair Driver

~ Friday 14th October 2011 ~

*Dave Wilton sent this update today:* "Over the past week the number of species (and individual moths) has dropped dramatically here at *Westcott, Bucks* with the only additions to the garden year list being Barred Sallow (*8th October*), **November Moth** (*9th October*) & Pale November Moth (*13th October*). Elsewhere the situation has been much the same apart from a session in *Bernwood Forest, Bucks on 11th October* when 31 species were caught, including **Diurnea lipsiella** which may still be new to the UTB list (this is the epitome of a "boring brown job" - see photo below!). Despite the welcome number of species at Bernwood, most of them only came in ones and twos. However, one moth that does seem to be turning up in numbers in local woodland at the moment is Figure of Eight (for example, 36 caught in *Finemere Wood on 13th October*). I am continuing to find the occasional new micro species by searching for larval stages: on *7th October* the garden at *Westcott* produced several active mines of **Bedellia somnulentella** on bindweed, while on *12th October* during a visit to the disused railway line near *Finemere Wood* an active mine of **Ectoedemia angulifasciella** and an active larval case of **Coleophora gryphipennella** were found, both on dog rose."



Diurnea lipsiella  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Bedellia somnulentella  
Photo © Dave Wilton

~ Friday 7th October 2011 ~

**David Redhead reported the following from Littlemore, Oxon:** "On 8th October I ran my 15W actinic alongside the bank of ivy growing in my neighbour's small field on the other side of the lane from our house. The field also contains some common reed. It caught just 7 moths: 4 Large Wainscot, 1 Common Marbled Carpet, 1 **Pearly Underwing** and 1 Red-line Quaker."



Pearly Underwing  
Photo © David Redhead

**Will Atkinson sent the following report:** "Bouyed by the news of an influx of exotic moths, I put out my moth trap at home in **Culham, Oxon** on 7th October expecting it to be heaving with Death's-head Hawkmoths in the morning. Sadly there wasn't even a Flame Brocade. What I got was Beaded Chestnut (17), Silver-Y (1), Blair's Shoulder-knot (1), Lunar Underwing (2), Large Yellow Underwing (1), Black Rustic (2), **Dark Chestnut** (1), Green-brindled Crescent (1)."



Green-brindled Crescent  
Photo © Will Atkinson

~ Friday 7th October 2011 ~

**Dave Wilton sent this report on 6th October:** "Trapping has continued apace, both here at **Westcott, Bucks** as well as at various other sites in the county, but there has been little of interest to report. Additions to the garden year list have included Green-brindled Crescent & Large Wainscot (**24th September**), Figure of Eight, Blair's Shoulder-knot & Yellow-line Quaker (**28th September**), Merveille du Jour & Red-line Quaker (**30th September**), Vapourer & Herald (**2nd October**, both species I was beginning to think I wouldn't see this year) and Large Ranunculus (**4th**

**October**). Elsewhere I had two very early **Pale November Moths** to light in a private wood near **Stowe on 29th September** and *Acleris sparsana*, ***Epinotia maculana*** & ***Ypsolopha sylvella*** all caught in **Bernwood Forest on 3rd October**. The southerly winds during our recent heatwave brought about an increase in sightings of *Plutella xylostella*/Diamond-back Moth, *Udea ferrugalis*/Rusty Dot Pearl and Dark Sword-grass in the garden at **Westcott**, but my only really interesting migrant so far has been a female Blair's Mocha found in **Bernwood Forest on 4th October**, a very lucky catch just as I was packing away the trap. Finally, Peter Hall has kindly confirmed another batch of difficult species for me from earlier in the year and they include ***Coleophora discordella***, ***Exoteleia dodecella*** & ***Monochroa lutulentella*** (all **Whitecross Green Wood 13th June**), ***Coleophora laricella*** (**Westcott 14th June**), ***Coleophora flavipennella*** & ***Pammene albuginana*** (both **Bernwood 14th June**), **Valerian Pug**, ***Coleophora anatipennella***, ***Epinotia nanana*** & ***Pseudatemelia flavifrontella*** (all **Bernwood 15th June**), ***Grapholita lobarzewskii*** & ***Zeiraphera ratzeburgiana*** (both **Bernwood 1st July**, the former a first for Bucks), **Lesser Common Rustic** (**Westcott 3rd July**) and **Garden Dart** & ***Coleophora versurella*** (both **Greatmoor 3rd July**)."



Blair's Mocha  
Photo © Dave Wilton



*Epinotia maculana*  
Photo © Dave Wilton

**The following report came from David Redhead:** "Marc Botham and David Redhead ran 3 MV and 2 actinic lights at **Oxford University's Harcourt Arboretum** until nearly midnight on **Monday 3rd October**. The highlights were a **Vestal** and 7 pristine Merveille du Jour. The Vestal was a UK first for Marc and an Oxfordshire first for David (his previous UK sighting being on the Pembrokeshire coast path in 2006). Also caught were Chestnut (21), Lunar Underwing (19), Brindled Green (9), Spruce Carpet (9), Beaded Chestnut (6), Large Yellow Underwing (5), Square-spot Rustic (4), Brown-spot Pinion (3), Common Marbled Carpet (3), Rhomboid Tortrix (3), Barred Sallow (2), Lesser Yellow Underwing (3), Copper Underwing (2), Deep-brown Dart (2), Large Wainscot (2), Orange Sallow (2), Sallow (2), Yellow-line Quaker (2), *Ypsolopha parenthesesella* (2) and singletons of *Acleris emargana*, ***Acleris sparsana***, Black Rustic, *Blastobasis lacticolella*, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Feathered Thorn, Light Brown Apple Moth, Red-green Carpet & Rusty-dot Pearl. The lowlights were about 50 Hornets!

**Meanwhile in David Redhead's Littlemore, Oxford garden**, as predicted on 23rd September, Pink-barred Sallows have set a record with 23 caught since then. Last night's (**6th October**) overnight trap contained only 11 moths but 8 were Large Wainscots plus singletons of Frosted Orange, Red-green Carpet & Sallow. This brings this year's cumulative total of Large Wainscots to 23, already surpassing the previous record of 14 in 2007 when they were recorded into early November. **Finally, Marc Botham added** that another moth worthy of mention was a **Gem** caught at the **CEH Wallingford, Oxon Rothamsted trap on 4th October**.

**This report came via Dave Wilton:** "Richard Ellis reports that he caught a Pinion-streaked Snout in his **Chorleywood, Bucks** garden trap on **28th September**, followed on **2nd October** by a male **Blair's Mocha**. Martin Albertini confirms the

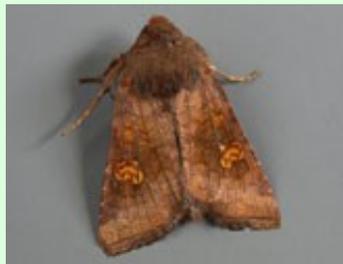
Blair's Mocha to be the second Bucks record of this rare migrant species (the first was 55 years ago!). The southerly winds during our recent heatwave seem to have brought quite a few to the UK, particularly along the south coast although there have also been records from several inland counties including Berkshire, Middlesex and Wiltshire."

*Andy King sent the following on 4th October:* "This small moth turned up in my garden trap in *Chorleywood, Bucks* over the weekend. I started photographing it but it made off in the general direction of the radiator - a mistake for a small moth as spiders lurk behind there! It was never seen again, so just this hastily taken photo of *Tachystola acroxantha*, originally an Australian moth, I believe.



*Tachystola acroxantha*  
Photo © Andy King

"Also, a big 'thank you' to Peter Hall, who has just identified a large tranche of moths which I had gathered over the last few months and which I couldn't identify. A whole load of them were new to me and half a dozen have not appeared on the 2011 list yet - not because they are particularly rare, but because they are so difficult to separate from other species: *Scoparia basistrigalis* (23 July), *Ear Moth, Common Rustic*, Lesser Common Rustic (all 24 July), *Parornix scoticella* (30 July), (all from my *Chorleywood, Bucks* garden) and *Epinotia tenerana* (*Drayton Beauchamp, 17 August*). Having said that, I am within yards of Hertfordshire recording-territory and *S. basistrigalis* is regarded as a rare and local resident there and the few examples that have been found were in the extreme East of the county. I don't know what its status is in UTB-land. No picture of it, I'm afraid, but one of the Ear Moth is below."



Ear Moth  
Photo © Andy King

~ Monday 3rd October 2011 ~

*Tom Stevenson sent this news:* "A Hummingbird Hawkmoth discovered, and released, from my *Benson, Oxon* conservatory today (3rd). They are not so spectacular at rest but much easier to photograph!"



Hummingbird Hawkmoth  
Photo © Tom Stevenson

**Tim & Colleen Watts reported the following:** "A Hummingbird Hawkmoth in our **Whitchurch, Bucks** garden just as it was getting light early on Saturday morning 1/10/11."

**Ched George reports that he had his first Merveille du Jour on 2nd October** in his garden in **Radnage, Bucks**.

**Nigel Partridge sent this report:** "Another one from my garden (**Loosley Row, Bucks**): **Nephopterix angustella**, 30-09-11."

**Dave Maunder sent the following news on 1st October:** "Some more moths seen around **Aylesbury, Bucks** during this lovely hot week included my first ever Dusky-lemon Sallow (1); Barred Sallow (1); Pink-barred Sallow (1); Sallow (4); Large Ranunculus (3); Lunar Underwing (1); Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1). Also from my garden trap the last two nights were:- **Cypress Pug** (1, my first ever in Aylesbury); Barred Sallows (2); Sallow (1); Red-line Quaker (1); Beaded Chestnut (2); Blair's Shoulder-knot (1); Lunar Underwings (6); Square-spot Rustics (2); Flounced Rustic (1); Pale Mottled Willows (2); Common Marbled Carpet (1); Treble Brown-spot (1 - a second brood specimen) and Willow Beauties (2)."



Dusky-lemon Sallow  
Photo © Dave Maunder



Pink-barred Sallow  
Photo © Dave Maunder

**~ Thursday 29th September 2011 ~**

**Ched George sent the following report:** "Despite apparent absence of moths at sugar in Ruislip there is plenty of common stuff in **Radnage, Bucks**. At MV last night, **29th September:** Black Rustic 10, Sallow 8, Beaded Chestnut 75, Barred Sallow 2, **Yellow-line Quaker (first adult)** 16, Red-line Quaker 2, Epiphyas postvittana 7, Square-spot Rustic 1, Large Ranunculus 1, Acleris variegana 2, Brimstone 1, Large Yellow Underwing 7, Grey Pine Carpet 2, Vine's Rustic 4, Pale Mottled Willow 1, Snout 2, Lunar Underwing 35, Setaceous Hebrew Character 7, Brown-spot Pinion 6, Udea ferrugalis 1, Brick 5, Burnished Brass 3, Common Marbled Carpet 1, Smoky/Common Wainscot 1, Blair's Shoulder-knot 5, Orange

Sallow 2, Pink-barred Sallow 1, Lesser Yellow Underwing 2 and a typical **Green-brindled Crescent**."

**Chris Bottrell sent these sightings:** "Four more sessions from my *Merton (Oxon)* garden: **17/09** gave 42 moths of 9 species, **21/09** - 76 of 12, **24/09** - 101 of 11 and **28/09** - 199 of 21. A total of 418 moths of 27 species. Leading the table for this period Beaded Chestnut (144) and Lunar Underwing (110), with some way behind Deep-brown Dart (35), Black Rustic (32), Square-spot Rustic (22), Large Yellow Underwing (22) and Brown-spot Pinion (14). Last session (28/09) included my first catch for this year of **Red-line Quaker** (3), **Mallow** (2) and Small Wainscot (1)."



Red-line Quaker  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Mallow  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Dave Maunder reported the following moths found around Aylesbury, Bucks recently:** "Large Wainscot (1, 25th); Red Underwings (3); Large Ranunculus (7); Sallow Moths (11); Lunar Underwings (5); Frosted Orange (1); Broad-bordered Yellow Underwings (2); Angle Shades (2); Blair's Shoulder-knot (1). In my garden trap on the **25th September** I had:- Black Rustic (1); Large Ranunculus (2); Pink-barred Sallow (1); Lunar Underwings (11), and Pale Mottled Willow (1). Also on 25th I saw a Hummingbird Hawkmoth at *Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire*."



Large Wainscot  
Photo © Dave Maunder

**Nigel Partridge sent the following:** "One more for the UTB Species List from our *Loosley Row, Bucks* garden: **Orange Sallow 22-09-11**."

**Andy Hoskins sent this report:** "On **24th September** I visited the north side of *Aston Rowant, Oxon* and saw 2 large caterpillars which I believe to be Fox Moth larvae moving rapidly through the undergrowth at the top of the hill."



Fox Moth caterpillar  
Photo © Andy Hoskins

~ Saturday 24th September 2011 ~

***Dave Maunder ran his garden trap in Aylesbury, Bucks on Thursday night, 22nd September with these results:*** "Pink-barred Sallow (1); Rosy Rustic (1); Lunar Underwings (14); Large Ranunculus (1); Angle Shades (1); Setaceous Hebrew Character (1); Large Yellow Underwings (2); Lesser Yellow Underwing (1); Udea ferrugalis (1 - a first for my garden) and Light Brown Apple Moth (1). A few other moths seen around Aylesbury over the last week or so included:- Sallow moths (2, 15th); Hummingbird Hawkmoths (2, - 1 in garden on 19th, 1 at Wendover garden centre on 17th); Large Ranunculus (2, 19th); Frosted Orange (1, 21st); Angle Shades (2, 1 21st, 1 24th); Centre-barred Sallow (1, 21st); Vine's Rustic (1, 22nd) and Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (1,22nd). Below is a photo showing variations in colour of the Lunar Underwings caught in my trap recently."



Variations in colour of Lunar Underwings  
Photo © Dave Maunder

***Mary Elford sent this update on 23rd September:*** "This lovely **Blair's Shoulder-knot** was in my garden trap this morning in **Bampton, West Oxfordshire.**"



Blair's Shoulder-knot  
Photo © Mary Elford

***David Redhead sent the following report on 23rd September:*** "A rather cold and moonlit night meant this morning (**23rd September**) my overnight moth trap contained only 17 macro-moths but 6 of them were new for my garden for the year, albeit the same species, namely Pink-barred Sallow. Until last year I was

lucky to catch this moth but 2010 saw a noticeable increase to 9 with 4 on one occasion. So I expect this to be a record breaking year for the Pink-barred Sallow. They had some good company with my third Frosted Orange, third Lunar Underwing and second Large Wainscot of the year. Also in the catch were 5 Large Yellow Underwing, 2 Snout, a tatty Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing and a faded Small Square-spot."



A mix of moths  
Photo © David Redhead

**Nigel Partridge sent this report on 22nd September:** "One more from **Loosley Row, Bucks: Barred Sallow, 19-09-11.**"

**Andy King reported the following on 21st September:** "A caterpillar which I found serendipitously in **Chorleywood, Bucks** in early April has been successfully raised, feeding on Cherry leaves. Having hatched out it reveals itself to be a **Yellow-line Quaker** hopefully the first of quite a few this autumn. Before and after photos are shown below."



Yellow-line Quaker larva  
Photo © Andy King



Yellow-line Quaker  
Photo © Andy King

**Roy Apps sent this follow-up report on 19th September:** "This is to let you know that since my first report on 27th August (see *below*) we've found another two Death's-head Hawkmoth larvae on my friend's allotment in **Pangbourne, Berks**, this time on some potatoes. I've attached a couple of photos - one larva is held up against my hand to demonstrate how huge it is - a very handsome chap!"



Death's-head Hawkmoth larva  
Photo © Roy Apps



Death's-head Hawkmoth larva  
Photo © Roy Apps

~ Tuesday 20th September 2011 ~

*Dave Wilton sent the following report today:* "In the absence of anything exciting happening in the moth traps of late I've managed to identify a few more larval records from leaf mines. They have included **Bucculatrix albedinella** (on Elm), **Phyllonorycter acerifoliella** (on Field Maple), **Phyllonorycter coryli** (on Hazel), **Phyllonorycter nicellii** (on Hazel) and **Stigmella sakhalinella** (on Birch) all seen at **Finemere Wood on 7th September** followed by **Phyllonorycter corylifoliella** (on Wild Service Tree) and **Stigmella floslactella** (on Hazel) in **Bernwood Forest on 8th September** and **Phyllonorycter rajella** (on Alder) at **Woodham on 10th September**. Autumnal species added to the garden year list at **Westcott, Bucks** have included Pink-barred Sallow & Udea ferrugalis/Rusty Dot Pearl both on **8th September**, Black Rustic, Lunar Underwing & Sallow all on **9th September**, Deep-brown Dart on **14th September**, Acleris rhombana & Beaded Chestnut on **15th September** and **Dusky-lemon Sallow** on **19th September**. During trapping sessions elsewhere in Bucks I've recorded **Autumnal Rustic** at **Rammamere Heath on 9th September**, **Brick** on the disused railway near **Finemere Wood on 16th September** and **Feathered Thorn & Figure of Eight** in **Bernwood Forest on 19th September.**"



Dusky-lemon Sallow  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Autumnal Rustic  
Photo © Dave Wilton

*Nigel Partridge sent this report on 19th September:* "One more that looks as though it might be new to the list: **Large Ranunculus**, 14-09-11, **Loosley Row, Bucks.**"

~ Saturday 17th September 2011 ~

*David Redhead reported the following on 16th September:* "Some firsts. My overnight garden moth trap of the **9th September** produced Udea ferrugalis (Rusty Dot Pearl) - an all time first for my garden in **Littlemore, Oxford**. Later that day I was to see my first ever **Ni Moth** which Martin Townsend had caught in his overnight garden moth trap in his **Cowley, Oxford** garden. Not only was it a first for me but also for the UTB Website. My last night's (**15th September**) overnight garden moth trap produced two additions to my 2011 garden list - a **Large Wainscot** and an Angle Shades. The Large Wainscot is the earliest I have ever caught one by a day but I usually have to wait until early October, conversely the Angle Shades constitutes my longest ever wait for one. Other species caught last night were Large Yellow Underwing (10), Snout (8), Square-spot Rustic (5), Centre-barred Sallow (2), Green Carpet (2), Setaceous Hebrew Character (2), Small Square-spot (2), Frosted Orange (1), Lesser Treble-bar (1), Lesser Yellow Underwing (1), Rosy Rustic (1) & Lunar Underwing (1)."

**Chris Bottrell sent this report on 16th September: "14/9 -** The catch from my **Merton (Oxon)** garden included my first **Beaded Chestnut** for the year and a second brood Heart and Dart. Also White-shouldered House-moth (1); Water Veneer (1); Garden Carpet (1 worn); Large Yellow Underwing (8); Lesser Yellow Underwing (1); Small Square-spot (6); Setaceous Hebrew Character (9); Square-spot Rustic (16); Common Wainscot (3); Deep-brown Dart (2); Black Rustic (10); Brown-spot Pinion (1); Lunar Underwing (3); Frosted Orange (1); Vine's Rustic (1); Pale Mottled Willow (2). Total 68 moths of 18 species plus one tortrix I'm going to have to ask the experts about."



Beaded Chestnut  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Ben Sheldon reported the following on 13th September: "A summary of a few highlights from running a 15W Skinner trap in East Oxford garden since mid July (with a major break for much of August). On 29th July a Nut-tree Tussock; on 31st July a single Small Ranunculus [see picture below]. Red Underwing on 23rd August; Centre-barred Sallow (2) on 3rd Sept; Lesser Treble-bar on 7th Sept. Migrant-wise, following interesting species earlier in the summer, rather little, with the only Silver-Y of the year so far on 20th July and a single Udea ferrugalis (Rusty Dot Pearl) during the warm weather on 9th September [see photo]. Nevertheless, I'm quite encouraged by what has appeared in a small garden in central Oxford."**



Small Ranunculus  
Photo © Ben Sheldon



Udea ferrugalis (Rusty Dot Pearl)  
Photo © Ben Sheldon

**~ Monday 12th September 2011 ~**

**Dave Maunder sent this update on 10th September: "On Thursday 8th September I found my first Pale Eggar ever in Aylesbury at a porch lamp near my house. Also in my garden m.v. trap on Friday 9th September I had:- Red Underwing (2); Centre-barred Sallow (1); Silver Y (1); Common Wainscot (7); Willow Beauty (4); Green Carpet (4); Water Veneer (2) and the usual Square-spot Rustics and Yellow Underwing species."**



Pale Eggar  
Photo © Dave Maunder

**Nigel Partridge sent the following:** "A couple more from the garden (**Loosley Row, Bucks**). **Pink-barred Sallow 09-09-11** and **Brindled Green 10-09-11.**"

**Chris Bottrell reported the following:** "Five more sessions from my **Merton (Oxon)** garden: **27/08** gave 242 moths of 28 identified species, **31/08** - 171 of 26, **03/09** - 297 of 34, **07/09** - 86 of 21 and **10/09** - 55 of 17. A total of 841 moths of 58 species. Leading the table for this period Square-spot Rustic (258), *Agriphila geniculea* (108), Large Yellow Underwing (105) and Flounced Rustic (96) then a gap to *Agriphila tristella* (41), Small Square-spot (39), Setaceous Hebrew Character (33) and Vine's Rustic (26). Last session **10/09** gave my first catch this year of **Sallow, Black Rustic** and **Lunar Underwing.**"



Sallow  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Black Rustic  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Lunar Underwing  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Dave Maunder sent this news on 7th September:** "I thought you might like to see a few photos of my Hummingbird Hawkmoth I watched hatching on **Sunday 4th** - very interesting to see! Also, a few more moths seen around **Aylesbury** recently included:- Red Underwings (4) - all found over the last week at the Walton Court shops, also my first Centre-barred Sallow of the year at the same location. In my garden m.v. trap Friday night (**2nd September**) I got:- Red Underwing (1); Old Lady (1); Feathered Gothic (1); Rosy Rustic (1); Copper Underwing (1), plus the usual seasonal selection of Square-spot Rustics, Flounced Rustics and Yellow Underwing species!"



Newly emerged Hummingbird  
Hawkmoth  
Photo © Dave Maunder

~ Tuesday 6th September 2011 ~

**Alastair Driver sent the following report:** "I set the Robinson trap in the garden at home in **Sonning, Berks on 2nd September**, catching 21 macro species. The undoubted highlight for me was a lovely specimen of **Brown-spot Pinion** (see photo below) - a first for my parish records."



Brown-spot Pinion  
Photo © Alastair Driver

**This report came from Mick A'Court on 4th September:** "I haven't had anything too exciting throughout August but back on **26th July** my **Butlers Cross** garden in Bucks produced a Square-spotted Clay and I found a female Oak Eggar at **Gallows Bridge Farm on 2nd August**. An interesting record came to light recently (excuse the pun) when Rodney Sims, a long time volunteer at **College Lake, Bucks** put out a dark lamp Heath trap on the rather cool night of **August 5th** and among the 10 species caught were 2 **Annulets** (new to the **UTB All-time list**)."



Square-spotted Clay  
Photo © Mick A'Court



Annulet  
Photo © Mick A'Court

**Dave Wilton sent this update on 4th September:** "A wander around the garden here at **Westcott, Bucks on 29th August** looking for leaf-mines produced evidence of the following micro-moth species: *Bucculatrix thoracella* (vacated) on Lime, *Callisto denticulella* (vacated) on Apple, *Lyonetia clerkella* (active and vacated) on Apple, Cherry, Hawthorn & Rowan, *Parornix anglicella* (vacated) on Hawthorn,

Phyllonorycter blancardella (vacated) on Apple, Phyllonorycter leucographella (active and vacated) on Apple, Hawthorn & Pyracantha, **Phyllonorycter platanoidella** (vacated) on Norway Maple, **Phyllonorycter salictella** (active) on Sallow, **Phyllonorycter schreberella** (active) on Elm, Stigmella aurella (vacated) on Bramble, **Stigmella lemniscella** (vacated) on Elm, **Stigmella microtheriella** (vacated) on Hornbeam, **Stigmella plagicolella** (active) on blackthorn, Stigmella salicis (vacated) on Goat Willow & **Stigmella ulmivora** (vacated) on Elm. In the photograph of the Stigmella plagicolella mines below you can just about make out the shadowy forms of the two larvae with their dark heads. At the garden trap, further moths added to the year list over the past couple of weeks have included Dusky Thorn (*27th August*, a pleasant surprise as none appeared here last year), Centre-barred Sallow & Feathered Gothic (both *29th August*) and Small Dusty Wave (*31st August*). A visit to *Stoke Common, Bucks on 2nd September* with Martin Albertini and Peter Hall added **Neglected Rustic** and **Oak Lutestring** to the UTB list.



Neglected Rustic  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Oak Lutestring  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Stigmella plagicolella  
Photo © Dave Wilton

"Thanks again to Peter Hall and his microscope, a few more species from sites in Bucks earlier in the year have also now been confirmed: **Coleophora alcyonipennella** & **Teleiopsis diffinis** (*Rammamere Heath 17th May*); **Marsh Pug** (*Bernwood Meadows 20th May*); **Nematopogon schwarziellus** (*Tingewick 21st May*); **Devon Carpet** & **Parornix devoniella** (*private woodland near Stowe 25th May*); **Elachista albifrontella** (*Bernwood Forest 27th May*); **Cnephasia incertana** (*Westcott 28th May*); **Deltaornix torquillella** (*Doddershall 29th May*); **Biselachista cinereopunctella** & **Cydia illutana** (*Bernwood Forest 1st June*); **Carpatolechia notatella**, **Coleophora peribenanderi**, **Cosmiotes stabilella**, **Cydia servillana**, **Eucosma hohenwartiana**, **Eulamprotes atrella** & **Phalonidia manniana** (*all Greatmoor 2nd June*); **Coleophora siccifolia** & **Taleporia tubulosa** (*Rammamere Heath 3rd June*)."

~ Saturday 3rd September 2011 ~

**Tim Watts sent this unusual sighting:** "We were sitting in our *Whitchurch, Bucks* garden on the *2nd September* when I turned round to talk to Colleen and there was a Red Underwing on her hat!! I didn't see it fly in but guess the colour of her hat looked like a good roost spot!"



Red Underwing  
Photo © Tim Watts

**Nigel Partridge reported the following:** "A few more from my garden in **Loosley Row, Bucks:** **Acleris rhombana** 24-08-11, **Agonopterix nervosa** 29-08-11, **Centre-barred Sallow** 31-08-11."

~ Monday 29th August 2011 ~

**Roy Apps sent this exciting report on 27th August:** "I thought you might be interested to know that a friend of mine has found a **Death's-head Hawkmoth caterpillar** feeding on an aubergine plant in his polytunnel in **Pangbourne, Berks!** I'm not a member of UTB, but I do run a moth-trap in my garden every so often. I've seen loads of various hawk moths but never a Death's Head. I've wanted to see one all my life and this is the next best thing!"



Death's-head Hawkmoth caterpillar  
Photo © Roy Apps



Death's-head Hawkmoth caterpillar  
Photo © Roy Apps



Death's-head Hawkmoth caterpillar  
Photo © Roy Apps

~ Sunday 28th August 2011 ~

**This report came from Andy King on 26th August:** "Some moths, especially some of the micros, are very difficult to identify. For that reason I am indebted to Peter Hall for the help he has given in identifying the first five of the following moths, none of which are currently on the UTB 2011 list: **Dichrorampha vancouverana** was found on **26 June** at a layby on the A41 **near Drayton Beauchamp** in Bucks; it's about the fourth or fifth **Dichrorampha** species I've found there this year. **Oegoconia quadripuncta** visited my actinic trap at home in **Chorleywood, Bucks (14 July)**, as did **Caloptilia leucapennella** on **22 June**. The nice thing about **C. leucapennella** is that it is an all-time first for Bucks and the UTB list. **Ancylis uncella** and **Acleris logiana** were both caught at a public event on **Stoke Common (Bucks)** on **15 July**. **A. logiana** is not at all common: until recently it was confined to Scotland in the British Isles, but in the last few years it seems to have broken away and is turning up in various places around England. It has been found in Bucks from 2009 on. Finally, and more recently, two **Deep-brown Darts** flew into my trap at **Chorleywood, on 24 August.**"



Acleris logiana  
Photo © Andy King



Caloptilia leucapennella  
Photo © Andy King

**Chris Bottrell sent this report:** "Still plugging away in my back garden (*Merton, Oxon*). 5 sessions since my last posting: **10/8** gave 121 moths of 39 species, **13/8** - 162 of 23, **17/8** - 90 of 19, **20/8** - 324 of 36, **24/08** - 371 of 41. Most numerous macro during this period: Flounced Rustic (109), followed by Large Yellow Underwing (44), Square-spot Rustic (40), Setaceous Hebrew Character (38), Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (37), Common Rustic agg. (35) and Vine's Rustic (35). Middle order: Straw Underwing (18), Orange Swift (17) and Single-dotted Wave (14). Otherwise single figure counts of common species. The high catch numbers in the last two sessions were primarily a result of the abundant emergence of several species of 'Grass Moths', *Agriphila* sp. However at the time of writing the only addition I can offer to the UTB list is a singleton Pale Eggar caught **24/8.**"



Pale Eggar  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Nigel Partridge reported the following:** "A couple more from the garden (*Loosley Row, Bucks*): **Dusky Thorn 22-08-11** and **Feathered Gothic 24-08-11.**"

**Dave Wilton sent this update:** "A much shorter report from mid-Bucks this time. On **11th August** I had my first **Frosted Orange** of the year in the garden at *Westcott* (yet another species that has appeared far earlier than usual), while on **13th August** a **Pale Eggar** came to light in *Bernwood Forest*. On **16th August** a Marbled Green entered the garden trap at *Westcott* and proved to be the first record of this species for the county (it is spreading from the SW). The moth was noticeably larger than the rather similar Marbled Beauty which was also trapped that night. On **23rd August** the garden catch at *Westcott* added **Eudonia angustea** & **Lyonetia clerkella** to my year list, while on **24th August** another foray to *Rammamere Heath* produced a pleasing total of more than 70 species which included **Antler Moth** and **Pine Carpet.**"



Marbled Green (left), Marbled Beauty (right)  
Photo © Dave Wilton

~ Wednesday 24th August 2011 ~

**Peter Hall sent this report:** "Martin Albertini has been running a Malaise trap at **Stoke Common, Bucks** this year and it's managed to collect quite a few interesting micros so far. Thanks to my microscope, the following can be added to the UTB list:

**May 12th:** **Swammerdamia caesiella, Coleophora albidella, Phyllonorycter lautella.**

**May 24th:** **Pseudotelphusa paripunctella, Coleophora binderella, Psyche casta, Caloptilia alchimiella.**

**June 4th:** **Heliozela resplendella.**

**June 8th:** **Eucosma parvulana (County first), Coleophora lassella, Antispila metalella.**

**June 16th:** **Orthotearia undulana, Gelechia sororculella, Anarsia spartiella, Coleophora orbitella, Stigmella luteella, Stigmella betulicola.**

**June 23rd:** **Tischeria ekebladella, Coleophora glaucicolella, Ectoedemia intimella.**

**June 26th:** **Coleophora pyrrhulipennella, Scythris grandipennis, Tawny Marbled Minor, Browntail.**

**June 30th:** **Coleophora lusciniaepennella, Coleophora solitariella (County first), Cosmiotes consortella."**

**Alistair Driver reported the following on 21st August:** "Trapped at **Ali's Pond LNR Sonning on 19th August.** Old Lady was new for my site records and Mouse Moth, Lesser Treble-bar, Least Yellow Underwing, **White-point** and Six-striped Rustic were all new for my year list."



Old Lady  
Photo © Alistair Driver

**Les Watson sent this sighting on 21st August:** "I found this Brimstone Moth perched on the wall of our verandah in **Bourne End, Bucks.**"



Brimstone Moth  
Photo © Les Watson

~ Saturday 13th August 2011 ~

**Nigel Partridge sent this update:** "A couple more from the garden (**Loosley Row, Bucks**), both **12-08-11**: **Epinotia ramella** and **Six-striped Rustic**."

**Dave Maunder reported the following on 10th August:** "I was lucky enough to find a mature Hummingbird Hawkmoth larva near the rifle-range at **Granglands, Bucks** on the afternoon of **10th August** - my first ever in the wild! Also seen up here were 6 Striped Lychnis larvae and 2 Treble-bar moths."



Hummingbird Hawkmoth  
larva  
Photo © Dave Maunder



Striped Lychnis larva  
Photo © Dave Maunder

**Dave Wilton sent some more sighting reports from mid-Bucks:** "Things have slowed down quite a lot over the past week or two, not only because of the weather but also because of the time of year. Many of the "new" moths now are second broods of species recorded earlier in 2011, but it can't be long before someone sees the first Centre-barred Sallow, heralding the arrival of autumn! **(23rd July)** A Bucks Invertebrate Meeting in **Wendover Woods**, with traps run by Martin Albertini, Adam Bassett, Ched George, Peter Hall, Andy King and myself, produced few moths because it was a chilly night but there were a few interesting items, including **Beech-green Carpet, Dotted Clay, Paratalanta hyalinalis** & **Yponomeuta plumbella**.

**(25th July)** Results from a session trapping in a private wood near **Stowe** included **Small Wainscot, Acleris emargana** & **Acleris laterana**.

**(26th July)** My first examples of **Canary-shouldered Thorn** and **Epinotia nisella** for this year came to light at a site near **Tingewick**. The garden trap at **Westcott** brought in a couple of formerly common species which are now a rare sight here, comprising Cabbage Moth and >Garden Dart. The latter is now so unusual in Bucks that the specimen has been retained for final expert confirmation.

**(28th July)** The garden trap at **Westcott** added Cloaked Minor, Flounced Rustic, Orange Swift, **Acleris aspersana, Argyrotaenia ljugiana** & **Donacaula forficella** to my year list, while a fresh Buff Ermine suggested the possibility of an attempt at a second brood. A couple of lights run at **Greatmoor** that evening brought in over 120 species which included Barred Rivulet, Bulrush Wainscot, Chalk Carpet

(again, see 17th July update), Lesser Cream Wave, **Agonopterix liturosa**, **Clepsis spectrana**, **Lobesia abscisana** & *Sitochroa palealis*.

**(1st August)** **Bucculatrix thoracella** & **Clavigesta purdeyi** were amongst the micro-moths trapped in **Bernwood Forest** this evening.

**(2nd August)** The small plume moth **Merrifieldia leucodactyla** was found during a successful search for Silver-spotted Skippers on private land near **Princes Risborough**. Another visit to **Rammamere Heath** that evening was well worth the effort even though I had to wait an hour after dusk for thundery rain to clear the area. Species added to the site list included **Archer's Dart**, Pinion-streaked Snout, **Plain Wave**, **White-line Dart**, *Blastobasis adustella* & **Scrobipalpa costella**.

**(5th August)** Success with the pheromone lure for Six-belted Clearwing at **Aston Clinton Ragpits** today took my tally of kilometre squares for this species into double figures for the year, so the moth would appear to be quite widespread in the northern half of Bucks. Trapping at **Finemere Wood** that evening added **Psoricoptera gibbosella** to the UTB list, while a fresh specimen of Clouded Silver came as something of a surprise as my last sighting of the species was a month ago.

**(9th August)** A tiny micro noticed wandering around on the outside of our conservatory windows at **Westcott** after dark was potted and proved to be **Phyllocnistis saligna**, only the fourth county record for Bucks."



Archer's Dart  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Garden Dart (probable)  
Photo © Dave Wilton



White-line Dart  
Photo © Dave Wilton

~ Tuesday 9th August 2011 ~

**Andy King sent this report:** "Not much to report mothwise of late but, for adding to your 2011 list, a funny little moth that looked as if it might give itself backache turned up in my trap last night, **8th August**, in **Chorleywood, Bucks**: **Hypatima rhomboidella**. Looking back through the lists, one that seemed to have slipped under the radar earlier last month: **Stenoptilia pterodactyla**, one of the plume moths (from **Stoke Common, near Fulmer, Bucks**), on **15th July**."



Hypatima rhomboidella  
Photo © Andy King

**Chris Bottrell reported the following:** "This week's trapping in my **Merton (Oxon)** back garden gave 212 moths of 54 identified species (23 micros, 31 macros) on

Wednesday night (**3rd August**) and curiously only 63 moths of 33 (7 micros, 26 macros) on Saturday night (**6th August**). The later session however included singletons of **Agriphila geniculea** and **Flounced Rustic**."



Agriphila geniculea  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Flounced Rustic  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Dave Maunder sent this report on 6th August:** "I've recently been rearing a number of Pine Hawkmoth larvae and thought you might like a couple of pictures - very attractive creatures! A couple of reasonable moths found in my garden trap in **Aylesbury, Bucks** last night, **5th August**, included :- Dark Sword-grass (1), Small Ranunculus (1); Broad-barred Whites (2); **Gypsy Moth** (1); Magpie Moths (2)."



Pine Hawkmoth larvae  
Photo © Dave Maunder



Pine Hawkmoth larvae  
Photo © Dave Maunder

**Chris Brown has been out looking for butterflies and reported seeing the following moths:**

**"Millennium Green, Berks on 30th July - Dusky Sallow;**

**Moore Copse BBOWT Reserve on 2nd Aug - Lesser Treble-Bar;**

**Lastly a Riband Wave which landed on me as I came through my side gate at home in **Sonning Common, Berks.**"**



Dusky Sallow  
Photo © Chris Brown



Lesser Treble-bar  
Photo © Chris Brown



Riband Wave  
Photo © Chris Brown

**~ Friday 5th August 2011 ~**

**Nigel Partridge reported the following:** "One more from my garden in **Loosley**

**Row, Bucks: *Acompsia schmidtellus* 01-08-11.** Thanks to Peter Hall for confirming the ID."



*Acompsia schmidtellus*  
Photo © Nigel Partridge

**Chris Bottrell sent this update:** "My last two **Merton (Oxon)** garden sessions for July gave on the **26/7** 252 moths of 68 identifiable species and on the **30/7** 140 of 45. Some new for the year and others presumably second brooding. At the time of posting though the only new one for the UTB list is **Galleria mellonella (Wax Moth).**"



*Galleria mellonella*  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Alistair Driver sent the following report:** "I've had several good trapping sessions in **Sonning, Berks** over the period **25th-30th July**. I only added Brown-line Bright-eye to my parish list, but numerous additions to my year list, including **Nymphula stagnata (Beautiful China-mark)** and a couple of specimens of **Square-spotted Clay**. Then on **2nd August** I trapped in a large garden in **Sonning** and caught 43 macro species. New for my yearlist were **Tawny Speckled Pug**, Orange Footman, Oak Nycteoline, **Square-spot Rustic**, Green Carpet, Black Arches (only second parish record), Spectacle, Straw Dot, **Lesser-spotted Pinion** and Orange Swift."



*Nymphula stagnata*  
(Beautiful China-mark)  
Photo © Alistair Driver



Square-spotted Clays  
Photo © Alistair Driver

**~ Monday 1st August 2011 ~**

**Derek Brown sent this news:** "I had my first ever Bordered Beauty in the garden at **Beenham, Berks** on the **30th July**. On the same night I also had a **Rosy Rustic** which seems to be the only one new for the UTB list."



Bordered Beauty  
Photo © Derek Brown

**Nigel Partridge reported the following:** "A few more from my garden in **Loosley Row, Bucks:** **Ypsolopha nemorella** 24-07-11, **Grapholita janthinana** 27/7, **Orange Swift** 29/7, **Barred Rivulet** 30/7 and **Evergestis pallidata** 30/7."

**Dave Ferguson sent the following on 28th July:** "I found this Lime Hawkmoth larva demolishing an aspen by **Spade Oak** gravel pit in Bucks."



Lime Hawkmoth larva  
Photo © Dave Ferguson

**Chris Bottrell reported the following:** "Another couple of sessions in the back garden here in **Merton (Oxon)**. 20/7: 201 moths of 57 identifiable species (22 micro/35 macro) and 22/7: a drop to 91 of 28 (8 micro/20 macro) but did include a single **Elophila nymphaeata (Brown China-mark)**. Also on the 25/7 a solitary **Udea lutealis** in the lean-to."



Elophila nymphaeata (Brown  
China-mark)  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Udea lutealis  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

~ Monday 25th July 2011 ~

**Adam Bassett sent the following today:** "Thanks to Peter Hall for using his dissection skills, a few more that are currently new to the UTB year list, all from my **Marlow Bottom, Bucks** garden: (25/6) **Anacampsis blattariella**, **Coleophora kuehnella** (first adult), (7/5) **Phyllonorycter maestingella** (first adult), (4/7) **Cnephasia stephensiana**, **Coleophora coracipennella**, **Coleophora albitarsella** and (9/7) **Coleophora betulella**, **Carpatolechia fugitivella**."

**Mary Elford sent this sighting:** "For the last 2 years this lovely moth - **Marbled Green** - has arrived in my garden trap in **Bampton, West Oxfordshire** during the 4th week of July. This year it first appeared on **23rd July** - right on time."

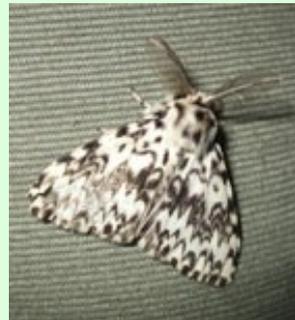


Marbled Green  
Photo © Mary Elford

**David Brown found the following in his garden in Stanton Gt. Wood, Oxon:** "Both seen on **20/7/11** on a warm evening about 8.30pm: **Oak Eggar** & **Black Arches**."



Oak Eggar  
Photo © David Brown



Black Arches  
Photo © David Brown

**Dave Wilton sent another report for mid-Bucks: (17th July)** A freshly-emerged male **Red Underwing** spent all day resting on one of the windows of our house at **Westcott**. Although by only two days, this is the earliest that I've ever recorded the moth.

**(18th July)** Little of note attended the garden actinic trap at **Westcott**, although **Catoptria falsella** was new for the year.

**(19th July)** Another visit to **Bernwood Forest** added **Least Yellow Underwing**, **Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing** and micros **Argyresthia bonnetella**, **Argyresthia goedartella**, **Athrips mouffetella**, **Brachmia blandella** & **Cydia splendana** to the year list.

**(20th July)** Trapping on the disused railway at **Doddershall** was quite productive with more than 120 species recorded, including **Double Lobed**, **Dusky Sallow** & **Ear sp** (which will require dissection to confirm the exact species, although it is almost certain to be **Ear Moth**) and micros **Agriphila tristella**, **Eucosma obumbratana**, **Orthotelia sparganella** & **Recurvaria leucatella**. The garden actinic trap at **Westcott** was also more productive than it has been of late with 266 moths

of 70 species, including my first **Straw Underwing** & **Pandemis corylana** of the year.

**(21st July)** It was very nice to see three Hummingbird Hawk-moths at the same time, actively feeding amongst all the Peacocks and Red Admirals on the buddleia here in the garden at **Westcott**.



Double Lobed  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Red Underwing  
Photo © Dave Wilton

Peter Hall has kindly supplied identities for another batch of moths from earlier in the year, all of which required closer examination. The following appear to be new to the UTB list: **Bucculatrix bechsteinella**, **Coleophora caespitiella**, **Dichrorampha plumbagana** & **Epiblema costipunctana** all on **12th May** from the disused railway cutting west of **Westcott**; **Argyresthia semifusca** on **12th May** from the garden here at **Westcott**; **Rufous Minor**, **Ancylis diminutana**, **Cochylis nana**, **Coleophora milvipennis**, **Ectoedemia subbimaculella**, **Elachista humilis**, **Phyllonorycter quercifoliella** & **Phylloporia bistrigella** all on **16th May** from **Bernwood Forest**; **Larch Pug**, **Pauper Pug**, **Cydia conicolana**, **Dioryctria simplicella**, **Ectoedemia albifasciella**, **Epinotia tetraquetra** & **Stigmella sakhalinella** all on **17th May** from **Rammamere Heath**. The Pauper Pug is only the third Bucks record for this Red Data Book species and would appear to have been enticed across the county line from the adjacent King's Wood NNR in Bedfordshire where there are copious amounts of small-leaved lime, the larval foodplant. The closest limes are about 350 metres from where my trap was situated."

**David Redhead sent this update on 23rd July:** "Dave Wilton's recent report of **Nemophora cupriacella** reminded me I should make an effort to identify something very similar seen a few days earlier on a Field Scabious flower in the grassland near my house in **Littlemore, Oxon**. I refound it, at the second attempt, on **20th July**, when its size (20mm wingspan) alone dictated it could not be cupriacella. The UK moths website led me to a female **Nemophora metallica**, subsequently confirmed by Martin Corley. If it had been a male its antennae would have twice as long! The photo shows it returned to its Scabious flower, after a nearly two day absence in a pot, when it hungrily began to nectar. My garden overnight moth trap of the **21st July** produced about half the catch of the one two nights earlier but still included two additions to my 2011 garden list - two Dot Moths and a male **Bulrush Wainscot**."



Nemophora metallica  
Photo © David Redhead



Bulrush Wainscot  
Photo © David Redhead

**Chris Bottrell reported the following:** "Two more sessions in my **Merton (Oxon)** back garden: **12/7**, 216 moths of 42 species, but nothing new for the list. **15/7**, 190 of 52 species, with singletons of *Ypsolopha scabrella* and ***Ypsolopha horridella*** (thanks to Peter Hall for distinguishing). Also my first **Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing** for the year and a **Mouse Moth** which true to form ran off and disappeared into a hole in the lean-to brickwork before I could get a photo."



*Ypsolopha horridella*  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



*Ypsolopha scabrella*  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Nigel Partridge sent this update:** "A few more from the garden (**Loosley Row, Bucks**) that are new for the year:

**13/7/11:** ***Acleris variegana***, *Rhopobota naevana*, Small Dotted Buff, *Pyrausta purpuralis*

**14/7/11:** ***Blastobasis adustella***, ***Cochylis dubitana***

**15/7/11:** *Ypsolopha parenthesella*, Clay

**19/7/11:** *Ancylis achatana*, Yellow-tail, *Tinea semifulvella*, ***Paraswammerdamia albicapitella***, Shaded Broad-bar, **Toadflax Pug.**"

**Peter Hall says that on July 20th at Green Farm, High Wycombe in Bucks** he disturbed a ***Sitochroa palealis***.

**Dave Wilton sent the following report:** "On **15th July** a Bucks Invertebrate Group trapping session on **Stoke Common, Bucks** by Martin Albertini, Adam Bassett, Peter Hall, Martin Harvey, Andy King & Dave Wilton resulted in an interesting collection of more than 130 moth species being caught, several of which were heathland specialists. The list included Birch Mocha, **Bird's Wing**, **Grass Emerald**, Kent Black Arches, Narrow-winged Pug, **Small Chocolate-tip**, Suspected & True Lover's Knot, along with micros ***Aristotelia ericinella***, ***Assara terebrella***, ***Carpatolechia alburnella***, ***Diaphania perspectalis***, ***Mompha propinquella***, ***Pammene fasciana***, ***Pempelia genistella***, ***Ypsolopha alpella*** & ***Ypsolopha scabrella***. In Bucks the Small Chocolate-tip is only known from Stoke Common and it was pleasing to see more than half a dozen individuals following the only previous

record of a singleton there in 2009. The 'Boxworm' (*Diaphania perspectalis*) is a recent import from Asia which was first noted in Surrey in 2008. It feeds on box (*Buxus*) and seems to be spreading, this being the second Bucks record."



*Diaphania perspectalis*  
Photo © Peter Hall



Small Chocolate-tip  
Photo © Dave Wilton



*Pempelia genistella*  
Photo © Dave Wilton

**David Redhead sent this report on 20th July:** "The light NW breeze must have helped two wetland species arrive in my garden moth trap (*Littlemore, Oxon*) from the nearby marshland with my first two **Double Lobed** of the year and an all-time first for the garden - **Calamotropha paludella**. Also new for the year were singletons of Bordered Beauty, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Gothic (so worn it was only just recognisable), Lychnis & Pine Hawkmoth plus a rare visitor, although it also likes damp places, Small Scallop. Other identified species - macros - Dun-bar (27), Double Square-spot (23), Clouded Border (11), Dingy Footman (9), Common Footman (8), Smoky Wainscot (8), Bright-line Brown-eye (6), Common Carpet (4), Mottled Rustic (4), Poplar Hawkmoth (4), White Satin (4), Buff Ermine (3), Dark Arches (3), Large Twin-spot Carpet (3), Riband Wave (3), Swallow Prominent (3), Willow Beauty (3), Buff Arches (2), Buff Footman (2), Campion (2), Elephant Hawkmoth (2), Heart and Dart (2), July Highflyer (2), Mottled Beauty (2), Small Phoenix (2), Vine's Rustic (2) and singletons of Buff-tip, Coronet, Double-striped Pug, Large Yellow Underwing, Light Emerald, Lime-speck Pug, Nut-tree Tussock, Scalloped Oak, Scarce Footman, Single-dotted Wave & Small Fan-footed Wave. Micros - Mother of Pearl (estimated 85), Small Magpie (6), *Endotricha flammealis* (2) and singletons of *Perinephela lancealis*, *Udea prunalis* & White Plume."

~ Sunday 17th July 2011 ~

**Peter Hall sent this addition to the UTB 2011 list:** "Seen today (*16th July*), was a single **Striped Lychnis larva** at the *Holtspur reserve, Bucks*."

**David Redhead reported this sighting on 16th July:** "This morning a **Copper Underwing** was crawling across our landing carpet in *Littlemore, Oxon*."

**Dave Wilton sent this update on 15th July:** "Further sightings from mid-Bucks over the past couple of weeks have included the following:  
(*28th June*) One moth of interest amongst an uninspiring collection that came to light on a farm near *Tingewick* was the pretty tortrix **Pammene aurana**.  
(*30th June*) A Scarlet Tiger in the garden during the daytime will not be newsworthy for some, but it was certainly a very unusual occurrence here at *Westcott*.  
(*1st July*) A trapping session in *Bernwood Forest* that evening produced **Small Black Arches, Agriphila straminella** and **Catoptria pinella** which all seem to be new to this year's UTB list.  
(*3rd July*) Amongst the moths trapped at *Greatmoor* that evening was a rather

unexpected pristine female **Chalk Carpet**, some considerable distance from where one might normally expect to see this UK BAP species! Other highlights included Dotted Rustic, **Mere Wainscot**, **Small Scallop**, **Cochylis hybridella**, *Ebulea crocealis* & **Eucosma campoliliana**.

**(4th July)** New to the list from another trapping session in **Bernwood Forest** was **Epinotia solandriana**. Best moth of the evening, though, was a rather battered male **Garden Tiger (first adult)**.

**(5th July)** Added to garden year list at **Westcott** this evening were **Acleris holmiana** & **Approaerema anthyllidella**. The Heart and Dart total was a mere 291 individuals so their numbers are thankfully on the wane!

**(7th July)** A **Magpie Moth** at **Whitecross Green Wood** was a new species to me for the year.

**(8th July)** Peter Hall and I ran some traps for a public event on the **Ashridge Estate**, during which Dark Sword-grass and **Eana incanana** were added the UTB year list.

**(9th July)** Yet another trapping visit to **Bernwood Forest** produced **Scarce Silver-lines** & **Acrobasis consociella** amongst many others.

**(11th July)** I had success with the pheromone lure for **Six-belted Clearwing** today, with records obtained from three different kilometre squares surrounding the **Calvert land-fill** site. Another visit with traps to **Rammamere Heath** that evening produced in excess of 120 species, of which Barred Hook-tip & **Suspected** were new to me for the year.

**(14th July)** Six examples of the uncommon long-horn micro-moth **Nemophora cupriacella** were found on field scabious flowers growing along the disused railway at **Doddershall**. Martin Albertini tells me that this was the fourth record of the species for Bucks."



Chalk Carpet  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Six-belted Clearwing  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Nemophora cupriacella  
Photo © Dave Wilton

**Andy King sent the following on 14th July:** "In a layby on the A41, **near Drayton Beauchamp, Bucks** I collected a web, with caterpillars in it, from a European Spindle bush. One of them has emerged, on **13 July**, and, not altogether surprisingly, it turns out to be a **Spindle Ermine (Yponomeuta cagnagella)**. A photo is below. Similarly, on 4 May, I captured a small larva in a small, untidy spinning amongst the seed-heads of a Jack-by-the-Hedge plant. That, too, has emerged, on **15 June**. The adult was small, brownish and obscure enough for me to have to ask Peter Hall for help in identifying it. Very kindly he has: **Cnephasia asseclana**, otherwise known as the Flax Tortrix."



Yponomeuta cagnagella  
Photo © Andy King

**Peter Hall sent this report on 14th July:** "Moth trapping around Bucks sites in recent weeks, either by myself or with Dave Wilton or Martin Albertini have added the following to the 2011 moth list:

**Turville Heath 11th June:** Phyllonorycter hilarella, Micropterix aruncella, Eriocrania salopiella (vacated mine), Bohemania pulverosella (vacated mine), Stigmella tityrella (vacated mine), Phyllonorycter messaniella (mine), Phyllonorycter maestingella (mine), Roeslerstammia erxlebella (vacated mine), Coleophora serratella, Coleophora kuehnella (case), Bryotropha terrella, Mompha raschkiella (mine), Stigmella hybnerella (vacated mine). Thanks to John Langmaid, Martin Albertini, Ched George, Neil Fletcher for their contributions.

**Ballinger Common 13th June:** Dark Sword-grass

**Wendover Woods 21st June:** Mompha conturbatella

**Wendover Woods June 25th:** Olindia schumacherana

**Stoke Common June 26th:** Bordered Beauty, Chevron, Pempelia palumbella, Pempelia genistella

**Hodgemoor Wood July 2nd:** Great Oak Beauty

**Ivinghoe Hills July 3rd:** Lesser Yellow Underwing, Hypochalcia ahenella, Coleophora mayrella, Eudemis profundana

**Hodgemoor Wood July 11th:** Pseudatemelia josephinae

**Ballinger Common 12th July:** Stigmella floslactella (leaf mine)."

**Colin Williams reported the following on 12th July:** "A moth-trapping session, led by Norman Hall, in **Bowdown Woods** BBOWT reserve in Berks on **7th July** produced 101 species (with some others still to be determined). Highlights included Waved Black and **Kent Black Arches**."

~ Tuesday 13th July 2011 ~

**Ben Sheldon sent this report today:** "Recent records from an 11W actinic Skinner trap in an **East Oxford garden** (new to trapping from June this year) include: large numbers of Scarlet Tiger during very warm weather at the end of June, with 40 in, on and around trap on **26/6**, 33 the following day. Peak numbers and diversity on 01/07 with 105 of 34 species, 02/07 with 85 of 37 species and 11/07 with 130 of 33 species; species of interest so far have included Beautiful Hook-tip (**15/6**), up to 3 Coronet (**28/6**), Peppered Moth (carbonaria) **22/6**, Dingy Shears (**1/7**), Marbled Beauty (**2/7**). Species apparently as yet unrecorded in the region this year are **Cloaked Minor (25 June)**, **Ostrinia nubilalis (European Corn Borer)** on **9/7**, **Old Lady** - two outside trap on **11/7**, and the highlight so far a **Small Marbled** also on the night of **11/7** (see photo)."



Small Marbled  
Photo © Ben Sheldon

**Nigel Partridge sent this update:** "A few more from the garden (*Loosley Row, Bucks*): **Brown-line Bright-eye** 08-07-11, **Spilonota ocellana** 09-07-11, **Small Rivulet** 09-07-11, *Aethes rubigana* 10-07-11, **Aglossa pinguinalis** 10-07-11, *Dichrorampha petiverella* 11-07-11 (thanks to Petr Hall for confirming the ID)."

**David Redhead's garden moth trap on 11th July produced three all-time additions to his garden list:** "They were **Bordered Sallow**, **Broad-barred White** and a **Shark Moth**. Also new for the year were **Dusky Sallow**, **Scalloped Oak**, **Slender Brindle**, **Yellow-tail** & **Ebulea crocealis**."



Bordered Sallow  
Photo © David Redhead



Shark  
Photo © David Redhead

**Adam Bassett added a few more to his garden year list in Marlow Bottom, Bucks on July 9th:** "**Ypsolopha dentella**, **Recurvaria nanella**, **Aethes rubigana**, **Zeiraphera isertana** and **Waved Black**. Thanks to Peter Hall for his help. Also, a Hummingbird Hawkmoth was seen at *Little Marlow GP* on **July 12th**."

**Peter Law sent the following news:** "**12th July:** Having seen Hummingbird Hawkmoth in 4 locations at *Aston Rowant NNR (N), Oxon* two days ago, I came across 1 today in *Nuneham Park* (SE of Oxford) in the garden of a house that I was delivering to."

**This report came from David Redhead:** "On the **9th July** I came across my first **Shaded Broad-bar** of the year on the grassland by my house in *Littlemore, Oxon* and my garden moth trap that evening produced a **Crescent** and a **Lesser Cream Wave**. On **11th July** three **Cistus Forester** moths and a Humming-bird Hawkmoth were flying at *Swyncombe Downs*."



Crescent  
Photo © David Redhead



Lesser Cream Wave  
Photo © David Redhead

**Andy King sent this report:** "Bucks Moth Officer Peter Hall has kindly been helping by identifying a number of moths which were too tricky for me. A few of them are not yet on the UTB 2011 list: **Ectoedemia occultella** is a tiny moth, but not rare; one turned up in my light-trap in **Philipshill Wood**, in Bucks near Chorleywood, on **30th April** this year. More fascinating, perhaps, is a **layby on the A41** on **1st June** in that bit of Bucks which reaches out towards Tring in Herts: Oxe-eye Daisies and Yarrow are abundant there, on a south-facing chalk bank. I found four species, which have these as foodplants, of the genus *Dichrorampha*; plus *Lathronympha strigana*, which looks much like one. **Dichrorampha petiverella** and **Dichrorampha alpinana** are not yet on the 2011 list. Neither are **Dichrorampha sequana** and **Dichrorampha plumbana**, but the last two are also not on the UTB all-time list. Colin Plant describes *D. sequana* as extinct in Herts (which is, of course, just down the road) and only one recent report (1998) for *D. plumbana*. This last should not be confused with *D. plumbagana*, a different species."

**Chris Bottrell sent the following:** "8/7 - A somewhat wet night in my **Merton (Oxon)** garden, but still 169 individuals of 37 species in the trap, with some new emergences for my year. Total catch: *Agapeta hamana* (3); *Cnephasia* sp. (7 of possibly 2 species); *Celypha lacunana* (2); *Chrysoteuchia culmella* (5); *Crambus perlella* (1); *Acentria ephemerella* (Water Veneer) (2); *Scoparia pyralella* (1); *Dipleurina lacustrata* (4); **Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer)** (1); *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother of Pearl) (3); *Drinker* (1); *Red Twin-spot Carpet* (1); **Shaded Broad-bar** (1); *Clouded Border* (1); *Scalloped Oak* (2); *Elephant Hawkmoth* (2); *Buff-tip* (1); *Scarce Footman* (3); *Common Footman* (12); *Turnip Moth* (3); *Heart and Club* (3); *Heart and Dart* (51); *Shuttle-shaped Dart* (1); *Flame* (1); *Double Square-spot* (3); *Broad-barred White* (1); **Brown-line Bright-eye** (1); *Poplar Grey* (1); *Dun-bar* (3); *Dark Arches* (9); *Light Arches* (1); *Common Rustic* agg. (2); *Small Dotted Buff* (2); *Uncertain* (18); **The Rustic** (14); *Mottled Rustic* (3)."



Broad-barred White  
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Shaded Broad-bar  
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~ Saturday 9th July 2011 ~

**Mary Elford reported the following:** "Despite a wet and windy night, there were some lovely moths in my garden trap here in **West Oxfordshire** this morning, **8th July**, including this beautiful **Black Arches** which I've only previously seen on nature reserves."



Black Arches  
Photo © Mary Elford

**Adam Bassett sent this update from Marlow Bottom, Bucks:** "A few more moths that are new to my garden year list from **July 4th:** **Nemapogon cloacella**, **Batia lunaris**, Small Emerald (2), Brown Scallop (4), **Wormwood Pug** and **August Thorn** (2)."

**Derek Brown had a Cypress Carpet** at **Beenham Berks** on **2nd July**.



Cypress Carpet  
Photo © Derek Brown

**Dave Maunder sent this update on 6th July:** "A few more moths found in **Aylesbury, Bucks** recently include:- Least Carpet (1); Eyed Hawkmoth (1); Varied Coronet (1); Scalloped Oak (1); Yellow-tail (1) and in my garden trap on **5th July:-** Privet Hawkmoth (1, female); Poplar Hawks (3); Pale Prominent (1); Buff Arches (1); Buff Ermines (3); Burnished Brass (1); Silver y (1); Gothic (1); Double Square-spots (2); Small Dotted Buff (1). On **3rd July** I got my 2nd ever Pine Hawkmoth in my trap, also Buff-tips (2); White Satin (1) and Buff Arches (1)."



Least Carpet

**Andy King reported the following:** "Two more moths for the UTB 2011 list. On **2nd July** a **Svensson's Copper Underwing** turned up inside the house (**Chorleywood, Bucks**). This, and the Copper Underwing, often seem to do that - just turn up, as if from nowhere. On **3rd July** my garden trap took a **Marbled Beauty**, the first for the year."

**Chris Bottrell sent this report on 6th July:**

**3/7** - Another big catch for my **Merton (Oxon)** garden with 423 individuals of 61 species: Leopard Moth (2); Bird-cherry Ermine (3); other Yponomeuta.sp (2 poss malinellus?); Swammerdamia.sp (2 poss caesiella?); Brown House-moth (1); Agonopterix heracliana (1); Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix (3); Timothy Tortrix (1); Clepsia consimilana (3); Lozotaenia forsterana (1); Red-barred Tortrix (8); Cnephasia.sp (23, 2 species?); Acleris forsskaleana (1); Celypha lacunana (1); Cherry-bark Moth (2); Chrysoteuchia culmella (24); Crambus perlella (5); Water Veneer (29); Scoparia pyralis (6); Dipleurina lacustrata (14); **Eudonia mercurella** (1); Small Magpie (2); Mother of Pearl (8); Gold Triangle (1); Endotricha flammealis (3); **Trachycera advenella** (1); Dwarf Cream Wave (3); Small Dusty Wave (1); Single-dotted Wave (3); Riband Wave (11); Barred Straw (1); Foxglove Pug (1); V-Pug (1); Clouded Border (1); Scalloped Oak (1); Willow Beauty (1); Mottled Beauty (1); Elephant Hawkmoth (2); Scarce Footman (7); Common Footman (42); Turnip Moth (3); Heart and Club (15); Heart and Dart (57); Flame (3); Large Yellow Underwing (2); Double Square-spot (5); Dot Moth (1); Bright-line Brown-eye (1); Smoky Wainscot (3); Shoulder-striped Wainscot (3); Dun-bar (2); Dark Arches (21); Light Arches (3); Large Nutmeg (2); Uncertain/Rustic (61); Mottled Rustic (12); Burnished Brass (1); The Herald (1); Beautiful Hook-tip (1); The Fan-foot (2).

**5/7** - Found on the kitchen wall in the morning and potted for id that evening a small rather non-descript moth which I was convinced was a worn micro. After being unsuccessful in identifying it myself Dave Wilton put me on the right track and provided me with a new species, and a macro! **Muslin Footman (Nudaria mundane).**"



Leopard Moth  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Trachycera advenella  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Muslin Footman  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Peter Cuss has run his garden moth trap several times recently in Caversham, Berks:** "New for my garden list was Maple Prominent (**1/7/11**), Privet Hawkmoth (**2/7/11**) and a **Ruddy Carpet** (**4/7/11**).

~ Friday 8th July 2011 ~

**Chris Bottrell sent these moth trap results on 5th July:**

**26/6** - A very warm humid night produced a massive 477 moths of 77 species in my **Merton (Oxon)** garden trap: Bird-cherry Ermine (1); Blastobasis laticolella (1);

**Stathmopoda pedella** (1) (new to the UTB All-time List); **Limnaecia phragmitella** (1); Blastodacna hellerella (1); Agapeta hamana (7); Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix (1); Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (1); Clepsia consimilana (7); Ditula angustiorana (Red-barred Tortrix) (5); Cnephasia sp. (17 of possibly 2 species); Celypha lacunana (4); Marbled Orchard Tortrix (3); Ancyliis achatana (2); Bramble Shoot Moth (2); Eucosma cana (1); **Rhyacionia buoliana (Pine Shoot Moth)** (1); Codling Moth (5); Dichrorampha sp. (poss alpinana) (2); Chrysoteuchia culmella (58); Crambus perlella (4); Scoparia pyralella (16); Scoparia ambigualis (4); Eudonia pallida (1); Dipleurina lacustrata (12); Pyrausta aurata (1); Small Magpie (1); Phlyctaenia perlucidalis (4); Udea prunalis (1); Udea olivalis (1); Mother of Pearl (6); Bee Moth (1M); **Pempelia formosa** (1); White Plume Moth (7); The Lackey (3); The Lappet (1); Dwarf Cream Wave (3); Single-dotted Wave (2); Riband Wave (12); Garden Carpet (1); Yellow Shell (3); Barred Straw (1); Mottled Pug (1); Common Pug (3); V-Pug (8); Peppered Moth (1); Willow Beauty (1); Common Wave (2); Elephant Hawkmoth (3); Small Elephant Hawk-moth (1); Buff-tip (2); Pebble Prominent (1); Scarce Footman (2); Common Footman (11); Turnip Moth (6); Heart and Club (12); Heart and Dart (94); Flame (3); Large Yellow Underwing (2); Double Square-spot (6); Dot Moth (1); Smoky Wainscot (9); Common Wainscot (3); Sycamore (1); The Coronet (3); Dingy Shears (6); Dun-bar (1); Lunar-spotted Pinion (1); Dark Arches (10); Large Nutmeg (2); Marbled Minor agg (2); Middle-barred Minor (1); Uncertain (42); Mottled Rustic (21); Beautiful Hook-tip (1); The Fan-foot (3).

**30/6** – Cooler conditions resulted in only 120 individuals of 33 species in the garden trap: Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix (1); Cnephasia sp. (15 of 2 species?); Celypha striana (1); Scoparia pyralella (1); Dipleurina lacustrata (1); Phlyctaenia coronata (1); Dwarf Cream Wave (1); Riband Wave (1); V-Pug (1); Light Emerald (1); Buff-tip (1); White Satin Moth (1); Scarce Footman (4); Common Footman (8); Buff Ermine (1); Turnip Moth (1); Heart and Club (5); Heart and Dart (25); Shuttle Shaped Dart (1); Flame (1); Setaceous Hebrew Character (1 very worn); Double Square-spot (3); Bright-line Brown-eye (1); Smoky Wainscot (5); Common Wainscot (1); Dark/Grey Dagger (1); Dun-bar (2); Dark Arches (8); Light Arches (2); Large Nutmeg (1); Uncertain (12); Mottled Rustic (11)."



Stathmopoda pedella  
Photo © Chris Bottrell



Lappet  
Photo © Chris Bottrell

**Nigel Partridge sent the following:** "A couple more from the garden (**Loosley Row, Bucks**): **Brown Scallop 01-07-11** and **Small Emerald 03-07-11.**"

**A few more that were new for Adam Bassett's garden year list in Marlow Bottom, Bucks from July 1st:** "**Argyresthia sorbiella, Helcystogramma rufescens, Epagoge grotiana, Conobathra repandana, Least Carpet** and **Buff Footman**. I've attached a few of the **Argyresthia** species that I've trapped recently (see below)."



Argyresthia curvella  
Photo © Adam Bassett



Argyresthia retinella  
Photo © Adam Bassett



Argyresthia sorbiella  
Photo © Adam Bassett

**Dave Maunder reported the following:** "I found my first **Yellow-tail (first adult)** moth of the year on **2nd July**; also a few more of interest from Thursday night's garden trap (**30th June**) here in **Aylesbury, Bucks** were:- Elephant Hawkmoth (1); Buff Ermine (4); Pale Prominent (2); Poplar Grey (1); Double Square-spot (1); Broad-barred White (1); Swallow-tailed Moth (1) and Phlyctaenia perlucidalis (2)."

~ Saturday 2nd July 2011 ~

**Adam Bassett reported the following from Marlow Bottom, Bucks on 1st July:** "A few more records from last week that were new for the garden year list:  
**25th June** – Caloptilia cuculipennella, Argyresthia retinella, Ypsolopha parenthesesella, Parachronistis albiceps, Epinotia brunnichana, Rhopobota naevana, Homoeosoma sinuella, Small Blood-vein.  
**29th June** – Borkhausenia fuscescens.  
**1st July** – 2 Hummingbird Hawk-moths (the 5th or 6th this year)."

**Andy King sent this report on 29th June:** "On a visit to **Ivinghoe Beacon, Bucks** on 21st May I collected a larva in a web on Hawthorn and looked after it. Yesterday **28th June**, an adult moth emerged and could, with some care, be identified as **Trachycera suavella**, not yet on the UTB 2011 list. I kept it indoors so the emergence-time of the adult should not be regarded as normal. Hawthorn may not be its favoured foodplant, but it was found on a small, isolated bush and that, apparently, is normal. It wasn't much to look at as a caterpillar and its home looked like it needed a visit from Mollymaid, but I think the adult makes up for that."



Trachycera suavella  
larva  
Photo © Andy King



Trachycera suavella  
Photo © Andy King

**Dave Wilton reported the following:** "Here is another report from mid-Bucks: (**22nd June**) Seen along the disused railway at **Doddershall** were **Agapeta zoegana** and **Lunar-spotted Pinion**."

**(23rd June)** The only excitement amongst a rather poor set of moths trapped at **Pilch Fields** on this chilly evening was **Twin-spot Carpet**.

**(25th June)** New for the year at **Westcott** were **Acleris bergmanniana**, **Gypsonoma dealbana**, Coronet, **Dingy Footman**, Dotted Rustic (a new moth for the garden list), Dun-bar, Lappet & Minor Shoulder-knot. The most significant event of the night, though, was an even bigger invasion of Heart and Dart than that seen on 20th June, with no less than 933 individuals recorded!

**(26th June)** During the heatwave I decided to spend the day in the garden at **Westcott** staring at pheromone lures and was very pleased to get **Red-belted Clearwing** (3) and **Orange-tailed Clearwing** (1). Amongst the moths trapped in a private wood near **Stowe** that evening were **Acentria ephemerella**, **Acleris forsskaleana**, **Apotomis betuletana**, **Bactra lancealana**, **Batrachedra praeangusta**, **Eidophasia messingiella**, **Epermenia falciformis**, **Epiblema foenella**, **Epinotia cruciana**, **Lozotaeniodes formosanus**, **Morophaga choragella**, **Gold Swift** and **Large Emerald**.

**(28th June)** Having been overwhelmed with moths on 25th June, I hesitated before running the garden trap again at **Westcott** but in the end decided to do it anyway. In the morning I came to regret that decision and one of the ten egg trays from the trap is illustrated below. Each side of each tray was crammed full of moths, so just identifying the various species was a nightmare, let alone trying to count them! I ended up with 70 confirmed macro and 34 micro species, although I'm sure more (especially micros) were lost amongst the very many escapees or in all the scale dust at the bottom of the trap. The highest counts were for Heart and Dart (1,210), Large Yellow Underwing (141), Uncertain/Rustic (129) and Dark Arches (65), although these figures will all have been lower than the actual numbers present. A count of more than a thousand for a single species is not something I particularly want to repeat! New for the garden list this year were **Yponomeuta evonymella**, **Rhopobota naevana**, **Crambus pascuella**, **Acentria ephemerella**, **Hypsopygia costalis**, **Endotricha flammealis**, **Phycitodes binaevella**, **Scalloped Oak**, **Swallow-tailed Moth**, **White Satin**, **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing**, **Clay**, **Gothic**, **Olive** & **Blackneck**. It was also nice to see no less than four Dotted Rustics after the first time visitor three days previously."



"One, two, three ..."  
Photo © Dave Wilton



Red-belted Clearwing  
Photo © Dave Wilton

**Nigel Partridge sent this update:** "A couple more, both from **26-06-11 (Loosley Row, Bucks)**: **Ptycholomoides aeriferanus** and **Teleiodes vulgella**."