

Moth Sightings - 2003 Archive - Upper Thames Branch

TOTAL MOTH SPECIES RECORDED IN 2003:

359

This is an archive of the UTB moth sightings for the year 2003.

Photographs have been removed to save space on the website.

The intriguing Hummingbird Hawk Moth (Macroglossum stellatarum) is an immigrant to this country and can be seen in the daytime feeding on garden plants such as lavender, honeysuckle, red valerian, petunia, buddleia and others.

**** HUMMINGBIRD HAWK MOTH COUNT = 48 ****

8th December 2003

Moths seen at Keith Mitchell's front door lights in November and early December in Stoke Goldington, Bucks:

Dark Sword-grass (1 on 5/11); **December Moth** (first on 19/11, max 3 on 4/12); **Feathered Thorn** (max - 3 on 5/11, last 1- on 28/11); **Mottled Umber** (2 on 2/12, 1 banded, 1 speckled); **Red-line quaker** (1 on 7/11); **The Sprawler** (1st - 4 on 5/11, max 7 on 7/11, last - 1 on 19/11); **Yellow-line Quaker** (1 on 7/11); **Winter Moth** (1st - 2 on 22, 1-2 regular since)

8th November 2003

Peter Hall's weekly moth trap is still attracting a number of species – these records are from 05/11/2003:

Ballinger - Blair's Shoulder-knot; December Moth; Feathered Thorn; Large Yellow Underwing; November Moth; Red-green Carpet; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Sprawler; Yellow-line quaker; ***and micros:*** Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Blastobasis decolorella; Emmelina monodactyla

The Lee - Feathered Thorn.

2nd November 2003

**Peter Hall sent in the following records from The Lee for 1st November:
Feathered Thorn; Pale November; The Sprawler.**

1st November 2003

October records from Keith Mitchell's garden in Stoke Goldington, Bucks:

Autumnal Moth (14th), Beaded Chestnut (7th, 14th), Blair's Shoulder-knot (7-10th), Feathered Thorn (2 on 31st),

Sallow (13th, 26th), Twenty-plume Moth (13th).

And from Peter Hall's weekly moth trap in his Ballinger garden on 19/10/2003:

Barred Sallow; Large Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Spruce Carpet; Square-spot Rustic;

micros: *Nomophila noctuella* (Rush Veneer); *Orthopygia glaucinalis*

21st October 2003

Dave Maunder noted four moth species last week in Aylesbury:-

Lunar U/wing, Sallow Moth, Large Ranunculus and a Grey Shoulder Knot - one of each species.

18th October 2003

From just slightly outside the Upper Thames Branch area, this sighting received today from Roger and Hanne Asbey:

I know I'm a long way from the Thames valley however... just for your interest I have today sighted a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** at 1600 hrs in my garden in **Aberdeen Scotland**. It was feeding predominantly on geranium flowers.

Is this the most northerly sighting of the Hummingbird Hawk this year?

Wendy Campbell spotted a well camouflaged **Large Ranunculus** on the wall of her house today.

14th October 2003

A couple of moths seen in the Aylesbury area last week by Dave Maunder were:-

Sallow Moth and Large Yellow u/wing.

13th October 2003

Keith Mitchell sent in the following today, adding 2 new species to the UTB species count for this year:

Please find below some recent and not so recent records from my garden in Stoke Goldington, all attracted to

outside fluorescent courtesy lights at the front door. Stoke Goldington (Bucks) is about as far North in the recording area as you can get. All records have been sent to the County Recorder and have been photographically confirmed.

Last two weeks:

Large Ranunculus (End Sept); **Large Wainscot** (3rd Oct); **Blair's Shoulder-Knot** (on wall from 28 Sept to 10 Oct); **Grey Shoulder-knot** (5th and 6th Oct); **Bloodvein**; **Beaded Chestnut**; **Lunar Underwing**; **Mallow**; **Snout**.

Previous:

Hummingbird Hawkmoth (June 14th); **Privet Hawkmoth** (26th June); **Garden Tiger** (29th June),

12th October 2003

Tim and Colleen Watts are still reporting regular sightings of Hummingbird Hawk Moths. They've seen another 3 in their Whitchurch garden on 19th, 23rd and 30th September and one in Waddesdon on 28th September.

11th October 2003

A Hummingbird Hawk Moth turned up in Wendy & Mick Campbell's garden today, attracted by the scent of the recently trimmed lavender and fed briefly on the newly flowering stems.

6th October 2003

This report received today from Dave Maunder:

Just a few moths seen last week including my 7th **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** on 6th October, feeding on a buddleia in Aylesbury town. Also **1 Square-spot Rustic**, **1 Lg. Yellow u/wing**, **1 Large Ranunculus**, **1 Lunar u/wing** and **1 Grey Shoulder Knot**.

29th September 2003

Abingdon based moth enthusiast Bob Eeles, has reported seeing a **Convolvulus Hawk Moth** in his garden on 2nd September.

Weekly records from Peter Hall's garden in Ballinger for 21st September, with one new species to add to this year's list:

Angle Shades; Beaded Chestnut; Black Rustic; Bloodvein; Brimstone Moth; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Deep-brown Dart; Dusky Thorn; Grey Pine Carpet; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Oak Hook-tip; Red-green Carpet; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Spruce Carpet; Square-spot Rustic; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Yellow-line Quaker

and the following micros:

Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); **Blastobasis lignea**; **Celypha lacunana**; **Hypsopygia costalis** (Gold Triangle); **Nomophila noctuella** (Rush Veneer); **Orthopygia glaucinalis**; **Plutella xylostella** (Diamond-back); **Ypsolopha parenthesesella**

28th September 2003

Mick Campbell saw another **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in his garden on Thursday 25th September, feeding on lavender.

22nd September 2003

On Tuesday 16th September Paul Bowyer saw another **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in his front garden in

Flackwell Heath at about 6.30 P.M.

20th September 2003

Wycombe Wildlife Group held what was probably their last moth trap evening of the year at Mop End on Friday 19th September, led by Paul Bowyer. Although the temperature dropped quite rapidly after dark – down to about 10-12 degrees - and the skies were rather clear, the 3 traps recorded above average species numbers for Bucks in September:

Barred Hook-tip; Barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut; Black Rustic; Bloodvein; Brimstone Moth; Brindled Green; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-spot Pinion; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Dark Sword-grass; Garden Carpet; Large Ranunculus; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Red-green Carpet; Sallow; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Snout; Spruce Carpet; Square-spot Rustic; Straw Dot; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Yellow Shell

Micros:

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Acleris sparsana; Agonopterix arenella; Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Blastobasis lignea; Epinotia trigonella; Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back)

Also received today was this list of moths seen in the Aylesbury area by Dave Maunder last week:

My 6th **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** was again seen on Buddleia in Aylesbury town centre on the 15th; also **Vapourers (4)**, **Lesser Yellow U/wing (1)**, **Lg. Yellow U/wing (1)**, **Sycamore moth larva** ([click here to see a picture on the "Junior Spotters" web page](#)), **Red-Green Carpet**, **Garden Carpet (4)**, and a **Small Dusty Wave**.

19th September 2003

Peter Hall's weekly moth trap, 15/09/2003, in his garden in Ballinger recorded 47 species, 8 of which are new for the year and bring the species count on this website to 343:

Oak Hook-tip; Bloodvein; Small Dusty Wave; Garden Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Grey Pine Carpet; Spruce Carpet; Brimstone Moth; Dusky Thorn; Ruby Tiger; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Square-spot Rustic; Common Wainscot; Deep-brown Dart; Black Rustic; Large Ranunculus; Centre-barred Sallow; Lunar Underwing; Barred Sallow; Sallow; Copper Underwing; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Angle Shades; Rosy Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Silver Y; Straw Dot; Snout

Micros:

Acleris sparsana; Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Celypha lacunana; Agriphila geniculea; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Orthopygia glaucinalis; Galleria mellonella (Wax); Tinea semifulvella; Ypsolopha parenthesesella; Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Batia unitella; Blastobasis lignea; Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple)

18th September 2003

David Moore has been recording moths for the past 20 years, in Wallingford & Cholsey for the past 15. He

also records nationally and in mainland Europe. He currently lives in Cholsey, and has this year run a moth trap on and off since March. These are some of his recent sightings:

13 Sep 03 - Common Carpet, Oak Hooktip, Ruby Tiger, Large Yellow Underwing, Common Wainscot, Centre Barred Sallow, Lunar Underwing, Vines Rustic

14 Sep 03 - Small Dusty wave, Brimstone Moth, Swallowtailed Moth, Dusky Thorn, Willow Beauty, Ruby Tiger, Turnip Moth, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Large Yellow Underwing, Broad Bordered Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Square Spot Rustic, Common Wainscot, Black Rustic, Lunar Underwing, Angle Shades, Flounced Rustic, Rosy Rustic, Small Mottled Willow, Pale Mottled Willow, Vines Rustic, Silver Y

15 Sep 03 - Willow Beauty, Yellow Tail, Ruby Tiger, Turnip Moth, Shuttle Shaped Dart, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Large Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Square Spot Rustic, Common Wainscot, Centre Barred Sallow, Angle Shades, Pale Mottled Willow, The Uncertain, Bordered Straw, **Small Mottled Willow**, The Snout

16 Sep 03 - Oak Hook Tip, Garden Carpet, Brimstone Moth, Canary Shouldered Thorn, Shuttle Shaped Dart, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Square Spot Rustic, Common Wainscot, Lunar Underwing, Black Rustic, The Rustic, Pale Mottled Willow, Straw Dot.

I was pleased to see Bordered Straw again, since I have not seen it in this country since 1996 at Wallingford. The Small Mottled Willow is a new country record for me, being familiar with the species in Spain.

16th September 2003

Four more Hummingbird Hawk Moths reported by Tim & Colleen Watts in their Whitchurch garden. They saw one on 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th September. They also had an **Angle Shades** in the kitchen on 16/9/03!

14th September 2003

Dave Maunder saw his 5th **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** of the year feeding on Buddleia at Quanton railway centre, also a **Silver-Y** and a **Vapourer** moth.

Mick & Wendy Campbell were out walking near **Chilton** today and recorded **2 Red Underwing** moths and a **Silver-Y** moth.

Jon Swain reports another **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in his garden in Swan Bottom, near Gt Missenden today.

On Saturday 13th September Paul Bowyer made a brief visit to Sands Bank High Wycombe looking for butterflies (see his report on the butterfly sightings page). He saw 2 macro moths while he was there: **Silver-Y Moth** and **Hummingbird Hawk Moth**.

Peter Hall's garden records for last week:

Oak Hook-tip; Barred Hook-tip; Bloodvein; Garden Carpet; Brimstone Moth; Willow Beauty; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Square-spot rustic; Feathered Gothic; Common Wainscot; Centre-barred Sallow; Lunar Underwing; Mouse; Flounced Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Silver Y; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Snout

Micros:

Acleris variegana; Agriphila geniculea; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Emmelina monodactyla; Prays fraxinella (Ash Bud); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Cochyliis hybridella

13th September 2003

Dave Maunder sent in the following email today:

Only a few moths to report this week, just 1 **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** (my 4th this year), nectaring on Buddleia near Safeways in Aylesbury; **1 Flounced rustic**, and **1 Garden carpet**.

Dave also sent in this very unusual report which, although not recent, is something to look out for next summer:

Two years ago I found the **Scarlet Tiger** moth (3 specimens) at Waterperry gardens - I don't know if they are still found in there, it would be interesting to find out next year.

The Scarlet Tiger moth can be seen flying in sunshine and is on the wing in June and July. It is normally confined to the Southern and Western counties of England.

11th September 2003

Mick Campbell reports seeing a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** feeding on lavender in his garden in Holmer Green today.

10th September 2003

Sightings of Hummingbird Hawk Moths are still being reported – this one just received from Zoe Phillips:

Today at approx 6pm 10th Sept 2003 my boyfriend called me to our back garden as he was amazed to have spotted what we now know (having searched the internet) to be a **Hummingbird Hawk Moth**. It was hovering and feeding from a Bergamot flower. Our location is Aston Clinton nr Aylesbury Bucks.

7th September 2003

Wendy & Mick Campbell saw a Hummingbird Hawk Moth on Pyrton Hill in the Chilterns today and a single Silver-Y moth.

Dave Maunder sent in the following two reports today, adding another new species to the 2003 total count with his sighting of the Brick Moth:

I saw my third **Hummingbird hawk moth** of the year feeding on Honeysuckle in the Waterperry Gardens nursery today- always nice to watch! I also saw a **Brick moth** and a **Silver-Y**.

Moths I saw at Dormer Close, Aylesbury, this week were:-

Square spot rustic, Flounced rustic, Snout moth, Vapourers(3), Orange swifts(4), Brimstone moth, Garden carpet, Marbled Beauty and a **Hummingbird hawk moth** - this I saw as it flew over my allotment at Ardenham lane, near the town centre!

6th September 2003

Peter Hall's weekly moth trap records for 05/09/03:

Oak Hook-tip; Barred Hook-tip; Chinese Character; Maiden's Blush; Bloodvein; Small Dusty Wave; Flame Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Green Carpet; Brimstone Moth; Dusky Thorn; Dark Sword-grass; Large Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Square-spot rustic; Feathered Gothic; Common Wainscot; Brindled Green; Centre-barred Sallow; Copper Underwing; Angle Shades; Rosy Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Silver Y; Straw Dot; Snout

and these micros:

Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); **Celypha lacunana**; **Agriphila tristella**; **Agriphila geniculea**; **Acentria ephemerella** (Water Veneer); **Nomophila noctuella** (Rush Veneer); **Emmelina monodactyla**; **Niditinea fuscella** (Brown-dotted Clothes); **Prays fraxinella** (Ash Bud); **Ypsolopha parenthesesella**; **Agonopterix arenella**; **Blastobasis lignea**

An article in Friday's Daily Telegraph (05/09/03) quotes wildlife experts as saying that an unprecedented number of Hummingbird Hawk moths have migrated to Britain as a result of the hot summer. The article states that more than 200 sightings have been reported this year, including some as far north as Kircudbrightshire in Scotland.

1st September 2003

Colleen Watts reports yet another **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** in her garden in Whitchurch at 4pm today – the fifth she's reported so far this year.

On Friday 29th August the Wycombe Wildlife Group met for a moth trapping session, led by Paul Bowyer, at Roger Wilding's new house. Once again this year the weather was not favourable, being cool and blustery with a clear sky. Species seen were as follows :-

Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad Bordered Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Orange Swift, Brimstone, Snout, Angle Shades, Silver-Y, Hummingbird Hawk moth and Common Marbled Carpet.

A report just in from Brendan McCartney, Berkshire Birding:

My son ran a race at Highclere in Berkshire on Sunday and whilst walking around the "Secret Garden" during the morning he and his wife saw an **Elephant Hawkmoth caterpillar** on one of the lawns. I don't know how unusual this may be?

Dave Maunder sent in the following sightings tonight. Here are some moths I've seen at my home, also near Friars square, Aylesbury during the last week:

Engrailed moth, Small Blood-vein, Small Dusty Wave, Brimstone (2), Dusky Thorn (3), Lg. Yellow u/wing (2), Silver-Y (4), Flounced Rustic, Square Spot Rustic (2), Common Wainscot (6), Snout moth, Orange Swift (4), Chinese Character, Vapourer (2).

31st August 2003

A fraction over the Bucks border in Tring, Nick Bowles had 2 Hummingbird Hawk Moths in the garden. First seen 29th and again today 31st.

30th August 2003

Colleen Watts reports seeing a Hummingbird Hawk Moth at Waddesdon garden centre this afternoon (30/8/03) and then another one at 7:20pm in her garden in Whitchurch.

29th August 2003

Peter Hall's weekly garden records from 23/08/03:

Orange Swift; Bloodvein; Small Dusty Wave; Garden Carpet; Purple Bar; Common Marbled Carpet; Green Carpet; Brimstone Moth; August Thorn; Dusky Thorn; Swallow Prominent; Coxcomb Prominent; Vapourer; Ruby Tiger; Heart & Dart; Dark Sword-grass; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Six-striped Rustic; Square-spot rustic; Feathered Gothic; Smoky Wainscot; Common Wainscot; Centre-barred Sallow; Mouse; Angle Shades; Pale Mottled Willow; Burnished Brass; Silver Y; Straw Dot; Snout

Micros:

Acleris laterana; Acleris rhombana (Rhomboid Tortrix); Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Cydia splendana; Agriphila tristella; Agriphila geniculea; Parapoynx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); Eurrhpara hortulata (Small Magpie); Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Prays fraxinella (Ash Bud); Ypsolopha parenthesella; Coleophora frischella (Small Clover Case-bearer); Blastobasis lignea; Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple)

28th August 2003

A report just in from *Peter Hall*, that a **Convolvulus Hawk** turned up in *Flackwell Heath on the 15th*. This large migrant Hawk Moth, with an impressive wingspan of over 10cm (about 4") has been seen in moderate numbers further south during the last few weeks.

25th August 2003

News received from Colleen & Tim Watts today of their recent moth sightings:

25/8/03 Hummingbird Hawk Moth on Calvert landfill.

23/8/03 Hummingbird Hawk Moth in garden in Whitchurch (our eighth sighting this year).

13/8/03 Red Underwing seen clearly in flight and at rest in dark hedgerow footpath near Greatmoor heading towards Edgcott at 6pm - a large moth about 3 inches we thought and dazzling bright red showing in flight. We have seen plenty of Orange Underwings and as we never caught one of these when we moth trapped wondered how common they are?

Also 6 Magpie moths.

(The Red Underwing sighting is the first reported this year to the website and takes the species count to 320. See also Tim & Colleen's report on the [Butterfly Sightings](#) page.)

24th August 2003

Dave Maunder sent this moth report in today:

I have just seen a **Hummingbird Hawk moth** opposite my house in Aylesbury, my first sighting this year. Earlier today up on Coombe Hill, I saw 1 Antler moth, 1 Vapourer moth, and a batch of 27 Buff-tip moth larvae, all young 5th stage.

(Dave also sent in a sighting of Silver spotted Skippers – see the [Butterfly Sightings](#) page.)

The following email received this morning from Kelvin Parker of Bracknell:

I thought that I would let you know that I have just seen my very first **Hummingbird Hawk moth** in my garden 24th August 2003 10:35am. It was hovering on my pelargoniums, red and pink.

and another report of **2 Hummingbird Hawk Moths** from Swan Bottom on 22nd August, (near The Lee, Great Missenden) by **Jon Swain**.

23rd August 2003

An email just in from Nicolas Grove takes the count for the Hummingbird Hawk to 12 for this year:

I came across your website whilst looking for info on the **Hummingbird Hawk Moth**, which I first saw last year in Wendover. So I thought I should let you know that the above has been seen in Wendover, Bucks on 21/08/03 about 10am and again on 22/08/03 at 8pm on Pelargoniums (flower colour - red). I hope this helps. Nick.

21st August 2003

[The next set of records from Peter Hall's garden in Ballinger, from 18th August, a count of 67 species, adding another 6 to the species count for the year:](#)

Angle Shades; Bloodvein; Brimstone Moth; Canary-shouldered Thorn; Centre-barred Sallow; Clay Triple-lines; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Rustic; Common Wainscot; Copper Underwing; Dark Arches; Dark Sword-grass; Dusky Thorn; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Flounced Rustic; Heart & Dart; **Hummingbird Hawk; Iron Prominent; Large Yellow Underwing; Least Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Lime-speck Pug; Magpie; Mouse; Poplar Hawk; Rosy Rustic; Scarce Bordered Straw; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver Y; Six-striped Rustic; Small Phoenix; Small Square-spot; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Square-spot rustic; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Tawny-barred Angle; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell**

[and these micros:](#)

Acleris laterana; Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Agapeta zoegana; Agonopterix ocellana; Agriphila geniculea; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Blastobasis decolorella; Blastobasis lignea; Carcina quercana; Celypha lacunana; Cydia splendana; Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple); Evergestis forficalis (Garden Pebble); Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Pyrausta purpuralis; Tinea trinotella; Udea ferrugalis (Rusty-dot Pearl); Ypsolopha parenthesesella

20th August 2003

Thanks to [Lin and John Tyler](#) for the following report, just received:

Earlier this evening we sighted a [Humming-bird hawk moth](#), feeding on the verbenas in a hanging basket in our garden in Ley Hill, Chesham.

19th August 2003

From just on the Buckinghamshire border [near Ivinghoe, Ken and Mary Smith](#) were delighted to see [2 Hummingbird Hawk Moths](#) feeding on flowers in their garden last Saturday.

18th August 2003

Friday 15 August: [2 Hummingbird Hawk moths](#) in my front garden in the cool of the evening. As I got close they went into next door's back garden! [Paul Bowyer](#).

[12th August: The following moths were recorded at Green Farm High Wycombe by Peter Hall:](#)

Brimstone Moth; Canary-shouldered Thorn; Common Carpet; Common Rustic; Common Wainscot; Dark Arches; Double-striped Pug; Dun-bar; Dusky Thorn; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Lime-speck Pug; Maple Prominent; Mocha; Mouse; Pebble Hook-tip; September Thorn; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver Y; Small Fan-footed Wave; Smoky Wainscot; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Vine's Rustic; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell
[and the following micros:](#)

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Acleris cristana; Agonopterix arenella; Agonopterix purpurea; Agriphila geniculea; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Batia unitella; Blastobasis lignea; Carcina quercana; Celypha lacunana; Cydia splendana; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Pyrausta aurata; Pyrausta purpuralis; Yponomeuta padella (Orchard Ermine); Ypsolopha horridella; Ypsolopha parenthesesella; Ypsolopha scabrella; Ypsolopha sequella

[11th August: Peter Hall sent in the following list of moths from his weekly garden moth trap:](#)

Angle Shades; Barred Hook-tip; Bloodvein; Bordered Straw; Brimstone Moth; Common Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Rustic; Common Wainscot; Common Wave; Dark Arches; Double-striped Pug; Dusky Thorn; Early Thorn; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Flounced Rustic; Garden Carpet; Hedge Rustic; Iron Prominent; Knotgrass; Large Yellow Underwing; Least Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Lime-speck Pug; Nut-tree Tussock; Orange Swift; Pale Prominent; Pebble Hook-tip; Pebble Prominent; Riband Wave; Rosy Rustic; September Thorn; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver Y; Single-dotted Wave; Six-striped Rustic; Small Phoenix; Small Square-spot; Smoky Wainscot; Spectacle; Square-spot rustic; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell
[and the following micros:](#)

Acentria ephemerella; Acleris cristana; Acleris laterana; Agonopterix heracliana; Agriphila geniculea; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Alucita hexadactyla; Ancylis badiana; Anthophila fabriciana; Blastobasis lignea; Catoptria falsella; Celypha lacunana; Epinotia nisella; Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple); Euzophera pinguis; Galleria mellonella; Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House); Nomophila noctuella; Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Parapoynx stratiotata; Pleuroptya ruralis; Pyrausta aurata; Ypsolopha

parenthesella; Ypsolopha scabrella

9th August 2003

Another *Hummingbird Hawkmoth* was seen nectaring on lavender in a Holmer Green garden today – their second in the garden this year (the first one was on 27th July).

Peter Hall recorded 66 species in his garden in Ballinger Common on 8th August:

Oak Hook-tip; Pebble Hook-tip; Chinese Character; Bloodvein; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Flame Carpet; Common Carpet; Small Phoenix; Lime-speck Pug; Larch Pug; Brimstone Moth; August Thorn; Dusky Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Peppered; Willow Beauty; *Poplar Hawk*; Iron Prominent; Swallow Prominent; Coxcomb Prominent; Black Arches; Dingy Footman; Dark Sword-grass; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Least Yellow Underwing; Small Square-spot; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Six-striped Rustic; Square-spot rustic; Smoky Wainscot; Common Wainscot; Marbled Beauty; Copper Underwing; Mouse; Straw Underwing; Dunbar; Dark Arches; Common Rustic; Ear; Bulrush Wainscot; Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Silver Y; Straw Dot

and these Micros:

Acleris laterana; *Celypha lacunana*; *Cydia splendana*; *Agriphila straminella*; *Agriphila tristella*; *Agriphila geniculea*; *Catoptria falsella*; *Evergestis forficalis* (Garden Pebble); *Nomophila noctuella* (Rush Veneer); *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother of Pearl); *Endotricha flammealis*; *Trachycera advenella*; *Ypsolopha dentella* (Honeysuckle); *Plutella xylostella* (Diamond-back); *Agonopterix propinquella*; *Blastobasis lignea*; *Pandemis corylana* (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Pandemis heparana* (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Relatively low numbers of moth species were recorded in a garden near Amersham last night, 8th August, possibly due to the full moon? However, Large Yellow Underwings seemed unaffected and were attracted to the Skinner trap in large numbers!

6-striped Rustic; Angle Shades; Brimstone; Common Carpet; Common Rustic; Dagger (sp.); Dark Arches; Dark Marbled Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Mother of Pearl; Orange Swift; *Pyrausta aurata*; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver-Y; Smoky Wainscot; Spectacle; Square-spot Rustic; Straw Dot; Straw Underwing; Willow Beauty; Yellow Shell.

6th August 2003

A brief moth trap in a hot and humid garden in Flackwell Heath. Plenty of moths but many of the same species.

Species identified by *Paul Bowyer* were as follows:-

Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad Bordered Yellow Underwing, Least Yellow Underwing, Brimstone, Flame Shoulder, Iron Prominent, Setaceous Hebrew Character, The Crescent, Yellow Shell, Dark Arches, Beautiful Golden Y and Maiden's Blush.

Also reported today were the following daytime moth sightings by 2 UTB members who were out looking for butterflies:

Yeosden Bank, nr. Radnage on 5th August: Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Bowdown Wood, nr. Newbury on 21st July: Peacock Moth (see photo above).

Bald Hill, Aston Rowant on 27th July: Broom Moth larva (see photo above), Vapourer Moth larva and Dusky Sallow moth.

4th August 2003

Garden in Holmer Green – the following moths were recorded, although the abundance of Large Yellow Underwings took over the moth trap!

Ruby Tiger; Sallow Kitten; Dark Arches; Willow Beauty (v. worn); Mother of Pearl; Flame Shoulder; Early Thorn; Brimstone; Common Rustic; Common Carpet; Pebble Hook Tip; Spectacle; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Yellow Shell; Lime-speck Pug; Pyrausta aurata.

29th July 2003

Garden in Ballinger Common: Peter Hall recorded the following 103 species of moths on 22nd July:

Oak Hook-tip; Bloodvein; Small Fan-footed Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Yellow Shell; Small Phoenix; Spruce Carpet; Green Carpet; July Highflyer; Small Rivulet; Lime-speck Pug; Larch Pug; Magpie; Clouded Border; Brimstone Moth; Early Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Peppered; Willow Beauty; Mottled Beauty; Engrailed; Light Emerald; Pine Hawk; Poplar Hawk; Elephant Hawk; Iron Prominent; Swallow Prominent; Yellow-tail; Black Arches; Dingy Footman; Scarce Footman; Buff Footman; Common Footman; Ruby Tiger; Heart & Dart; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Least Yellow Underwing; Double Square-spot; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brown-line Bright-eye; Clay; Smoky Wainscot; Straw Underwing; Dun-bar; Dark Arches; Slender Brindle; Common Rustic; Dusky Sallow; Uncertain; Rustic; Vine's Rustic; Mottled Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Burnished Brass; Silver Y; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Snout; Small Fan-foot

micros:

Acleris holmiana; Acleris laterana; Ancylis badiana; Rhyacionia pinicolana; Cydia splendana; Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume); Chrysoteuchia culmella; Crambus pascuella; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Catoptria falsella; Dipleurina lacustrata; Elophila nymphaeata (Brown China-mark); Parapoinx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); Eurrhynx hortulata (Small Magpie); Udea prunalis; Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Endotricha flammealis; Conobathra repandana; Trachycera advenella; Phycita roborella; Pterophorus pentadactyla (White Plume); Yponomeuta evonymella (Bird-cherry Ermine); Plutella xylostella (Diamond-back); Batia unitella; Hofmannophila pseudospretella (Brown House); Carcina quercana; Blastobasis lignea; Blastobasis decolorella; Agapeta hamana; Pandemis corylana (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple)

26th July 2003

Paul Bowyer sent in the following report for 25th July:

A moth night with the Wycombe Wildlife Group in a member's garden situated between Loudwater and Wycombe Marsh which incorporates part of the old Maidenhead to Wycombe railway line. A very wet day followed by a clearing sky kept the numbers of moths down. The species seen and identified were:-

Brimstone , The Phoenix , Mother of Pearl , Large Yellow Underwing , Dark Arches , Brown Line Bright Eye , Small Phoenix , Riband Wave , Flame Shoulder , Common Rustic , Black Arches , Willow Beauty , Dot , *Dusky Thorn ,

Common Wainscot. (*first sighting for this year)

Thanks to Jenny Bottrill for letting us use her garden. If you look at the [Wycombe Wildlife Group](#) web site there may be pictures of some of the moths.

14th July 2003

Garden in Ballinger Common: Peter Hall recorded the following 93 species of moths:

Scalloped Hook-tip; Pebble Hook-tip; Buff Arches; Common Emerald; Small Emerald; Clay Triple-lines; Small Fan-footed Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Flame Carpet; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Large Twin-spot Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Common Carpet; Green Carpet; July Highflyer; Small Rivulet; V-Pug; Magpie; Clouded Border; Brimstone Moth; Early Thorn; Swallow-tailed; Peppered; Willow Beauty; Mottled Beauty; Engrailed; Common White Wave; Common Wave; Clouded Silver; Light Emerald; Elephant Hawk; Buff-tip; Iron Prominent; Yellow-tail; Black Arches; Scarce Footman; Common Footman; Ruby Tiger; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Triple-spotted Clay; Double Square-spot; Green Arches; Dot; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brown-line Bright-eye; Clay; Smoky Wainscot; Dun-bar; Lunar-spotted Pinion; Dark Arches; Slender Brindle; Common Rustic; Uncertain; Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Burnished Brass; Silver Y; Plain Golden Y; Straw Dot; Snout; Fan-foot; Small Fan-foot

Micros:

Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Acleris variegana (Garden Rose Tortrix); Celypha striana; Hedyia nubiferana; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Catoptria falsella; Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Paraponyx stratiotata (Ringed China-mark); Nomophila noctuella (Rush Veneer); Pleuroptya ruralis (Mother of Pearl); Hypsopygia costalis (Gold Triangle); Orthopygia glaucinalis; Endotricha flammealis; Conobathra repandana; Euzophera pinguis; Swammerdamia pyrella; Ypsolopha dentella (Honeysuckle); Plutella porrectella; Carcina quercana; Blastobasis lignea; Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix)

12th July 2003

UTB held a moth trap evening at their Holtspur Bottom Reserve, recording the following moths – leader Paul Bowyer:

Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone; Brown-line Bright-eye; Buff Arches; Common Footman; Dark Arches; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Ghost Moth; Green Carpet; Heart & Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Emerald; Mother of Pearl; Nut Tree Tussock; Pebble Hook Tip; Riband Wave; Shaded Broad Bar; Shears; Small Magpie; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Swallow-tailed; Yellow Tail

27th June 2003

Wycombe Wildlife Group organised a moth recording evening in a private garden on Amersham Hill, High Wycombe. Our thanks to Pat for an enjoyable evening:

Brimstone; Buff Arches; Dark Arches; Dot Moth; Double Square Spot; Flame; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; Mottled Beauty; Phoenix; Riband Wave; Rustic; Small Magpie; Swallow-tailed; Tawny Marbled Minor; Yellow Shell

26th June 2003

Garden in Ballinger Common: Peter Hall recorded the following 69 species of moths:

Barred Yellow; Beautiful Golden Y; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Buff Arches; Buff Ermine; Buff-tip; Burnished Brass; Clay; Clouded Brindle; Clouded Silver; Common Emerald; Common Footman; Common Marbled Carpet; Common White Wave; Coxcomb Prominent; Dark Arches; Dot; Double Square-spot; Dwarf Cream Wave; Elephant Hawk; Fan-foot; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Green Pug; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Nutmeg; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Emerald; Lobster; Marbled Beauty; Middle-barred Minor; Mottled Beauty; Pale Mottled Willow; Pale Oak Beauty; Peppered; Phoenix;

Pine Hawk; Plain Golden Y; Purple Clay; Reddish Light Arches; Riband Wave; Rustic; Short-cloaked; Silver Y; Small Blood-vein; Small Fan-foot; Small Fan-footed Wave; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Straw Dot; Swallow-tailed; Treble Brown Spot; Turnip; Uncertain; White Ermine; Willow Beauty

Micros:

Acentria ephemerella (Water Veneer); Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix); Celypha lacunana; Cydia pomonella (Codling); Elophila nymphaeata (Brown China-mark); Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie); Gypsonoma dealbana; Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Udea olivalis; Yponomeuta evonymella (Bird-Cherry Ermine)

25th June 2003

At the 2nd Thursday meeting on 12th June the following moths were recorded – thanks to Mark Calway for providing the records:

Ghost Moth; Common Swift; Agapeta hamana; Tortrix viridana (Green Oak Tortrix); Crambus perlella; Eurrhyncha hortulata (Small Magpie); Buff Arches; Silver-ground Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Small Yellow Wave; Brimstone Moth; Peppered Moth; Willow Beauty; Mottled Beauty; Light Emerald; Heart and Dart; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Bright-line Brown-eye; Broom Moth; Middle-barred Minor; Straw Dot; Chrysoteuchia culmella; Water Veneer (Acentria ephemerella).

21st June 2003

Paul Bowyer spotted the stunning *Hummingbird Hawk Moth* in his garden in Flackwell Heath today, feeding on Red Valerian. Paul also recorded the following moths later on that evening, using a standard Skinner trap: **Blue Bordered Carpet; Bright-line Brown-eye; Buff Arches; Elephant Hawk Moth; Figure of Eighty; Flame; Heart and Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; Leopard; Light Emerald; Silver Y; Swallow-tailed**

20th June 2003

Garden in Holmer Green – the following moths were recorded on 20th June between 10.30 p.m. and 02.30 a.m.

Angle Shades; Barred Yellow; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone; Buff Ermine; Burnished Brass; Clouded Silver; Dark Arches; Dot Moth; Dusky Brocade; *Elephant Hawk (12)*; *Eyed Hawk Moth*; Fan Foot; Fern; Flame; Flame Shoulder; Foxglove Pug; Garden Carpet; Ghost; Green Arches; Heart & Dart; Iron Prominent; Large Yellow Underwing; Mottled Beauty; Peppered; Plain Golden Y; Small Magpie; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Willow Beauty

and the following moths in one hour of recording on 17th June:

Buff Arches; Dot Moth; Drinker Moth; Elephant Hawk; Heart & Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; Little Emerald; Scorched Wing; Small Magpie; Straw Dot

19th June 2003

Garden in Ballinger Common: Peter Hall recorded an impressive 79 species of moths:

Common Swift; Barred Yellow; Beautiful Golden Y; Beautiful Hook-tip; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brown Rustic; Buff; Ermine; Burnished Brass; Clouded Border; Clouded Silver; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Common; Hite Wave; Coxcomb Prominent; Dark Arches; Dot; Double Square-spot; Dusky Brocade; *Elephant Hawk*; Fan-foot; Flame; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder; Garden Carpet; Green Arches; Green Carpet; Green Pug; Green Silver-lines; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Nutmeg; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Emerald; Lobster; Middle-barred Minor; Mottled Beauty; Mottled Rustic; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale tussock; Peppered; Plain Golden Y; Purple; Lay; Riband Wave; Scorched Wing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Silver Ground Carpet; Small Phoenix; Smoky Wainscot; Snout; Spectacle; Straw Dot; Striped Lychnis; Tawny-barred Angle; Treble Brown Spot;

Treble Lines; Uncertain; White-pinion Spotted; White Ermine; Willow Beauty

Micros:

Lozotaenia forsterana; Agapeta hamana; Agonopterix arenella; Aphomia sociella; Archips podana; Celypha lacunana; Chrysoteuchia culmella; Cnephasia stephensiana; Crambus lathionellus; Crambus pascuella; Eurrhynx hortulata; Evergestis forficatalis; Hedyia pruniana; Hypsopygia costalis; Pandemis cerasana; Pseudargyrotoza conwagana; Tortrix viridana; Udea olivalis

14th June 2003

The following moths were recorded by the Bucks Invertebrate Group – thanks to Peter Hall for providing the records:

Langley Park – Wood

Bird's Wing; Blotched Emerald; Brimstone Moth; Brown Rustic; Brown Silver-line; Buff-tip; Cinnabar; Clouded Border; Common Carpet; Common Wainscot; Common White Wave; Flame Shoulder; Ghost; Great Oak Beauty; Grey Arches; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Large Yellow Underwing; Light Emerald; Lime Hawk; Lobster; Maple Prominent; Marbled Brown; Marbled White Spot; Middel-barred Minor; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale tussock; Peacock Moth; Pebble Hook-tip; Pinion-streaked Snout; Poplar Hawk; Riband Wave; Rosy Marbled; Scorched Wing; Shears; Silver Y; Small Fan-foot; Small Yellow Wave; Straw Dot; Treble Lines; Uncertain; White Ermine; Willow Beauty

micros: Acentria ephemerella; Aleimma loeflingiana; Apotomis turbidana; Archips podana; Celypha lacunana; Epiblema uddmanniana; Pandemis cerasana; Tortrix viridana

Langley Park – Oak Avenue

Blotched Emerald; Brown Rustic; Buff-tip; Buff Ermine; Clay Triple-lines; Common Emerald; Green Pug; Grey Arches; Heart & Dart; Ingrailed Clay; Light Emerald; Lobster; Marbled Brown; Middel-barred Minor; Mottled Beauty; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale Prominent; Peach Blossom; Plain Golden Y; Scorched Wing; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Small Fan-foot; Straw Dot; White Ermine

micros: Aleimma loeflingiana; Apotomis turbidana; Archips podana; Celypha lacunana; Crambus lathionellus; Crambus pascuella; Epiblema uddmanniana; Pandemis cerasana; Tortrix viridana

Whiteleaf Cross

Privet Hawk

11th June 2003

Garden in Holmer Green

Angle Shades; Beautiful Golden Y; Brimstone; Broken-barred Carpet; Clouded Border; Clouded Silver; Common White Wave; Common Swift; Elephant Hawk Moth; Figure of Eighty; Flame Shoulder; Ghost Moth; Heart and Dart; Lime Hawk Moth; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Small Angle Shades; Small Magpie; Smoky Wainscot; Spectacle; Treble Lines; Varied Coronet

6th June 2003

Wycombe Wildlife Group organised a moth recording evening in a private garden near The Rye in High Wycombe. Our thanks to the hosts for an enjoyable evening and excellent refreshments. The temperature was approximately 12 degrees and the following moths were recorded before rain stopped play:

Beautiful Golden Y; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Buff Ermine; Common Marbled Carpet (2); Green Carpet (3); Heart & Dart; Lime-speck Pug; Silver-ground Carpet; Small Magpie; The Flame; Treble Lines

2nd June 2003

Garden in Ballinger Common: Peter Hall recorded the following moths on 27th May:

Angle Shades; Barred Umber; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Broken-barred Carpet; Brown Silver-line; Buff Ermine; Buff-tip; Cinnabar; Clay Triple-lines; Clouded Silver; Clouded-

bordered Brindle; Common Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Swift; Flame Shoulder; Foxglove Pug; Garden Carpet; Heart & Dart; Large Nutmeg; Large Yellow Underwing; Least Black Arches; Lime-speck Pug; Lobster; Marbled Brown; Mottled Pug; Muslin; Nut-tree Tussock; Oak Hook-tip; Pale Oak Beauty; Pale tussock; Pebble Prominent; Peppered; Poplar Hawk; Puss; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Rustic Shoulder-knot; Scorched Wing; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Silver Ground Carpet; Small Phoenix; Smoky Wainscot; Spectacle; Spruce Carpet; Striped Lychnis; Swallow Prominent; Sycamore; Treble Lines; Waved Umber; White Ermine; White-pinion Spotted

and the following micros: **Alucita hexadactyla; Scoparia ambigua; Evergestis forficalis; Argyresthia trifasciata; Hofmannophila pseudospretella**

30th May 2003

Garden in Holmer Green Another very warm evening with the following moths recorded (and many more that didn't get recorded!):

Brimstone; Broken-barred Carpet; Clouded Silver(3); Common Marbled Carpet(3); Common Wainscot; Figure of Eighty(3); Flame Shoulder(2); Heart and Dart(2); Iron Prominent; Pale Tussock(2); Scorched Wing; Small Magpie; Small Phoenix; Treble Lines; White Ermine; White Pinion Spotted

28th May 2003

Garden in Holmer Green A warm evening at last, producing the following records:

Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone (5); Clouded Silver; Clouded-bordered Brindle; Common Marbled Carpet; Figure of Eighty; Flame Carpet; Flame Shoulder (4); Heart and Dart; Peppered Moth; Scalloped Hazel; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Small Square Spot (2); The Miller; The Shears; The Spectacle; White Ermine (2); White Pinion Spotted.

27th May 2003

In an overgrown garden in Central Flackwell Heath 9.30 - 11.30 P.M. Paul Bowyer recorded the following moths:-

Common Marbled Carpet, Flame Shoulder, Clouded Silver, Currant Pug, Scorched Wing, Brimstone and 3 Lime Hawk-Moths.

24th May 2003

Garden in Holmer Green - temperature 8 degrees and using a standard Skinner's moth trap.

Angle Shades; Bright-line Brown-eye (2); Brimstone (2); Common White Wave; Flame Shoulder; Nut Tree Tussock; Scalloped Hazel. Also 6 Cockchafer.

8th May 2003

Garden in High Wycombe - temperature 11 degrees and using a standard Skinner's moth trap.

Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone(2); Flame Shoulder; Hebrew Character (3); Knot Grass; Pale Tussock; Waved Umber

4th May 2003

Ballinger Common:

Brindled Pug; Common Quaker; Hebrew Character; Nut-tree Tussock; Swallow Prominent; Pale tussock; Least Black Arches; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Small Phoenix; Broken-barred Carpet; Small Waved Umber; Yellow-barred Brindle; Brimstone Moth; Scalloped Hazel; Peppered; Lobster; Flame Shoulder; Eupoecilia angustana

24th April 2003

[Garden in Holmer Green](#) - temperature 8-10 degrees and using a make-shift moth trap consisting of a sheet hung in front of a UV 40W strip light.

Early Grey; Hebrew Character (2); Knot Grass; The Streamer; Twin-spotted Quaker.

National Moth Night - Saturday 12th April 2003

[Butterfly Conservation's Upper Thames Branch](#) ran 5 traps at Bernwood and 4 in other locations around UTB. Thanks to **Peter Hall** for providing the following records:

[Bernwood - Oakley Wood](#)

Brindled Pug; Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Diurnia fagella; Early Grey; Early Tooth-striped; Engrailed; Lunar Marbled Brown; Satellite; Small Quaker; Twin-spotted Quaker; Water Carpet

[Bernwood - Shabbington Wood](#)

Blossom Underwing; Brindled Pug; Clouded Drab; Early Tooth-striped; Nut-tree Tussock; Semioscopis steinkelleriana; Small Quaker; Twin-spotted Quaker

[Bernwood - Shabbington Wood Turning Circle](#)

Blossom Underwing; Brindled Pug; Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Diurnia fagella; Early Grey; Early Thorn; Early Tooth-striped; Engrailed; Frosted Green; March Moth; Nut-tree Tussock; Oak Beauty; Red Chestnut; Semioscopis steinkelleriana; Small Quaker; Twin-spotted Quaker

[Small Dean Lane](#)

Diurnia fagella; Early Thorn; March Moth; Red Chestnut; Streamer; Water Carpet; Waved Umber; White-marked

[Ballinger Common](#)

Chestnut; Clouded Drab; Common Quaker; Dotted Border; Double-striped Pug; Early Grey; Early Thorn; Hebrew Character; Pale Pinion; Small Quaker; Twin-spotted Quaker

[Wycombe Wildlife Group](#) organised a moth trap which took place in the Sheepridge Nature Reserve and was led by Paul Bowyer. A standard Skinner's trap was used. It turned out to be quite a cool and breezy evening - temperatures staying below 10 degrees. The trap was run from 8.00 p.m. until 10.30 p.m. (when it got too cold for moths and people!). As none of us had seen moths in the car headlights on the way to the site, expectations were not high. The skies were rather clear, with a full moon. Fortunately the clouds covered the moon for a time and during this period we had a small flurry of activity when we recorded the following moths: Nut Tree Tussock (3); Common Quaker (2) and Clouded Drab (1).

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