

Moth Sightings - 2006 Archive - Upper Thames Branch
(Berks, Bucks & Oxon)

This is an archive of the UTB moth sightings for August to December 2006.

Final Species Count for 2006 was **676**

~ Sunday 31st December 2006 ~

This sighting came from Dave Maunder on Sunday 31st December: "Just when you thought you'd heard the last from me this year, I will make my final report for 2006 - a very late - or early (?) **Double-striped Pug** found resting on a fence along Fowler Road in [Aylesbury](#)! All the best for the new year."

~ Thursday 28th December 2006 ~

Dave Wilton sent the following update today, 28th December: "During December my trap results at [Westcott](#) were as follows: 6th (nil), 8th (nil), 11th (**Winter Moth** x 3, **Grey Shoulder-knot** x 1, **Dark Chestnut** x 1), 16th (**Chestnut** x 1), 24th (nil) and 27th (**December Moth** x 1). I was beginning to think that I would miss out on December Moth this year until a pristine male turned up last night. Going back in time, several additional moth species from earlier in the year can now be added to my garden list thanks to the very generous help of Peter Hall and his microscope. Those which are also new to the UTB list comprise: **Cochylimorpha alternana** (31st August), **Scythropia crataegella** (12th September), **Anacampsis populella** (17th September), **Paraswammerdamia lutarea** (26th September) and **Autumnal Moth** (9th October).

Other moths which Peter confirmed for me included **Treble-bar** (25th August), **November Moth** (9th October), **Pinion-streaked Snout** (14th October) and **Grey Pine Carpet** (20th October), taking my garden macro total for this year alone up to 295. 2006 has been such an outstanding year for moths that I think I'll have great difficulty attempting to better that total in 2007. Happy New Year!"

On 24th December Dave Maunder reported a couple of moths seen in Aylesbury recently: "Winter moth (7), **Emmelinea monodactyla** (3), and tonight (Christmas Eve) I had a **Parsnip moth** fly into my kitchen at dusk."

~ Thursday 21st December 2006 ~

Thanks to Les Finch for sending the following report on 21st December, which shows what can turn up in a small suburban garden: "I have an interest in macro moths and have been watching the UTB site for about three years without reporting too much. Generally, I run only an actinic light in a very small suburban garden in [Maidenhead, Berks](#), and there aren't too many highlights. On the basis that you'll soon be considering targets for 2007, however, I'm noting a few 'old' records for this year that I think will have the effect of increasing this year's total. This may prompt you to set an even harder target for next year!"

1962 **Barred Red** - 4 between 9 July and 14 July

1749 **Dark Spinach** - 1 on 13 August (see photo below)

1679 **False or Birch Mocha** (id not confirmed as at 05/01/07) - 1 on 19 October (see photo below)

1795 **November Moth** - 1 on 29 October (genitalia checked by David White)

2165 **Small Ranunculus** - 10 between 14 August and 7 September (see photo below).

~ Tuesday 19th December 2006 ~

The following news was received from Mark Calway on 17th December: “A **Silver-striped Hawk-moth** was spotted on a shop window in *High Wycombe, Bucks*, on 1st December. It was photographed by the lady who found it (photo to follow).”

Dave Wilton sent this unusual sighting on 10th December: “While out and about searching for Brown Hairstreak eggs west of *Arccott, Oxon*, on 9th December I came across this young lady, a wingless female **Winter Moth**, clinging to a blackthorn stem.”

Following on from Alastair Driver's unusually late record ([click here to go to the report](#)) of a Small Dusty Wave at his light trap on 4th December, Peter Hall provided the following emergence chart of the Small Dusty Wave in Bucks (week 40 is early October):

~ Friday 08th December 2006 ~

Dave Maunder sent the following recent sightings on 6th December: “**Winter Moths** (3), **Emmelina monodactyla** (5) and a **Feathered Thorn** on 29th November. Also I've found a good (?) colony of **Harlequin Ladybirds** on a fence in Fowler Road, *Aylesbury*, and a few more in Ardenham Lane up in the town centre, which were interesting to see - 7 larvae, 16 pupae and 38 adults, all on 25th November - the first I've come across in Aylesbury!”

Alastair Driver sent this email on 5th December from Sonning, Berks: “Took a **Small Dusty Wave** at light last night, 4th December. Not had one before at this time of year. Is this unusual, or are we getting extra broods of certain species this year due to mild weather?”

[Martin Harvey replies: “The latest record on the Berks database is 29 September (2004), so this is a very late record. There have been quite a lot of late appearances of various species this year, with what looks like second and third broods for some.” Peter Hall adds that there have been some late records and extra generations in Bucks as well.]

~ Sunday 26th November 2006 ~

On Friday morning, 24th November, Jan Haseler photographed a Scarce Umber on an exterior wall at *Shinfield Park near Reading*. “I've seen **Feathered Thorn** and **Mottled Umber** on the same wall over the last few weeks.”

~ Friday 17th November 2006 ~

14th November - Dave Maunder has recorded a few more moths around Aylesbury recently: **Blair's Shoulder-knot** (1); **Feathered Thorn** (2); **Emmelina monodactyla** (4), and **Chestnut Moth** (1, on 14th).

14th November - Dave Wilton reports that he is still running his moth trap at Westcott on suitable nights: “The number of moths caught has now dwindled to almost nothing. On 7th November I did reasonably well, with **Winter Moth** (1), **Sprawler** (2), **Satellite** (3), **Chestnut** (1), **Dark Chestnut** (1), **Red-line Quaker** (1), **Yellow-line Quaker** (1) and micros **Rusty-dot Pearl/Udea ferrugalis** (2), **Emmelina monodactyla** (2), but on 11th November all I got were **Sprawler** (2) and **Yellow-line Quaker** (1). It was a similar story on 13th November - which was as good as it gets weather-wise with a low of 10 degrees Celsius, light winds and cloud cover all night - but the only moths brought in were **Sprawler** (3) and **Chestnut** (1).”

~ Tuesday 7th November 2006 ~

Martin Harvey reported a new moth for Bucks on 6th November: "On 31st October I opened my fridge and found a small moth sitting inside, and for once it wasn't one that I'd put there myself! It turned out to be a **Leek Moth (*Acrolepiopsis assectella*)**. On the continent this is a pest of leeks and onions, but it is relatively scarce in the UK, and Martin Albertini tells me it is the first record for Bucks. Two more subsequently emerged, and I've also found an empty cocoon on the base of one of the organic onions in the fridge. Not certain where the onions originated from. I await to see whether the organic suppliers will start using this in their advertising – 'Buy organic and you too could find a new moth!'"

~ Wednesday 1st November 2006 ~

Ched George recorded his first December Moth of the season last night, 31st October, in Radnage.

31st October - David Redhead ran a garden moth trap Sunday/Monday night with the following results:

"46 November/Pale November Moth, 2 Rush Veneer, 1 Red-line Quaker, 1 Yellow-line Quaker, 1 Large Wainscot, 1 Satellite, 1 Dark Sword-grass and, surprisingly, 1 Mother of Pearl. The Yellow-line Quaker was my first of the year and the Satellite was an addition to my garden list."

Dave Maunder sent the following on 29th October: "Moths seen around Aylesbury since 22nd are: Large Wainscot (1); Green-brindled Crescent (1); Feathered Thorn (3); November Moth sp. (2); *Emmelina monodactyla* (3); and a Silver-Y larva (fully grown)."

On Sunday morning, 29th October, Tony Croft found a moth on his front door in Long Crendon, Bucks: "After much searching through the book we decided it was a **Sprawler** (see photo below)."

27th October - Dave Wilton reports that things are beginning to tail off on the moth front now:

"27th October was overcast and a mild 13 degrees here at Westcott but the trap only brought in 25 moths from 16 species, one of them being my first **Mottled Umber** of the season - a sure sign that winter is nearly here! The full list comprised:

Epiphyas postvittana/Light Brown Apple Moth (1), *Acleris variegana*/Garden Rose Tortrix (1), *Udea ferrugalis*/Rusty-dot Pearl (1), *Nomophila noctuella*/Rush Veneer (1), Red-green Carpet (1), November Moth *agg* (4), Feathered Thorn (4), Mottled Umber (1), Large Yellow Underwing (1), Sprawler (1), Chestnut (1), Dark Chestnut (1), Red-line Quaker (2), Yellow-line Quaker (2), Barred Sallow (1) and Silver-Y (2)."

Adam Bassett sent the following sighting on 27th October: "I've just been watching a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** feeding on Bizzie Lizzies in my garden in Marlow Bottom, Bucks, this afternoon, which is the first sighting I've had of this species for a few weeks. Also, I have some old micro records that have been confirmed by Peter Hall that do not appear to be on the UTB 2006 list:"

July 7th - *Argyresthia albistria* (probable)

July 15th - *Dichomeris marginella*

July 30th - *Caloptilia semifascia*.

~ Thursday 26th October 2006 ~

22nd October - Ched George recorded a Gem in his Radnage garden MV trap overnight on 21st October.

22nd October - Dave Maunder reported some more moths seen in Aylesbury since Monday 16th October: Blair's Shoulder-knot (4); Grey Shoulder-knot (1); Angle Shades (2); Merveille du Jour (1); Sallow (1); Large Ranunculus (1); November Moth *agg.* (4); *Emmelina monodactyla* (5); *Ambyptilia acanthadactyla* (1).

~ Thursday 19th October 2006 ~

Dave Wilton ran his moth trap at Westcott again on 17th & 18th October: "With a warm southerly airstream established over the UK, the nights of 17th and 18th October looked promising for interesting migrants. What did I get at Westcott? None at all! A combined list for the two nights now follows: *Lozotaeniodes formosanus* (1), *Emmelina monodactyla* (3), Red-green Carpet (3), Common Marbled Carpet (1), November Moth *agg.* (6), Feathered Thorn (5), Figure of Eight (2), Setaceous Hebrew Character (1), Common Wainscot (1), **The Sprawler** (1), Black Rustic (5), Blair's Shoulder-knot (9), Green-brindled Crescent (13), Merveille du Jour (3), Satellite (4), Chestnut (1), Dark Chestnut (8), Dotted Chestnut (1), Brick (1), Red-line Quaker (9), Yellow-line Quaker (5), Beaded Chestnut (6), Lunar Underwing (1), Sallow (5), Angle Shades (3), Large Wainscot (1), Silver Y (3) & Beautiful Hook-tip (1). The best of the bunch was the single "Notable B list" Dotted Chestnut on the 18th, another new species for my garden."

Keith Mitchell had a new micro in his Stoke Goldington garden last weekend, 14th/15th October: "I was initially confused over the name. The number is 874, but it is apparently known both as *Blastobasis decolorella* and *Blastobasis lacticolella*. I notice that both names are listed in the UTB species list for 2006. Does this mean that the 2006 list should actually be one less in number?"

[Keith is correct. Martin Harvey has confirmed that the *Blastobasis* moths have all swapped names fairly recently. The moth formerly known as *Blastobasis decolorella* (no. 874) is now *B. lacticolella*. The moth formerly known as *Blastobasis lignea* (no. 873) is now *B. adustella*. The UTB Species list for 2006 has been adjusted accordingly.]

Dave Maunder reported the following moths in Aylesbury on 15th October: "A few more sightings today were:- Blair's Shoulder-knot (4), Lunar Underwing (1) and November moth *agg.* (3)."

~ Saturday 14th October 2006 ~

On 14th October Dave Maunder sent the following list of moths seen around Aylesbury recently:- Angle Shades (1); Rosy Rustic (1); Grey Shoulder-knot (1); Chestnut (1); Silver-Y (1); Large Yellow Underwing (1); Snout (1); Feathered Thorn (1); November moth *agg.* (2 - 1st on 13th); Many Plume moth (1); *Emmelina monodactyla* (6).

Tony Towner sent the following moth records through on 12th October:

National Moth Night 2006 – 23rd September, found in my garden trap at Tilehurst - Shuttle-shaped Dart (2), Common Marbled Carpet (1), Square Spot Rustic (3), *Epiphyas Postvittana* (8).

7th October, again in my garden trap - Black Rustic (1), Brindled Green (1), *Nomophila Noctuella* (1), *Epiphyas Postvittana* (2), *Amblyptilia Acanthadactyla* (1), Chestnut (1), Lunar Underwing (1).

I have also noted the Hummingbird Hawk-moth in the garden on the following dates: 28/07/06, 21/08/06, 26/08/06 and 19/09/06."

On 7th October Dave Wilton's garden trap at Westcott brought in around 30 moths of 12 species:

"The Brick was the only addition to my list for the year. A bright "harvest moon" and the temperature dropping to 8 degrees conspired to make this a poor showing. Things were completely different on the 9th October, though, when a warm, wet night brought in the following species: Blood-vein, Red-green Carpet, Common Marbled Carpet, November Moth sp., Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Black Rustic, Blair's Shoulder-knot, Green-brindled Crescent, Brindled Green, Chestnut, Dark Chestnut, Brick, Red-line Quaker, Beaded Chestnut, Lunar Underwing, Barred Sallow, Pink-barred Sallow,

Sallow, Oak Nycteoline, Burnished Brass, Silver Y, Beautiful Hook-tip & Straw Dot, *while the micros included Acrolepia autumnitella* (this moth is only 6mm from nose to tail), *Agonopterix heracleana*, *Acleris variegana*/Garden Rose Tortrix, *Udea ferrugalis*/Rusty-dot Pearl, *Nomophila noctuella*/Rush Veneer, *Pleuroptya ruralis*/Mother of Pearl (my first for over a month, so presumably another generation), *Hypsopygia costalis*/Gold Triangle and *Emmelina monodactyla*. The Oak Nycteoline (see photo below) was a new addition to my all-time garden list. Having released these moths about a mile away from the house I decided to run the trap again on the 10th October, which was another warm, wet night. It produced a similar quantity of species but a dozen of them were different to the previous night. The additions comprised Swallow-tailed Moth, Feathered Thorn, Hummingbird Hawk-moth, Merveille du Jour, Yellow-line Quaker, Dusky-lemon Sallow, Rosy Rustic, Large Wainscot, Snout and micros *Plutella xylostella*/Diamond-back Moth, *Blastobasis lacticolella* (formerly *B.decolorella*), *Orthopygia glaucinalis*. The Hummingbird Hawk-moth is, I believe, the first I've ever had to light although they've been making almost daily appearances in the garden since June."

~ Saturday 7th October 2006 ~

7th October - A few sightings around Aylesbury by Dave Maunder last week included:-

Hummingbird Hawk-moth (1, on 1st); Frosted Orange (1); Large Yellow Underwing (1); Lunar Underwings (3); Swallow-tailed moth (1 - an unusually late 2nd brood specimen on 4th!); Feathered Thorns (2); Sallow (1); Large Ranunculus (1); Grey Shoulder-knot (1).

30/9 - Thanks to Peter Hall for producing the following up-to-date graph of the UTB Cumulative Moth Species Total:

Dave Wilton has had another list of moth IDs confirmed by Peter Hall: "The list includes two more moths from my garden in Westcott which are additional to the UTB list - *Deltaornix Torquillella* (from 20th August) and the plume *Ovendenia lienigianus* (from 10th August - that'll teach me to look more closely at all brown plumes in my garden and not just assume they are *E.monodactyla* as I usually do!). There are some others on Peter's list which I've not heard of before and are certainly new for my garden, including *Eudonia truncicolella*, *Cochylis atricapitana* & *Cochylimorpha straminea*, but unfortunately someone else has already added them to the UTB web-site list!"

Dave Wilton also sent this report for 2nd October: "Even though the temperature dropped to 6°C overnight on Monday night, resulting in lower overall numbers, the trap at *Westcott* still brought in an interesting selection of moths. They included Feathered Thorn and Merveille du Jour, both new to my garden list this year, plus Bulrush Wainscot which is yet another completely new species for me. The full list comprised Garden Carpet (1), Red-green Carpet (2), Common Marbled Carpet (1), Feathered Thorn (2), Turnip (1), Large Yellow Underwing (8), Lesser Yellow Underwing (2), Setaceous Hebrew Character (2), Common Wainscot (1), Deep-brown Dart (1), Black Rustic (8), Blair's Shoulder-knot (3), Green-brindled Crescent (2), Merveille du Jour (1), Satellite (1), Dark Chestnut (1), Red-line Quaker (2), Yellow-line Quaker (1), Beaded Chestnut (9), Lunar Underwing (26), Barred Sallow (1), Pink-barred Sallow (2), Sallow (8), Dusky-lemon Sallow (1), Angle Shades (5), Bulrush Wainscot (1), Silver Y (1), Beautiful Hook-tip (3) & Snout (1). Micros included *Acleris variegana*/Garden Rose Tortrix (3), *Nomophila noctuella*/Rush Veneer (2) & *Udea ferrugalis*/Rusty Dot Pearl (1)."

Peter Hall's latest results from his garden moth trap in Ballinger on 28th September:

Angle Shades; Barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut; Beautiful Hook-tip; Black Rustic; Blair's Shoulder-knot; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brindled Green; Buff Footman; Burnished Brass; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Deep-brown Dart; Dusky Thorn; Grey Pine Carpet; Large Ranunculus; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Orange Sallow; Pale Mottled Willow; Pearly Underwing; Red-green Carpet; Red-line Quaker; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Silver Y; Snout; Straw Dot; Turnip and Yellow-line Quaker. *Micros were:* *Acleris sparsana*; *Acleris variegana*; *Carcina quercana*; *Epiphyas postvittana*; *Hypsopygia costalis* & *Nomophila noctuella*.

Peter also had a rather late pristine Buff Footman on 29th September. The graph below shows peak emergence in Week 30, which is the first week of August:

The following news was received from David Redhead: "I have just received *Beryl Hulbert's* reports for the *Shabbington Wood* transects she walked this summer. Beryl reported that the *10th June* was very disappointing, in spite of the temperature being in the upper 20's and the sun shining, with just 10 Speckled Wood and 1 Common Blue recorded. However, her day was brightened up by being able to add to her report one **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** - first ever seen in Bernwood Forest in 35 years of recording!"

~ Wednesday 4th October 2006 ~

1st October - Peter Hall passed on a sighting by Justin Lewis who saw a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in *Little London*, near to Wendover, on the *7th September*.

Tim Watts found a very worn and faded Red Underwing on a boat tarpaulin at the *Calvert* sailing lake on *29/09/06*.

Despite the rain, another trapping session in Dave Wilton's garden at Westcott on Thursday 28th September brought in more than 250 moths of 41 species: "Amongst them was one very special visitor, my first **Convolvulus Hawk-moth**. There was nothing new for the UTB list but I did manage three new garden species for the year out of the following:

Mallow (1), Red-green Carpet (2), Common Marbled Carpet (6), Dusky Thorn (1), Willow Beauty (3), Convolvulus Hawk-moth (1), Turnip (2), Large Yellow Underwing (8), Lesser Yellow Underwing (3), Setaceous Hebrew Character (10), Square-spot Rustic (5), Common Wainscot (2), Deep-brown Dart (3), Black Rustic (36), Blair's Shoulder-knot (7), Green-brindled Crescent (2), Brindled Green (1), Red-line Quaker (1), Yellow-line Quaker (2), Beaded Chestnut (10), Lunar Underwing (99), Barred Sallow (6), Pink-barred Sallow (1), Sallow (4), Dusky-lemon Sallow (1), Angle Shades (1), Small Wainscot (1), Rosy Rustic (1), Small Mottled Willow (1), Burnished Brass (1), Beautiful Hook-tip (7), Straw Dot (2) & Snout (6). *Micros comprised:* *Carcina quercana* (2), *Acleris variegana*/Garden Rose Tortrix (6), *Nomophila noctuella*/Rush Veneer (5), *Hypsopygia costalis*/Gold Triangle (2), *Orthopygia glaucinalis* (1) and three more species yet to be determined."

Going back in time, and with very grateful thanks to Peter Hall and his microscope, the following micro-moths from my garden can now be added to the UTB list: *Hypatima rhomboidella* (20th July); *Parornix devoniella* (3rd August); *Acleris aspersana*, *Eulamprotes atrella* (both 18th August); *Dichrorampha simpliciana*, (20th August); *Cydia nigricana* (23rd August). Peter also confirmed **Lesser Common Rustic** from Westcott on 30th July as well as *Scoparia basistrigalis* from *Rushbeds Wood* on 21st July."

Dave also sent the following news: "On *26th September at Westcott* I got **Mallow, Green-brindled Crescent, Brindled Green** and the tortrix *Acleris sparsana* as additions to my garden list for the year."

~ Sunday 1st October 2006 ~

National Moth Night 2006 – Jan Haseler led the very well attended moth trap event at Dinton Pastures on 23rd September. A list of the moths recorded is shown below:

Carcina quercana 7; *Clepsia consimilana* 1; Light Brown Apple Moth 8; **Rhomboid Tortrix** 2; *Calamotropha paludella* 2; *Eudonia angustea* 1; Rush Veneer 2; Gold Triangle 1; *Emmelina monodactyla* 1; Small Blood-vein 1; Small Fan-footed Wave 2; Riband Wave 2; Vestal 1; Garden Carpet 1; Red-green Carpet 2; Common Marbled Carpet 21; **Pine Carpet** 2; Brimstone Moth 2; Feathered Thorn 1; Willow Beauty 13; Light Emerald 1; Vapourer 2; Yellow-tail 1; Turnip Moth 5; Heart and Dart 2; Shuttle-shaped Dart 7; Large Yellow Underwing 50; Lesser Yellow Underwing 25; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing 6; Setaceous Hebrew Character 9; Square-spot Rustic 33; Common Wainscot 3; Deep-brown Dart 3; Black Rustic 7; Green-brindled Crescent 1 - dark form; Brindled Green 66; Satellite 3; Chestnut 1; Brick 1; Yellow-lined Quaker 1; Brown-spot Pinion 3; Centre-barred Sallow 1; Lunar Underwing 89; Orange Sallow 4; Barred Sallow 7; Pink-barred Sallow 1; The Sallow 11; Dark/Grey Dagger agg. 2; Copper Underwing 1; Angle Shades 3; Rosy

Rustic 1; Pale Mottled Willow 2; Scarce Bordered Straw 2; Silver Y 4; Herald 1; Beautiful Hook-tip 23; Snout 16; Pinion-streaked Snout 1.

On 28th September Peter Hall sent the following update of the moth traps he's run in his Ballinger Common garden during August and September and also his two reports for National Moth Night:

14/08/06 - 23 macros & 12 micros. New to the UTB Species List for 2006 was **Evergestis pallidata**.

28/08/06 - 48 macros & 18 micros. New to the UTB Species List for 2006 was **Pinion-streaked Snout**

05/09/06 - 19 macros & 9 micros.

18/09/06 - 46 macros & 13 micros. New to the UTB Species List for 2006 were **Autumnal Rustic; Dark Marbled Carpet; Tinea semifulvella & Zeiraphera isertana**.

23/09/06 – National Moth Night 2006 – Peter Hall ran a moth trap in Homefield Wood in Bucks, with the following results:

Beaded Chestnut; Beautiful Hook-tip; Brimstone Moth; Brindled Green; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Common Marbled Carpet; Deep-brown Dart; Dusky Thorn; Feathered Thorn; Grey Pine Carpet; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Pretty Chalk Carpet; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Silver Y; Small Fan-footed Wave; Snout; Spruce Carpet; Square-spot Rustic; Straw Dot; Willow Beauty; Agonopterix arenella; Agriphila geniculea; Blastobasis adustella; Blastobasis laticolella; Carcina quercana; Epinotia ramella; Hypsopygia costalis; Olindia schumacherana; Phlyctaenia coronata; Sphilonota ocellana and Ypsolopha parenthesella. Also a Clouded Magpie larva.

23/09/06 – National Moth Night 2006 – Peter Hall 's garden moth trap list was as follows:

Angle Shades; Barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut; Black Rustic; Blood-vein; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-spot Pinion; Common Marbled Carpet; Common Wainscot; Copper Underwing; Deep-brown Dart; Delicate; Dusky Thorn; Large Yellow Underwing; Lunar Underwing; Mallow; Pale Mottled Willow; Sallow; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Silver Y; Spruce Carpet; Square-spot Rustic; Vestal; Willow Beauty; Acleris hastiana; Acleris variegana; Celypha lacunana; Epiphyas postvittana; Hypsopygia costalis and Nomophila noctuella.

~ Wednesday 27th September 2006 ~

27th September - Dave Maunder sent his latest list of moths seen around Aylesbury recently: Angle Shades (1); Large Ranunculus (2); Turnip moth (1); Lunar Underwing (2); Large Yellow Underwing (1); Vapourer moth (1), and **Emmelina monodactyla** (4).

National Moth Night 2006 – Paul Bowyer led the moth trapping event at Holtspur Bottom on 23rd: "A mixture of genuine autumn moths and those from the summer which were worn out. Species identified were: **Large Yellow Underwing, The Snout, August Thorn, Black Rustic, Brimstone, Lesser yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Barred Sallow, Green brindled Crescent, Beautiful Hook Tip, Common Marbled Carpet, Lunar Underwing.**"

National Moth Night 2006 – David Redhead reports on his NMN evening, spent at the Otmoor RSPB Reserve and also his garden moth trap in Littlemore, Oxford: "National Moth Night was a bit special for me. Having set my garden moth trap running I went over to the joint BENHS/UTB meeting at the **Otmoor RSPB Reserve**. Paul Waring, Richard Lewington and Mike Taylor were running 4 traps between them and by the time I left, at midnight, they had already attracted a good haul. Two of the target **Large Wainscot** had already arrived by then and I understand that the numbers increased considerably overnight. However, the really special ones for me were the two **Figure of Eight** as I had never seen the adult but have found the larvae in the past on the neighbouring MoD land. Although common a **Brindled Green** and a **Deep-brown Dart** were also additions to my UK list. *Back home the next day* my UK list increased by a further two when I identified a **Brick** and a **Brown-spot Pinion** in my garden catch. The remainder of the catch was: **Snout 16, Lunar Underwing 12** (6 dark form, 6 light

form), **Large Yellow Underwing** 8, **Sallow** 6 (5 dark form, 1 light form), **Beautiful Hook-tip** 5, **Black Rustic** 5, **Lesser Yellow Underwing** 4, **Beaded Chestnut** 3, **Setaceous Hebrew Character** 3, **Square-spot Rustic** 3, **Angle Shades** 2, **Dusky Thorn** 2 and singletons of **Barred Sallow**, **Blair's Shoulder-knot**, **Blood-vein**, **Frosted Orange**, **Mother of Pearl**, **Pink-barred Sallow**, **Rosy Rustic**, **Rush Veneer**, **Shuttle-shaped Dart**, **Willow Beauty** & **Yellow-tail** (plus a couple of unidentified micros)."

National Moth Night 2006 – Martin Harvey led the event at Wendover Woods on 23rd, with one MV light over sheet, plus wine-ropes.

Moths at MV light: **Ypsolopha parenthesesella** 1; **Dusky Thorn** (*Ennomos fuscantaria*) 3; **Large Yellow Underwing** (*Noctua pronuba*) 1; **Lesser Yellow Underwing** (*Noctua comes*) 2; **Square-spot Rustic** (*Xestia xanthographa*) 1; **Lunar Underwing** (*Omphaloscelis lunosa*) 10; **Orange Sallow** (*Xanthia citrigo*) 1; **Barred Sallow** (*Xanthia aurago*) 4; **Snout** (*Hypena proboscidalis*) 1. **Moths at wine-ropes:** **Spruce Carpet** (*Thera britannica*) 3; **Large Yellow Underwing** (*Noctua pronuba*) 2; **Deep-brown Dart** (*Aporophyla lutulenta*) 1; **Brindled Green** (*Dryobotodes eremita*) 1; **Copper Underwing** (*Amphipyra pyramidea*) 1; **Svensson's Copper Underwing** (*Amphipyra berbera*) 1. **Additional moths found on Martin's windows at home in Great Kimble were:** **Parsnip Moth** (*Depressaria heraclei*) 1; **Large Ranunculus** (*Polymixis flavicincta*) 1 and **Lunar Underwing** (*Omphaloscelis lunosa*) 10.

~ Monday 25th September 2006 ~

Tim Watts sent this interesting news from Whitchurch in Bucks today, Sunday 24th: "Archie Wright, aged 11, took me to see a resting moth in next door's garden. I was amazed to see a huge moth on a decorative lantern. I'm pretty confident it's a **Convolvulus** although it's the first I've ever seen that's for sure!"

On Sunday 24th at Eythrope, Dave Maunder found **Angle Shades** (1), and a **Vapourer Moth** while out looking for butterflies.

National Moth Night 2006 - Derek Brown ran the trap overnight (23rd) in Beenham and despite the rain that came in the morning managed the following.

Large Yellow Underwing 6; **Black Rustic** 7; **Lunar Underwing** 6; **Square Spot Rustic** 2; **Setaceous Hebrew Character** 4; **Brimstone** 1; **Large Ranunculus** 2; **Small Blood Vein** 1; **Common Marbled Carpet** 3; **Burnished Brass** 4; **Mallow** 2; **Snout** 1; **Grey Pine Carpet** 1; **Angle Shades** 1; **Willow Beauty** 1; **Beaded Chestnut** 1; **Shuttle Shaped Dart** 1.

National Moth Night 2006 - In ideal conditions Dave Wilton's 125w MV trap at Westcott managed to draw in nearly 700 moths from over 40 species on 23rd September: "Well over half the total was from just one species, the Lunar Underwing! The full list of macros follows:

Blood-vein (3), **Vestal** (2), **Common Marbled Carpet** (1), **Dusky Thorn** (5), **Willow Beauty** (1), **Short-cloaked Moth** (1), **Turnip Moth** (1), **Shuttle-shaped Dart** (1), **Large Yellow Underwing** (22), **Lesser Yellow Underwing** (5), **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing** (3), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (23), **Square-spot Rustic** (17), **Common Wainscot** (11), **Deep-brown Dart** (19), **Black Rustic** (56), **Blair's Shoulder-knot** (2), **Red-line Quaker** (1), **Yellow-line Quaker** (1), **Beaded Chestnut** (15), **Lunar Underwing** (434), **Pink-barred Sallow** (2), **Sallow** (2), **Dusky-lemon Sallow** (3), **Copper Underwing** (1), **Angle Shades** (6), **Rosy Rustic** (1), **Frosted Orange** (1), **Vine's Rustic** (1), **Pale Mottled Willow** (3), **Burnished Brass** (8), **Silver Y** (1), **Beautiful Hook-tip** (5), **Straw Dot** (2) & **Snout** (4). **Micros confirmed so far include:** **Carcina quercana** (1), **Archips podana**/Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (2), **Acleris variegana**/Garden Rose Tortrix (8), **Nomophila noctuella**/Rush Veneer (2), **Hypsopygia costalis**/Gold Triangle (2) & **Orthopygia glaucinalis** (1) with several more still to be identified. While the pair of Vestals was nice, perhaps the biggest surprise was the pristine Short-cloaked Moth, suggestive of yet another species having an unexpected additional generation this year."

National Moth Night 2006 - saw the best ever Autumn catch for Keith Mitchell in Stoke Goldington on 23rd, despite the heavy rain in the morning, with 393 moths of 32 species. "Garden firsts included 2 magnificent Merveille du Jour, 2 Scarce Bordered Straw, Deep-brown Dart and the second Vestal in a week (different individual to the last week-end. Full list as follows:

Angle Shades (2); Barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut; Beautiful Hook-tip (a very small fresh individual - is it late for this sp?); **Black Rustic (54); Blair's Shoulder-knot (2); Brindled Green; Brown-spot Pinion; Burnished Brass** (juncta); **Common Wainscot (29); Deep-brown Dart; Dusky Thorn; Frosted Orange; Large Ranunculus (2); Large Yellow Underwing (31); Lesser Yellow Underwing; Light-brown Apple Moth; Lunar Underwing (207); Mallow; Merveille du Jour (2); Pale Mottled Willow; Pyrausta aurata; Rosy Rustic; Satellite; Scarce Bordered Straw (2); Setaceous Hebrew Character (15); Shuttle-shaped Dart; Small Wainscot; Snout; Square-spot Rustic; The Vestal and Vine's Rustic (10).**

Keith Mitchell sent the following report on 22nd September: "I've finally managed to trap some moths in my garden in *Stoke Goldington*, having spent a lot of time working in Bristol. The following is a list of the moths trapped on **16th September**, on a perfect night. Highlights included Vestal and Brown-spot Pinion. Full list follows:

Agapeta hamana (2); Angle Shades; Barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut (4); Black Rustic (14); Brimstone Moth; Brindled Green (2); Brown-spot Pinion (2), Burnished Brass; Centre-barred Sallow; Common Wainscot (57); Flounced Rustic (1); Gold Triangle; Heart and Dart; Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (female); **Large Yellow Underwing (19); Lesser Yellow Underwing (14); Light-brown Apple Moth; Lunar Underwing (121 - a garden record); Pale Mottled Willow; Rosy Rustic; Setaceous Hebrew Character (23); Small Blood-vein (2); The Spectacle; Square-spot Rustic (8); The Vestal; Vine's Rustic (5).**"

Ched George says he had only 15 species in last night's trap (22nd September) but it included a typical **Green Brindled Crescent**, Turnip, Dark Sword-grass, Vestal, Large Ranunculus and 175 Lunar Underwings.

Derek Brown sent the photos below of Brindled Green and Oak Lutestring, both from his moth trap of 16th September ([click here to go to the report](#)). [Apologies to Derek for omitting to show the Brindled Green as a new UTB 2006 species in his earlier report.]

~ Wednesday 20th September 2006 ~

On 19th September Dave Maunder sent the following list of moths seen around Aylesbury recently: "Orange Swift (1); Angle Shades (1); Dusky Thorn (1); Old Lady Moth (1, on 14th); Square-Spot Rustic (4); Flounced Rustic (1); Lunar Underwing (1 - my first of year on 16th); Marbled Beauty (1, On 14th); Large Yellow Underwing (2); Lesser Yellow Underwing (2); Small Dusty Wave (2); Small Blood-Vein (1); Snout (1); Vapourer Moth (4 - All On 17th); Silver Y (1); Common Wainscot (2), and Common Marbled Carpet (1)."

On 17th September Ched George had an unusual mix of moth species in his trap for the time of year: "Last night, 17th, I recorded at MV in *Radnage, Bucks*, a fresh **Small Emerald**, a **Feathered Thorn**, my first **Beaded Chestnut** of the year, **Brown-spot Pinion** and **Large Ranunculus**."

Danny Howard ran the light trap in his garden in Cowley, Oxford, for a few hours on Saturday evening, 17th September: "I've just returned from two weeks holiday in the Auvergne where I saw lots of great butterflies and 100s of Hummingbird Hawks! Interesting species in the light trap for me included a **Frosted Orange**, a **Black Rustic** and a **Red Underwing** (the first I have had come to light - used to see them all the time during the day on my dad's garden shed in Wiltshire). Also the usual **Brimstones**, **Large** and **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwings**, **Setaceous Hebrew Characters**, a couple of **September Thorns** and dozens of crane flies... many of which started to mate once they had settled on the sheet! On **Sunday 18th** I saw my first UK **Hummingbird Hawk** of the year feeding on next door's Buddleia."

Derek Brown sent the following report on 17th September: "Last night (16th Sept) proved to be a somewhat better moth night than recently. Several new species seen including some that may be new for the UTB year list: **Large Yellow Underwing, Spruce Carpet, Grey Pine Carpet, Centre-barred Sallow, Brown-spot Pinion, Oak Lutestring, Black Rustic, Burnished Brass, Lunar Underwing, Rosy Rustic, Copper Underwing, Feathered Gothic, Brindled Green, Beautiful Hook-Tip, Small Dusty Wave, Willow Beauty, Pale Mottled Willow, Brimstone, Common Marbled Carpet, Flounced Rustic, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Snout, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing.** Also, **Hummingbird Hawk-moths** on 3rd and 17th September."

Susan Nicholls reports on the moths she trapped in Caversham overnight on 16th September: "Never have I come across such a noisy moth trap as mine at 5am this morning - it was bedlam! The cause was a "mob" of Yellow Underwings in all shapes and sizes (see list), who were so badly behaved, I couldn't pot them up. In the end, I gave up and had to guesstimate their numbers. I am so out of practice, it took me three goes to put the Vestal into a pot and most of the Willow Beauties escaped, only to land on me before being captured. I did think I had a caterpillar in the trap as well, but on closer examination, it turned out to be the body only of a Crane Fly! The final list was:

Orange Swift 1, Small Blood-vein 2, Vestal 1, Garden Carpet 1, Common Marbled Carpet 2, Brimstone Moth 1, Dusky Thorn 1, Willow Beauty 6, Large Yellow Underwing 25+, Lesser Yellow Underwing 25+, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing 1, Setaceous Hebrew Character 5, Square-spot Rustic 12, Centre-barred Sallow 1, Angle Shades 1, Vine's Rustic 5, Pale Mottled Willow 10, Snout 4."

David Redhead found a Large Wainscot roosting on his landing on the morning of 14th September. Then on 16th September he ran his first moth trap for five weeks: "It produced 3 new macro species for my 2006 garden light trap list - **Large Wainscot (2), Bulrush Wainscot (1) and Sallow (1).** Also a good number of second generation - **Snout (18), Burnished Brass (3), Turnip (3)** and singletons of **Common Marbled Carpet, Common Wainscot, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Small Blood-vein, Spectacle, Treble Brown Spot and Vine's Rustic.** I presume a very fresh **Angle Shades** was also second generation rather than an immigrant and a fresh **Brimstone** was third generation. Other macros were **Large Yellow Underwing (10), Dusky Thorn (5), Square-spot Rustic (5), Lesser Yellow Underwing (3), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (2) and Copper Underwing (2)** making 21 species and 68 individuals.

Also three pyralids - another 10 **Mother of Pearl** making my year's count for this species nearly 900 and I am sure if I had not missed the last few weeks the count would have been into 4 figures. Two "tired" looking **Orthopygia glaucinalis** (also a first for my garden this year) and three fresh looking **Gold Triangle.** The books say both these latter species are single-brooded and give the flight period as July & August. My previous seven Gold Triangle this year were actually caught in three consecutive traps between 24th June and 8th July with four subsequent traps producing a nil return - so this year was there an early first emergence and are we now experiencing an unusual second generation?"

~ Monday 18th September 2006 ~

Dave Wilton sent the following moth reports during the last week:

16th September : One of our buddleias grows up through a large patch of honeysuckle. The few remaining blooms on it are best viewed from an upstairs bedroom window and while idly watching yet another **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** working its way around the flowers today I noticed another moth appear and join in. It turned out not to be a Silver Y as expected but my fourth **Scarce Bordered Straw** of recent weeks and the first male to be seen here at Westcott. It just goes to show that you don't have to have a light trap to see these migrant moths - keep watching those buddleias! Sorry it's not the best of pictures but I couldn't get any closer without falling out of the window!

14th September : Once I'd waded through the hordes of Crane-flies to find the moths, my next trapping session at Westcott on 14th September added **Figure of Eight, Beaded Chestnut, Orange Sallow, Dusky-lemon Sallow** and **Dark Spectacle** to my garden list for this year. Migrants that night comprised **Scarce-bordered Straw (1, my third recent example), Nomophila noctuella/Rush Veneer (6) and Plutella xylostella/Diamond-back Moth (1).**

The moth trap at Westcott on 12th September brought in 400+ moths including Vestal, Deep-brown Dart and Barred Sallow which were new for my garden this year. The full list comprised: Vestal (1), Small Blood-vein (4), Small Dusty Wave (3), Common Carpet (1), Common Marbled Carpet (2), Green Carpet (1), Brimstone Moth (5), Lilac Beauty (2), Canary-shouldered Thorn (1), Dusky Thorn (7), Turnip Moth (1), Heart & Dart (1), Flame Shoulder (1), Large Yellow Underwing (31), Lesser Yellow Underwing (8), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (2), Setaceous Hebrew Character (33), Square-spot Rustic (185), Feathered Gothic (1), Common Wainscot (36), Deep-brown Dart (1), Black Rustic (9), Centre-barred Sallow (8), Lunar Underwing (13), Barred Sallow (1), Sallow (3), Copper Underwing (1), Angle Shades (2), Flounced Rustic (1), Frosted Orange (3), Vine's Rustic (1), Mottled Rustic (1), Pale Mottled Willow (1), Burnished Brass (2), Silver-Y (1), Beautiful Hook-tip (1) & Snout (8). *Micros included Acleris variegana*/Garden Rose Tortrix (1), *Catoptria falsella* (1), *Celypha lacunana* (12), *Emmelina monodactyla* (1), *Eudonia mercurella* (3), *Euzophera pinguis* (1), *Hypsopygia costalis*/Gold Triangle (4), *Nomophila noctuella*/Rush Veneer (2), *Udea ferrugalis*/Rusty Dot Pearl (1) and several more still requiring identification. The Mottled Rustic and Beautiful Hook-tip were both in excellent condition and looked to be newly-emerged. The latter species is not mentioned in the text books as having an autumn brood and neither is the Single-dotted Wave, a single pristine example of which came to our kitchen window a few nights earlier."

David Redhead recorded another Hummingbird Hawk-moth nectaring on a buddleia in his garden on *12th September*.

12th September - Dave Maunder sent the following records of moths seen in the Aylesbury area recently: "Hummingbird Hawk-moth (1, in my garden); Small Dusty Wave (8); Yellow Shell (1); Small Blood-Vein (1); Brimstone Moth (2); Garden Carpet (1); Buff-Tip larvae (30+); Dot Moth Larva (1); Square-Spot Rustic (6); Silver-Y (1); Orange Swift (1); Red Underwing (1); Large Yellow Underwing (4); Lesser Yellow Underwing (2); Willow Beauty (3); Centre-Barred Sallow (1); Flounced Rustic (1).

12th September - Shirley & John Spencer sent these recent moth records:

Sept. 4th - Light Box - September Thorn, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Large Yellow Underwing, Oak Hook-tip, Centre-barred Sallow, Common Wainscot, Flounced Rustic, Square-spot Rustic, Brimstone Moth, Garden Pebble, Grey Pine Carpet, **Large Ranunculus**.

Sept 7th - Wine Roping - Old Lady, Snout, Common Wainscot. "Old Lady came to wine ropes last year, but never comes to the light box."

Some early September moth trapping sessions by Dave Wilton in his garden at Westcott brought in the following new arrivals: "Feathered Gothic & Frosted Orange (both *2nd September*); **Lunar Underwing** & **Rosy Rustic** (both *4th September*); **Black Rustic**, **Old Lady** & **Pearly Underwing** (all *6th September*). The last two were both completely new to the garden, taking my macro species total past the 300 mark in just 17 months of trapping here. The micro-moths are trailing behind at a little under half that total so I'm obviously going to have to work harder on them in future."

~ Sunday 10th September 2006 ~

On a very warm & sunny visit to Waterperry Gardens, Oxon, on 9th September, Dave Maunder saw another **Hummingbird Hawk-moth**.

After a long break for a holiday in Australia, Susan Nicholls set up her moth trap again on 8th September: "Rather than leaving it overnight as I usually do, I only ran it from 8pm to 11.30pm. There were only 9 species, but the **Dusky Thorn** was new for the garden.

Brimstone Moth 2, Dusky Thorn 2, Large Yellow Underwing 5, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing 2, Setaceous Hebrew Character 2, Square-spot Rustic 13, Old Lady 1, Vine's Rustic 1, Snout 3."

4th September - Shirley & John Spencer sent their latest identified moths from Riseley, Berkshire:

Aug 22 Dusking - **Marbled Beauty, Yellow Shell, Brimstone Moth**

Aug 28 Light Box - **Large Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Common Wainscot, Swallow Prominent, Rosy Rustic, Flounced Rustic, Centre-barred Sallow, Square-spot Rustic, Heart and Dart.**

Aug 30 Dusking - **Garden Pebble**

Aug 31 Disturbed while hedge-cutting - **Snout**

Tim Watts reports a Red Underwing flying around his garden *in Whitchurch* on the afternoon of **3rd September**. "Also, **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** sightings in our garden virtually daily, throughout summer. Colleen saw one at 6:15am today and again at dusk."

Dave Maunder sent the following news on 4th September: "On **Saturday 2nd** I saw my eleventh **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** in my garden in *Aylesbury*, battling in high winds to attempt to feed on my Verbena flowers at 6.30pm! A couple more moths seen today were:- **Dotted Rustic (1), Flounced Rustic (2); Square-Spot Rustic (2); Common Wainscot (1); Large Yellow Underwing (2); Brimstone Moth (1); Orange Swift (1).**"

~ **Saturday 2nd September 2006** ~

On 2nd September Dave Maunder sent the following list of moths he's seen recently in Aylesbury: **Old Lady (1); Yellow tail (1); Flounced Rustic (1); Square-spot Rustic (1); Dusky Thorn (1); Buff-tip larvae (30+) - near Wilstone reservoir; Vapourer moth (1).**

Dave Wilton says he was quite pleased with his moth trap results at Westcott overnight on 31st August, considering the time of year: "The Robinson brought in **440 moths of 56 species**, with **Sallow, Orange Sallow** and the very strange pyralid **Galleria mellonella/Wax Moth** being new to my garden list this year. I also got several migrants, including **Scarce Bordered Straw, Diamond-back Moth, Rusty Dot Pearl** and **Rush Veneer**. I've sent a picture of the Scarce Bordered Straw (*see below*) because it looks quite different from the last one I got a couple of weeks ago. *The full trap list was as follows:*

Orange Swift (1), Pale Eggar (1), Chinese Character (1), Maiden's Blush (1), Blood-vein (3), Garden Carpet (1), Common Carpet (2), Yellow Shell (1), Common Marbled Carpet (1), Green Carpet (1), Brimstone Moth (6), Canary-shouldered Thorn (2), Dusky Thorn (3), Common Wave (2), Heart & Dart (4), Flame Shoulder (4), Large Yellow Underwing (102), Lesser Yellow Underwing (14), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (5), Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (4), Small Square-spot (7), Setaceous Hebrew Character (53), Square-spot Rustic (60), Common Wainscot (58), Centre-barred Sallow (10), Orange Sallow (1), Sallow (1), Copper Underwing (1), Straw Underwing (1), Angle Shades (2), Dark Arches (1), Flounced Rustic (5), Vine's Rustic (17), Pale Mottled Willow (4), Scarce Bordered Straw (1), Burnished Brass (1), Silver-Y (3), Red Underwing (1), Straw Dot (2) & Snout (4). *Micros comprised* *Plutella xylostella/Diamond-back Moth (1), Agonopterix arenella (1), Aethes smeathmanniana (1), Archips podana/Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (3), Acleris variegana/Garden Rose Tortrix (2), Celypha lacunana (6), Agriphila tristella (17), Catoptria falsella (4), Udea ferrugalis/Rusty Dot Pearl (5), Nomophila noctuella/Rush Veneer (1), Hypsopygia costalis/Gold Triangle (1), Galleria mellonella/Wax Moth (1)* and a handful more still needing to be identified. *As well as the usual selection of ichneumon wasps, flies and small beetles, this time I got a Red-legged Shieldbug (Pentatoma rufipes) and my second Lesser Stag Beetle (Dorcus parallelipendus) of the year.*"

Mike Collard has also been getting visits by Hummingbird Hawk-moths recently and sent this news on 30th August: "For the past three days we have had 2 **Hummingbird Hawk-moths** on our buddleia (*see photo at top of page*), together with Painted Lady and Red Admiral. Last night one of the Hummingbird Hawk-moths flew into our garage and decided to roost on my old ski bag hanging quite high up."

On 30th August Gary Randall sent the photo below of the micro *Carcina quercana*, found in *Warren Wood* (SU792646), Finchampstead, Berks.

Chris Brown went to Crowsley Park Wood on 29th August looking for end of season butterflies: "I found two **Hummingbird Hawk Moths** still visiting the buddleia, arriving from the deciduous forest to the north. They feed for 10 minutes or so before flying off and generally returning to feed within a similar time. Makes one wonder how long a 'full tank' lasts. Unfortunately I could not study them for longer. I thought that a third had arrived before I realised that it was a large **Hornet!** It was rather angry and aggressive so I backed off to watch. When it encountered one of the Hummingbird Hawks it pounced on it repeatedly. The HBHM usually flew off but came back within five seconds, seemingly accepting an angry Hornet was not worth losing a meal over. On the way back down the track a third HBHM. It was inspecting plants & green leaves and looking closely at the forest floor before settling on a piece of shed bark off the conifer trees. Finally, a fourth HBHM feeding on the bedding geraniums when I arrived back at work. 4 in one day and 2 more last week at home feeding on buddleia, makes my grand total of 15 this year."

Adam Bassett sent this report on 30th August: "I haven't run the moth trap for a while, but here are some records from the kitchen window, all new for the garden in *Marlow Bottom, Bucks*:

20 Aug: Scarce Bordered Straw (confirmed by Martin Albertini)

29 Aug: Bordered Straw

17 Aug: Flame Carpet

22 Aug: Toadflax Pug

Derek and Cathy Brown had a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in their garden in *Beenham, Berks, on 19th August*. "Moth-wise things have stuttered a bit during August due to other commitments, but I have managed to get up to **175 spp. for the year**, of which 82 are new for the garden taking our list up to 218 Macros total."

~ Monday 28th August 2006 ~

Dave Maunder sent this report from Aylesbury today, 28th: "This evening I found a **Bordered Straw** feeding on my Verbena flowers - a new species for me! Other recent sightings include a **Pine Hawk-moth** found dead at work last week in Aylesbury - first I've ever seen in town; also my 10th **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** of this year in my garden, **Dusky Thorn** (1); **Small Dusty Wave** (1); **Yellow Shell** (2); **Brimstone** (2); **Square-Spot Rustic** (4); **Red Underwing** (1); **Large + Lesser Yellow Underwings**; **Silver-Y** (4); **Orange Swift** (7); **Vapourer Moth** (1); **Common Wainscot** (10); **Flounced Rustics** (2); **Willow Beauty** (2).

Alastair Driver had a good session with the moth trap in his Sonning garden last night 27th August (before the rain arrived !): "I caught 24 macro species, including my first for the year of **Centre-barred Sallow** (see photo below), **Six-striped Rustic** and **Mouse**. **Svensson's Copper Underwing** was a new garden record."

On 27th August Dave Ferguson saw a Hummingbird Hawk-moth on a buddleia at *Nobles Farm in Bucks*.

Tom Stevenson sent the following report on 27th August: "The Benson Environmental Survey Team coupled their annual picnic with a moth trapping session under the very skilled leadership of Mike Wilkins. The catch, mainly in a Skinner Trap (125W MV) but a few using an Actinic light in the Benson garden over the night of 15th/16th August was:

Orange Swift, *Carcina quercana* (3), Carnation Tortrix, Light Brown Apple Moth (4), *Agriphila geniculea*, Mother of Pearl, Bee Moth, Lime-speck Pug, Brimstone Moth, Poplar Hawk-moth (2), Ruby Tiger (1), Turnip Moth, Shuttle-shaped Dart (8), Flame Shoulder, Large Yellow Underwing (3), Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (20), Setaceous Hebrew Character(33), Cabbage Moth, Common Wainscot (14), Old Lady, Straw Underwing (4), Flounced Rustic (8), Vine's Rustic (8), Scarce Bordered Straw (1), Spectacle (3), Straw Dot, Common Rustic (2)

Mike Mobbs went for a walk on Bradenham Hillside on 24th August and saw 3 Hummingbird Hawk-moths.

Dave Wilton ran his garden moth trap again at Westcott overnight on 23rd August: "It was warm(ish) with drizzle and that seems to make a good combination! Numbers were up, but that was mainly thanks to **Large Yellow Underwing** (109), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (51) and **Common Wainscot** (49). There was nothing very exciting apart from the first sign of autumn (**Centre-barred Sallow** x 3). Second-brood **Eyed Hawk-moth** and **Knot Grass** plus another **Red Underwing** were the best of the rest."

~ Sunday 27th August 2006 ~

Shirley and John Spencer have been running their moth trap during August. Here are the latest identified moths from their garden in Riseley:

Aug 7th Light Box - September Thorn, Dark Arches, Dot Moth, Flounced Rustic, Poplar Hawk Moth, Mother of Pearl, Willow Beauty, Scalloped Oak, Common Wainscot

Aug 14th - Hummingbird Hawk Moth on buddleia

Aug 14th Light Box - Common Wainscot, Willow Beauty, Bordered Beauty, Common Carpet, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Flounced Rustic, Uncertain, Large Yellow Underwing

Aug 19th - Hummingbird Hawk Moth on petunia.

On 23rd August Dave Wilton had another two Hummingbird Hawk-moths in his garden in Westcott, totally oblivious to the rain!

Chris Brown went to Crowsley Park Wood on 22nd August: "Much to my delight there were 3 **Hummingbird Hawk-moths** on the buddleia there and I have seen another 1 on 2 separate days at home too. I guess the same ones still hanging around but that makes 9 observations in total I have seen this year."

John Parsons, Newbury, sent the following report: "These photos were taken on *Sunday 20th August at Greenham Common*. The **Lesser Treble-bar** moth is numerous on parts of the common by day. Also found was this wonderful **Emperor moth caterpillar** (only one found)."

On the evening of Friday 18th August 2006, 11 people attended a joint Berkshire Moth Group / Upper Thames Butterfly Conservation Moth-Trapping Event at Padworth Common (SU6164). Following a day of heavy showers, the rain had stopped (just) when the group gathered at 20:30. With clearing skies, the temperature dropped to about 15C. Around midnight, it clouded over and began to feel a little warmer - and the rate of arrival of moths increased. In all, 61 species of moth were identified, those new to the UTB 2006 list are shown below, **taking us over our UTB target for the year of 601 species**. [Click here for the full report](#), including a complete list of moth species trapped and photos. *Thanks to Jan Haseler for leading this very successful event.*

Agriphila latistria, The Chevron, Dotted Clay, Eudonia truncicolella, Frosted Orange, Narrow-winged Pug, Neglected Rustic, Sharp-angled Carpet.

~ Tuesday 22nd August 2006 ~

Dave Wilton has been running his garden moth trap in Westcott: "It's a little while since I sent in a trap report from *Westcott* but there hasn't been much happening over the past couple of weeks, with on average about 35 macro species per session. On **10th August** there were no new macros for the year. On **13th August** I had **Flame Carpet, Square-spot Rustic & Svensson's Copper Underwing**, while on **18th August** I added **Six-striped Rustic** and was lucky enough to get a migrant **Scarce Bordered Straw**, but on **20th August** there were again no new macros. The full list for the 20th comprised: **Orange Swift (1), Blood-vein (1), Riband Wave (1), Common Carpet (1), Yellow Shell (1), Lesser Treble-bar (1), Magpie (1), Clouded Border (1), Brimstone Moth (4), Dusky Thorn (7), Scalloped Oak (1), Willow Beauty (1), Common Wave (3), Pebble Prominent (1), Swallow Prominent (3), Dark Sword-grass (1), Flame Shoulder (5), Large Yellow Underwing (27), Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (13), Small Square-spot (6), Setaceous Hebrew Character (58), Six-striped Rustic (9), Square-spot Rustic (3), Common Wainscot (32), Svensson's Copper Underwing (1), Straw Underwing (3), Angle Shades (1), Cloaked Minor (1), Common/Lesser Common Rustic (4), Flounced Rustic (16), Vine's Rustic (19), Gold Spot (1), Silver-Y (4), Spectacle (1) & Straw Dot (7)**, while micros included **Acleris variegana/Garden Rose Tortrix (1), Agriphila tristella (19), Catoptria falsella (3), Celypha lacunana (2), Chrysoteuchia culmella (1), Cydia pomonella/Codling Moth (1), Dichrorampha acuminatana (1), Emmelina monodactyla (2), Eudonia mercurella (1), *Nephopterix angustella* (1), Nomophila noctuella/Rush Veneer (10), *Paraswammerdamia albicapitella* (1) & Pleuroptya ruralis/Mother of Pearl (3)**. Since seeing my first Dusky Thorn of the year on 25th July I've now had 31 of this species in the trap, so it is doing quite well around here despite the dramatic decline nationally. Further to my update (see report of 19th August below) on **Hummingbird Hawk-moths**, during the daytime on 20th August we had no less than three in the garden at the same time and I saw another pair here today (21st).

Going back to July, I can now add **Slender Pug, Yarrow Pug** and micros ***Aethes francillana*, *Calamotropha paludella*, *Caloptilia stigmatella*, *Epiblema foenella*** to the UTB list, so we must be getting very close to the magic 600."

Adam Bassett sent this news yesterday, 21st August: "I'm still seeing **Hummingbird Hawks** on my garden buddleia many times a day and have been for at least a month. Different sizes confirm that different moths are involved, but I have still not seen more than two at any one time."

Dave Maunder saw his ninth Hummingbird Hawk-moth fly over his garden at dusk last night, 19th, in the pouring rain! "Also another **Hummingbird Hawk** on the 15th. A few other moths seen in Aylesbury recently are:- **Flounced Rustic (4); Double Square-spot (1); Orange Swift (7); Feathered Gothic (1); Dark/Grey dagger agg. (1); Blood-vein (1); Dusky Thorn (2); Yellow Shell (3); Brimstone Moth (3); Gold Triangle (1); Willow Beauty (6); Angle Shades (1); Lesser Broad-border Yellow Underwing (2); Silver-Y (2); Mother of Pearl (3); Green Carpet (1).**"

On 19th August Dave Wilton reported that his first garden Hummingbird Hawk-moth sighting at *Westcott* was on 12th June and another followed on 23rd June. From the beginning of July onwards they've been in his garden practically every day, sometimes two at once. Also, a walk along the disused railway line west of *Westcott Airfield* on 19th produced another two.

A report of a *Scarce Bordered Straw* seen on 17th August has been received (pending verification).

~ Friday 18th August 2006 ~

Peter Hall had another Hummingbird Hawk-moth in his *Ballinger Common* garden today, 18th August.

Alastair Driver had another moth trapping session in his garden in Sonning on 14th August: "New for my parish list was **September Thorn**, while **Dusky Thorn** and **Straw Underwing** were new for my garden list. Also caught my first **Hornet** (the real thing as opposed to the moth !)"

Ally Jackson reports seeing a Hummingbird Hawk Moth flitting around the Passionflower bush on 16th August, in her garden in *Totteridge, High Wycombe*. "I recognised it from when we went to Minorca a few years back."

Tim & Colleen Watts found a Red Underwing nectaring on Buddleia in their *Whitchurch* garden on 16th August and Colleen managed to get these photos:

Martin Townsend ran a moth trap for Shotover Wildlife at Shotover Country Park, Oxford from 9pm to midnight on Saturday night, 12th August. It produced 62 species which included three new micros for the UTB 2006 list – *Epinotia ramella*, *Psoricoptera gibbosella*, *Trachycera suavella*."

14th August - news from Peter Hall that 2 more **Hummingbird Hawk-moths** were reported by George Tomlin, sighted in his garden in Swan Bottom on the 9th.

Tim Watts reports that on 10th August his wife Colleen returned from her morning jog with an Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar which she had rescued from the middle of a busy road! As the caterpillar was fully grown they were able to release it in their garden in *Whitchurch*.

~ Saturday 12th August 2006 ~

On 12th August, Dave Maunder sent records of a few more moths he's seen around Aylesbury recently: "Red Underwing (1); *Udea ferrugalis* (1); **Orange Swift** (4); Silver-Y - still good numbers around; Yellow Shell (3); Common Carpet (2); Marbled Beauty (6); Garden Pebble (1); Willow Beauty (3); Dusky Thorn (1); Dingy Footman (1); Dark/Grey Dagger *agg.* (2); Nut-tree Tussock (1)."

David Redhead ran his moth trap on 10th August: "The count for my overnight moth trap, in my garden just *south of the Oxford ring road*, was considerably down on previous weeks, presumably owing to the cooler weather. Just 66 moths from 25 species. The most numerous was **Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing** at 16. **Mother of Pearl** now under control at just 6 (estimated 240 a week ago). An all time addition to my garden list was **Scorched Carpet** plus three new species for 2006 - **Flame Carpet**, **Flounced Rustic** and **Square-spot Rustic**. Also fresh second generation **Poplar Hawk-moth** and **Snout**. The second generation Snout is noticeably smaller and darker than the first. One of the Poplar Hawk-moths posed unusually showing the chestnut patches on its underwings as I tried to detach it from the eggbox - often a fraught business as their feet can grip very tight. The moth trap also contained one *Elasmostethus intertinctus* - the **Green Birch Shieldbug** - identified with my recently purchased and excellent "Guide to the Shieldbugs of the British Isles".

Peter Hall ran his garden moth trap in Ballinger Common, Bucks, on 6th August: "Of interest were 2 **Great Brocades**, but quite a lot of people are finding these turning up this year with the recent migrations. Also a **Bordered Straw** and a notable **Square Spotted Clay**. I've attached a distribution map of this last one for Bucks (see *below*)."

The full list of moths trapped by Peter was as follows. Micros: *Monopis weaverella*; *Yponomeuta evonymella* (Bird-cherry Ermine); *Ypsolopha parenthesesella*; *Plutella xylostella* (Diamond-back); *Carcina quercana*; *Blastobasis adustella*; *Cochylimorpha straminea*; *Pandemis corylana* (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Pandemis heparana* (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Ptycholomoides aeriferanus*; *Acleris laterana*; *Acleris variegana* (Garden Rose Tortrix); *Acleris emargana*; *Celypha lacunana*; *Apotomis betuletana*; *Epinotia nisella*; *Rhopobota naevana* (Holly Tortrix); *Cydia splendana*; *Cydia pomonella* (Codling); *Alucita hexadactyla* (Twenty-plume); *Agriphila straminella*; *Agriphila tristella*; *Agriphila geniculea*; *Catoptria falsella*; *Evergestis forficalis* (Garden Pebble); *Pyrausta aurata*; *Nomophila noctuella* (Rush Veneer); *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother of Pearl); *Trachycera advenella*; *Euzophera pinguis* *and macros*: Oak Hook-tip; Pebble Hook-tip; Maiden's Blush; Blood-vein; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Flame Carpet; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Common Carpet; Yellow Shell; Purple Bar; Small Phoenix; Lime-speck Pug; Yellow-barred Brindle; Brimstone Moth; Dusky Thorn; Early Thorn; Purple Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Peppered; Willow Beauty; Common Wave; Elephant Hawk; Iron Prominent; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Black Arches; Dingy Footman; Ruby Tiger; Turnip; Heart & Dart; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-border; Small Square-spot; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Square-spotted Clay; **Six-striped Rustic**; Square-spot

Rustic; Great Brocade; Lychnis; Common Wainscot; Grey Dagger; Knot Grass; Marbled Beauty; Copper Underwing; Straw Underwing; Dun-bar; Dark Arches; Cloaked Minor; Common Rustic; Flounced Rustic; Rustic; Vine's Rustic; Bordered Straw; Nut-tree Tussock; Silver Y; Spectacle; Straw Dot and a Vapourer (seen in daytime).

~ Thursday 10th August 2006 ~

On 8th August Dave Ferguson went to Ashridge (Bucks section) and saw 2 Hummingbird Hawk-moths, one of which was feeding on a Bottlebrush Buckeye bush.

Shirley and John Spencer sent their latest records from their garden in Riseley:

"Aug. 3rd - Light Box - we identified the following: **Willow Beauty** (on wall adjacent to box), **Spectacle**, **Poplar Kitten**, **Silver Y**, **Common Carpet**, **Lime-speck Pug**, **Ruby Tiger**, **Scalloped Oak**, **Uncertain**.

Aug. 6th - Brimstone Moth - daytime observation."

Adam Bassett ran moth traps in his garden in Marlow Bottom, Bucks, on 25th July, 30th July and 5th August. A total of 504 moths of 73 species. "Also, following on from the recent brief mail about a daily **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** in my garden (*see report of 4th August*), I thought you might be interested that I saw one on 5 separate occasions today feeding on the garden buddleia, so I am not sure if it is 1 local moth or whether as might be possible, several moths are involved, although I never see more than 1 at a time."

Garden Pebble; Small Magpie; Mother of Pearl; Bee Moth; Oak Hook-tip; Barred Hook-tip; Pebble Hook-tip; Mocha; Maiden's Blush; Clay Triple-lines; Blood-vein; Small Fan-footed Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Garden Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Common Carpet; Yellow Shell; Small Phoenix; Small Waved Umber; Pretty Chalk Carpet; Currant Pug; White-spotted Pug; Tawny Speckled Pug; Double-striped Pug; Yellow-barred Brindle; Magpie; Scorched Carpet; Peacock; Brimstone Moth; August Thorn; Canary-shouldered Thorn; Dusky Thorn; Early Thorn; Purple Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Peppered Moth; Willow Beauty; Engrailed; Buff-tip; Iron Prominent; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Coxcomb Prominent; Maple Prominent; Yellow-tail; Black Arches; Dingy Footman; Scarce Footman; Buff Footman; Ruby Tiger; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame Shoulder; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Double Square-spot; Cabbage Moth; Clay; Marbled Beauty; Copper Underwing; Straw Underwing; Dun-bar; Dark Arches; Cloaked Minor; Common/Lesser Rustic agg; Ear Moth agg; Nut-tree Tussock; Silver Y; Spectacle; Straw Dot and Snout.

On Sunday 6th Dave Maunder saw a male **Gypsy moth** flying over a ring road near **Aylesbury**: "It's the only male I've seen this year. Below is a photo of a female I found on a fence a few weeks ago."

Peter Hall reports seeing another Hummingbird Hawk-moth at **Waddesdon** on Sunday 6th.

Jackie Tuckey sent this sighting on 6th August: "Tonight on my stone surround to the front door was a large moth which I have identified as being a **Red Underwing**."

Dave Wilton says his garden trap at Westcott on 3rd August managed only 34 macro species (160 or so moths) because it was such a cold, clear night. "The only new species for this year's list was a **Red Underwing**. It was a different story *on 5th August* with 57 macro species (about 400 moths) and another good collection of immigrants. They comprised **Small Mottled Willow** (2), **Rush Veneer/Nomophila noctuella** (3), **Rusty Dot Pearl/Udea ferrugalis** and **Diamondback Moth/Plutella xylostella** (2) although the star of the show was a single female **Great Brocade**. Other new species for my garden list included **Tawny-speckled Pug**, **Plain Pug**, **Yellow-barred Brindle**, **Gold Spot**, **Yponomeuta plumbella**, **Scoparia subfusca** and **Water Veneer/Acentria ephemerella**."

Peter Hall provided an update of the chart showing the monthly UTB moth species count for this year to the end of July, compared to the previous 2 years. We're currently on schedule to reach this year's target of 601 species in the UTB area.

~ Sunday 6th August 2006 ~

On 5th August Derek Brown sent the following report for his garden in Beenham (Berks): "I had **Hummingbird Hawks** on the *30th July* and again on the *4th August*. The former actually came into the conservatory. A new moth species for the garden last night, 4th, was a positively identified **Copper Underwing**."

Alastair Driver had a good trapping session at Ali's Pond LNR in Sonning (Berks) on 5th August, catching 36 macro-species: "New for my parish records were **Straw Underwing, Small Waved Umber** and **Dusky Thorn. Least Yellow Underwing** was a new site record and new for my yearlist were **Dark Sword-grass, Tawny-speckled Pug** and **Square-spot Rustic**."

Ched George sent this news: "I recorded a **Great Brocade** on the night of the 4th here in *Radnage (Bucks)*. Quite a rarity in Bucks."

David Redhead ran his garden moth trap in Oxford on 4th August: "It's still catching high numbers of **Mother of Pearl** with an estimated 240 last night. There were also 130 macro-moths from 43 species. **Bordered Beauty, Shaded Broad-bar** and **Yellow Shell** were all new additions to my garden list. The last two are common day flying moths but infrequent visitors to moth traps. They are to be found on rough grassland near my house but I have never seen them in the garden before let alone in my moth trap. Additions to my 2006 list were **Dark Sword-grass, Iron Prominent, Least Yellow Underwing, Red Underwing** and **Straw Underwing**."

On 4th August Jaci Beaven reports that she is noticing a large number of Silver-Y moths in her *High Wycombe (Bucks)* garden in the evenings on honeysuckle - difficult to count, but certainly upwards of twenty.

Adam Bassett reports that he has an almost daily appearance of a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth**, including one on his garden buddleia in *Marlow, Bucks*, on 4th August.

On Thursday 3rd August Tom Stevenson had a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in his *Benson, Oxon*, garden followed by two on 5th August.

~ Wednesday 2nd August 2006 ~

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David Redhead ran two garden moth traps in the second half of July and they produced his highest two catches ever: "On the 17th I caught an estimated 530 moths and 420 on the 29th but 350 and 220 respectively were one species - **Mother of Pearl (Pleuroptya ruralis)**. Even after a night in the moth trap they are very flighty and it is impossible to count them accurately and my figures are almost certainly an under-estimate. Their larval foodplant is nettles and the large amount growing on waste land near to our garden accounts for their high numbers. You don't need a moth trap to see them as they are easily disturbed from vegetation in the day. Also examination of garden lavender, marjoram or buddleias with a torch will almost certainly lead to a sighting - they are large for a micro moth and have a slight purplish sheen reminiscent of mother of pearl. These two traps also produced three firsts for my garden list: **Black Arches, Coronet** and **Wormwood Pug**. This brings the additions to my garden list this year to 12 and takes my all time total of macros through the 250 barrier. New for my 2006 list were **Canary-shouldered Thorn, Common Wave, Double Lobed, Dusky Thorn, Dwarf Cream Wave, Knot Grass, Pebble Prominent, Endrotricha flammealis, Euzophera pinguis** and **Pyrausta aurata**."

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~ Monday 31st July 2006 ~

Jan Haseler sent the following records on 30th July, adding 19 new moth species to the UTB 2006 species list:

"My best recent moth sighting has been:

7/7 Tilehurst - **Paratalanta hyalinalis** (the first Berkshire record since 1934)

Other moth sightings for June and July include:

7/6 Tilehurst - **Eudonia angustea**

10/6 Tilehurst - **Epinotia bilunana**, **Epinotia demarniana**

16/6 Tilehurst - **Ash Bud Moth (Prays fraxinella)**

17/6 Decoy Heath - **Grass Wave**

23/6 Long Moor - **Glyphipterix thrasonella**

24/6 The Holies - **Lathronympha strigana**, **Marasmarcha lunaedactyla**

27/6 Tilehurst - **Dichrorampha petiverella**, **Dichrorampha vancouverana**

29/6 Tilehurst - **Cherry Bark Moth (Enarmonia formosana)**, **Dipleurina lacustrata**

6/7 Lardon Chase - **Pyrausta despicata**

11/7 Tilehurst - **Nemophora metallica**

12/7 Tilehurst - **Plum Fruit Moth (Grapholita funebrana)**

14/7 Goring - **Sitochroa verticalis**

15/7 Tilehurst - **Argyresthia goedartella**, **Eudemis profundana**

21/7 Tilehurst - **Plain Pug**, **Rush Veneer (Nomophila noctuella)**

On Saturday 29th July Peter Hall saw a **Hummingbird Hawk** moth in **Waddesdon, Bucks**.

Maureen Cross reported on the daytime Field meeting on Saturday 28th July, to explore new open access land near Goring, South Oxfordshire, which includes BBOWT's Hartslock Reserve and adjacent hillsides: "It produced 23 butterfly species and 10 moths. Two of the moth species, the Pyralid **Mecyna flavalis** and **Chalk Carpet** *Scotopteryx bipunctaria* are of special interest being new for the UTB 2006 list. The *Mecyna flavalis* is of notable moth status and the [Goring Gap](#) is its only known location in the three counties." The other moths recorded were: **Pyrausta aurata**, **Bloodvein**, **Shaded Broad-bar**, **Silver Y**, **Straw Dot**, **Six-spot Burnet**, **Garden Carpet** and **Yellow Shell**. Also recorded were **Cinnabar** larvae.

Dave Maunder sent news on 23rd July that the adult **Gypsy Moths** are now on the wing as at least two of the pupae found have now emerged ([click here to see Dave's report of 20th July](#)).

~ Friday 28th July 2006 ~

Alastair Driver caught a lifelong "wannasee" overnight, 26th July, in his trap at home in Sonning: "A **Scarce Silver-lines** - it was a bit tatty (see photo below), but fulfilled a boyhood ambition, so I'm very pleased! Also had my first **Lime-speck Pug** and **Flounced Rustic** of the year, and caught a heavily marked **Maiden's Blush** (photo below). There must have been at least 50 **Silver-Y** on my Buddleia bush at dusk tonight and I saw loads of Painted Ladies on Buddleia at [Cookham](#) at the weekend as well, so I guess there's a wave of migrant Lepidoptera here now."

Dave Maunder sent the following report from Aylesbury on 25th July: "I was lucky enough to have a **Convolvulus Hawk-moth** in my back garden on [Monday 24th](#) at dusk - it hovered around my patio door like a bat, nearly coming inside! After a few seconds (just enough for me to identify it!) it flew off up over my house and away - a wonderful sight! Also on [Sunday](#) up in [Wendover woods](#) I found a male **Black Arches** moth on a Pine trunk, which I managed to photograph (see below)."

Peter Hall trapped 124 moth species in his garden in Ballinger on 24/07/06, 20 of which are new to this year's UTB Species List:

Scalloped Hook-tip; Barred Hook-tip; Chinese Character; Maiden's Blush; Clay Triple-lines; Blood-vein; Small Fan-footed Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Riband Wave; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Common Carpet; Phoenix; Small Phoenix; Small Waved Umber; Small Rivulet; **Haworth's Pug**; Lime-speck Pug; V-Pug; Double-striped Pug; Magpie; Scorched Carpet; Brimstone Moth; August Thorn; **Dusky Thorn**; Early Thorn; Purple Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Peppered; Willow Beauty; Engrailed; Poplar Hawk; Elephant Hawk; Buff-tip; Iron Prominent; Pebble Prominent; Coxcomb Prominent; Maple Prominent; Pale 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; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Double Square-spot; Brown-line Bright-eye; Clay; Smoky Wainscot; Common Wainscot; **Grey Dagger**; Marbled Beauty; **Straw Underwing**; Dun-bar; Lunar-spotted Pinion; Dark Arches; Common Rustic; Dusky Sallow; Rustic; Nut-tree Tussock; Silver Y; Beautiful Hook-tip; Straw Dot; Waved Black; Snout; Tinea trinotella; **Lyonetia clerkella**, **Apple Leaf Miner**; **Yponomeuta sedella**; **Zelleria hepariella**; **Ypsolopha dentella**, **Honeysuckle**; **Ypsolopha scabrella**; **Ypsolopha parenthesella**; **Ypsolopha sequella**; Plutella xylostella, Diamond-back; **Coleophora hemerobiella**; Hofmannophila pseudospretella, Brown House; Carcina quercana; Agonopterix heracliana; Blastobasis adustella; Blastobasis laticolella; Agapeta hamana; Agapeta zoegana; Pandemis corylana, Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix; Pandemis heparana, Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix; Ditula angustiorana, Red-barred Tortrix; Acleris forsskaeana; **Acleris holmiana**; **Acleris laterana**; **Acleris variegana**, **Garden Rose Tortrix**; Celypha striana; Celypha lacunana; **Ancylys badiana**; Rhopobota naevana, Holly Tortrix; **Spilonota ocellana**, **Bud**; **Rhyacionia pinivorana**, **Spotted Shoot**; Cydia pomonella, Codling; Alucita hexadactyla, Twenty-plume; Chrysoteuchia culmella; Crambus pascuella; Agriphila straminella; Agriphila tristella; Catoptria falsella; Acentria ephemerella, Water Veneer; Pyrausta aurata; Eurrhyncha hortulata, Small Magpie; Udea prunalis; Nomophila noctuella, Rush Veneer; Pleuropteryx ruralis, Mother of Pearl; Hypsopygia costalis, Gold Triangle; Orthopygia glaucinalis; Endotricha flammealis; Conobathra repandana; **Dioryctria abietella**; **Euzophera pinguis**.

On a walk in the Jarn Mound/ Matthew Arnold Field/ Wootton/ Youlbury/ Chilswell Farm/ Boars Hill area on Sunday afternoon, 23rd, David Redhead recorded the following moths Silver-Y, Dusky Sallow and Six-spot Burnet.

~ Wednesday 26th July 2006 ~

Welcome to the website, new contributor Becky Isherwood who sent this report on 25th July: "I have been lucky enough to see two of the most pretty Magpie moths in my kitchen over the last couple of nights...what a pleasure."

*Ched George had a **Canary Shouldered Thorn** in his *Radnage* trap on night of 22nd July.*

*Peter Hall added the micro *Tinea trinotella* to the moth trap list for *Bradenham NT*, 22nd July (see below).*

*At Westcott on 18th July Dave Wilton ran another garden moth trap: "I added Shaded Broad-bar, Magpie, Vapourer, White Satin & **Mouse Moth** to my garden list for the year, while on 20th July further additions comprised Black Arches, Sallow Kitten, **Copper Underwing**, **Double Lobed** & **Rosy Minor**. I'm still working on the micros! Bill Parker and I had another trapping session for *BBOWT at Rushbeds Wood* on 21st July which produced Phoenix, **September Thorn**, **Least Yellow Underwing** and **Slender Brindle** of interest from just over 50 macro species recorded in the three hours that we were there. This time we were invaded by hornets which made life just a little bit difficult!"*

~ Sunday 23rd July 2006 ~

Peter Hall sent the following list of 114 moth species recorded at the moth trap event held on 22nd July at Bradenham NT. 14 of these are new to the UTB 2006 Species List:

Barred Hook-tip; Barred Rivulet; Beautiful Hook-tip; Black Arches; Bright-line Brown-eye; Brimstone Moth; Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing; Brown-line Bright-eye; Buff Footman; Chinese Character; Clay; Clay Triple-lines; Cloaked Minor; **Clouded Magpie**; Common Carpet; Common Footman; Common White Wave; Coronet; Coxcomb Prominent; Dark Arches; Dark Umber; Dingy Footman; Dot; Double Square-spot; Drinker; Dun-bar; Dusky Sallow; Early Thorn; Elephant Hawk; Engrailed; Fern; Flame Shoulder; Heart & Dart; Iron Prominent; July Highflyer; Large Yellow Underwing; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Lime-speck Pug; Lobster; Maple Prominent; Mocha; Nut-tree Tussock; Pebble Hook-tip; Peppered; Phoenix; Pine Hawk; Poplar Grey; Poplar Hawk; Pretty Chalk Carpet; Purple Bar; Red Twin-spot Carpet; Riband Wave; Ruby Tiger; Rustic; **Satin Beauty**; Scalloped Oak; Scarce Footman; Scorched Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Silver Y; Single-dotted Wave; **Slender Brindle**; Small Blood-vein; Small Elephant Hawk larva; Small Emerald; Small Fan-footed Wave; **Small Purple-barred**; Small Waved Umber; Snout; Straw Dot; Svensson's Copper Underwing; Uncertain; White-spotted Pug; Willow Beauty; Yellow-tail.

Micros were: *Acentria ephemerella*, Water Veneer; *Acleris forsskaleana*; *Agapeta hamana*; *Agapeta zoegana*; *Agriphila straminella*; *Ancylis unculana*; *Aphomia sociella* (Bee); *Apotomis betuleтана*; *Blastobasis adustella*; *Carcina quercana*; *Catoptria falsella*; *Catoptria pinella*; *Celypha striana*; *Chrysoteuchia culmella*; *Cochylis dubitana*; *Cochylis hybridella*; *Conobathra repandana*; *Crambus perlella*; *Cydia fagiglandana*; *Endotricha flammealis*; *Epinotia brunnichana*; *Eucosma campoliliana*; *Eucosma cana*; *Eucosma hohenwartiana*; *Gypsonoma dealbana*; *Mompha propinquella*; *Nomophila noctuella* (Rush Veneer); *Orthopygia glaucinalis*; *Pandemis corylana* (**Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix**); *Pandemis heparana* (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); *Phlyctaenia coronata*; *Phycita roborella*; *Phycitodes binaevella*; *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother of Pearl); *Ptycholomoides aeriferanus*; *Pyrausta aurata*; *Sitochroa palealis*; *Trachycera advenella*.

Thanks to Peter for leading this successful moth trap.

Danny Howard sent this news on 21st July: "I've just seen a **Ghost Moth** (female) on platform 1 of the *Oxford train station* whilst on my way to work this morning."

Alastair Driver sent the following report: "Another good night's trapping at home in *Sonning on Tues 18th* - see a selection of pictures (*below*). New for my parish list were **Small Scallop** and **Small Fan-footed Wave**. New for my yearlist were **Dusky Sallow**, **Dun-bar**, **Ruby Tiger** and **Lesser-spotted Pinion**. **Least Carpet** now seem to be quite common - 7 in the trap on Tuesday, having only had one a year for the last two or three years."

A few more moth records received from Dave Maunder, Aylesbury on 20th July: - 2 more **Hummingbird Hawk-moths**, 1 on 8th; 1 on 13th; also started finding more **Gypsy moth larvae and pupae** (*see photos below*) around *Aylesbury* - from the 9th July I've found 9 males and two females, plus two larvae skins with *ichneumon pupae* near them! **Silver-Y** moths everywhere from about the 12th July."

~ Friday 21st July 2006 ~

Peter Hall ran another garden moth trap on 15th July in Ballinger Common. It produced a catch of 91 moth species, the following six being new to this year's UTB Species List:

***Acleris comariana** (Strawberry Tortrix), **Agriphila straminella**, **Clepsis consimilana**, **Least Yellow Underwing**, **Pempelia Formosa**, **Small Rivulet**.*

*18/07/06 - In response to the request by Peter Hall on 10th July to look out for the Horse Chestnut leaf miner **Cameraria ohridella**, David Redhead sent the following:* "There's a row of 7 fully grown Horse Chestnut trees near my house, south of Oxford. After attending a [Berks Moth Group](#) meeting last summer I checked this row of trees out fairly carefully and could find no sign of the tell tale brown blotches caused by **Cameraria ohridella**. Now all 7 appear heavily infested (*see photo below*). The infestation appears to get less the higher you go up the tree. What is the likely effect on the trees? Will they die?"

Peter Hall replies: "It seems unlikely that it can cause death of the trees, but populations abroad have been maintained at very high levels and the trees then become unsightly with early leaf fall. It seems to have no naturally effective predators and the only current control (that works partially) is via collection of fallen leaves and burning. Somewhere in the link it says up to 700 mines per leaf have been found. That's quite a lot, room for a few more on your photo!"

Last Sunday 16th July, Alastair Driver ran a nature walk for the Earley Environmental Group around the ponds in Sonning: "During the walk I showed them the small circular **Hornet Moth larval bore-holes** approximately 2 inches above ground in the trunk of a poplar tree in a garden adjacent to Ali's Pond LNR. Grahame Hawker and Stuart Hine immediately got down on their hands and knees and very quickly found two recently hatched, 1" long, pupal cases of the species at a distance of about 8" from the trunk of the tree (see photo below). I have previously found an adult of the species near my home in Sonning roughly 500 metres away, along with more holes in a lone poplar, but this is the first confirmed breeding near the Ali's Pond site in the 5 years of my moth recording there."

Adam Bassett ran the Skinner trap in his garden in Marlow Bottom on 30th June, 7th July and 15th July, producing a total 324 moths of 89 species:

Green Oak Tortrix; Small Magpie; Udea Olivalis; Mother of Pearl; Bee Moth; Barred Hook-tip; Pebble Hook-tip; Peach Blossom; Common Emerald; Small Emerald; Maiden's Blush; Clay Triple-lines; Small Fan-footed Wave; Dwarf Cream Wave; Single-dotted Wave; Treble Brown Spot; Riband Wave; **Balsam Carpet** (confirmed by Peter Hall); Garden Carpet; Shaded Broad-bar; Phoenix; Barred Straw; Barred Yellow; Green Carpet; July Highflyer; Fern; Dark Umber; Foxglove Pug; Green Pug; Magpie; Scorched Carpet; Tawny-barred Angle; Brimstone Moth; Lilac Beauty; **August Thorn**; Early Thorn; Purple Thorn; Scalloped Oak; Swallow-tailed Moth; Peppered Moth; Willow Beauty; Mottled Beauty; Engrailed; Common White Wave; Clouded Silver; Light Emerald; Poplar Hawk-moth; Elephant Hawk-moth; Buff-tip; Lobster Moth; Coxcomb Prominent; Maple Prominent; Black Arches; Scarce Footman; Buff Footman; Common Footman; Buff Ermine; Heart & Club; Heart & Dart; Double Square-spot; Bright-line Brown-eye; **Brown-line Bright-eye**; Coronet; Bird's Wing; Brown Rustic; Small Angle Shades; Angle Shades; Dun-bar; Dark Arches; Light Arches; Reddish Light Arches; Clouded Brindle; Large Nutmeg; Common/Lesser Rustic egg; **Ear Moth**; Treble Lines; Uncertain; Mottled Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Nut-tree Tussock; Burnished Brass; Silver Y; Beautiful Golden Y; Spectacle; Beautiful Hook-tip; Straw Dot; Snout; Fan-foot; Small Fan-foot.

~ Wednesday 19th July 2006 ~

Phil Coles visited Swain's Wood (BBOWT permit reserve) on July 18th and saw a Hummingbird Hawk-moth.

Colin Campbell sent the following photo of a Brimstone Moth which landed on his living room window sill in *Didcot* on 18th July.

18th July - Dave Wilton has 16 Lime Hawk-moth caterpillars from eggs laid in his trap at Westcott on 9th June: "Their sizes currently range from less than one inch long to well over two inches, as shown in the photograph below. While getting more leaves for them this morning I noticed that one area of our Lime tree about 20ft above ground level has been defoliated. Looking through binoculars I found at least 20 Buff-tip caterpillars munching away on the leaves. They are each at least three inches long so must be almost fully-grown. This seems very early for them to be at that size (the books say the caterpillar stage should be from mid-July to early October), so I wonder if I'll they'll manage a second brood this year?"

On Friday 7th July Paul Bowyer led a joint meeting with the Friends of Holtspur Bank. The following species were identified:-Peach Blossom, Buff Arches, Large Emerald, Common Emerald, Small Fan-footed Wave, Riband Wave, Shaded Broad-bar, Common Carpet, Green Carpet, **Brown Scallop**, Foxglove Pug, Green Pug, Double Striped Pug, Scorched Carpet, Brimstone, Swallow-tailed, Willow Beauty, Mottled Beauty, Light Emerald, Elephant Hawk, Yellow-tail, Scarce Footman, Common Footman, Short-cloaked, Heart and Club, Heart and Dart, Flame, Flame Shoulder, Double Square spot, Champion, Brown-line Bright-eye, Clay, Smoky Wainscot, Coronet, Dun-bar, Lunar-spotted Pinion, Dark Arches, Clouded Brindle, Uncertain, Rustic, Mottled

Rustic, Silver-Y, Spectacle, Herald, Beautiful Hook-tip, Straw Dot, *Plutella xylostella*, *Batia lunaris*, *Batia unitella*, *Agapeta zoegana*, *Eupoecilia angustana*, *Archips podana*, *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, *Celypha lacunana*, *Hedya nubiferana*, *Epiblema uddmanniana*, *Epiblema robrana*, *Eucosma cana*, *Cydia fagiglandana*, *Cydia pomonella*, *Chrysoteuchia culmella*, *Acentria ephemerella*, *Eurrhypara hortulata*, *Udea prunalis*, *Pleuroptya ruralis*, *Hypsopygia costalis*, *Endotricha flammealis*, *Hypochoalcia ahenella*, *Emmelina monodactyla*, *Swammerdamia pyrella*, *Ancylis achatana*.

17th July - Tom Stevenson had another night's trapping with the home made trap: "Numbers well down on earlier trappings but the Gothic was somewhat special (see photo below). Results were:

Small Magpie (2), Endotricha flammealis (2), Silver-Y, Gothic, Small Blood Vein, Short Cloaked, Uncertain and Buff Ermine."

Alastair Driver had another good session with the Robinson Trap at Ali's Pond LNR on 15th July: "I caught 28 species of macro-moth including 2 new species for the parish list (taking it up to the 250 species mark) - Svensson's Copper Underwing and Waved Black. New records for the reserve were Scarce Footman and White-spotted Pug and new for my yearlist were Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing and Lesser Yellow Underwing. I've never caught Scarce Footman until this year, despite always looking out for them, but now I'm catching quite a few - perhaps they're expanding their range?"

Ben Carpenter recorded the following moths from Wolfson College and Wytham Woods during the last few months:

Wytham Woods:

April - Water Carpet

May - Common Heath, Silver-Y, White-pinion Spotted, Green Carpet, Silver Ground Carpet, Red/Dark-barred Twin Spot Carpet, Clouded Silver, Pyrausta purpuralis

June - Pretty Chalk Carpet, Burnet Companion, Mother Shipton, Angle Shades, Yellow Shell, Brimstone, The Snout, Agapeta hamana, Common Carpet, Dark Arches, Large Yellow Underwing.

and these are the species which are new to the UTB 2006 Species List, which were all recorded in Wolfson College:

June - Phtheochroa rugosana, Large Tabby

July - Agriphila tristella, Nymphula stagnata (Beautiful China-mark), Lesser Cream Wave, Toadflax Pug

~ Sunday 16th July 2006 ~

The following chart shows the monthly UTB moth species count for this year, compared to the previous 2 years. It shows that this season got off to a rather slow start, no doubt due to the cold Spring, but we are now ahead of schedule and on target to achieve our 601 goal.

Dave Wilton sent the following results from his garden moth trap: "Thankfully my last two trapping sessions in the garden at Westcott have seen the contents of the Robinson come down to more sensible levels, with 76 macros species (590 moths) on 10th July and a mere 56 macro species (422 moths) on 15th July! On the 10th I had Large Twin-spot Carpet, Shark and Bordered Sallow as new additions for the year, while Early Thorn and Ruby Tiger made re-appearances as second brood. On the 15th I got Small Scallop, Single-dotted Wave, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing and Dusky Sallow as first-timers plus Purple Thorn, Pebble Prominent and Swallow Prominent as second-brood."

Alastair Driver set the Robinson trap at home in Sonning on 12th July and trapped 28 species of macro-moth: “New for my parish list was **Scarce Footman** and firsts for the year for me were **Scalloped Oak, Bird's Wing, Common Rustic, Maiden's Blush, Pine Hawk-moth** (a particularly large specimen - see photo below), **Dot Moth, Clay** and **Broad-barred White**. Also I found a fatally trodden-on **Leopard Moth** on the doorstep of the French Horn earlier in the day - another first for my Sonning area list.”

Peter Hall ran his garden moth trap in Ballinger Common on 8th July. He recorded 96 species, the following 10 of which were new to the UTB 2006 Species List:

Argyresthia pruniella; Athrips mouffetella; Batia unitella; Black Arches; Common Rustic; Ditula angustiorana (Red-barred Tortrix); Epermenia chaerophyllella; Epiblema roborana; Pammene regiana; Rhopobota naevana (Holly Tortrix).

~ Wednesday 12th July 2006 ~

Peter Hall sent this message on 10th July: “It’s time to look out for **Cameraria ohridella**, the Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner. Trees are heavily infected in and around Maidenhead, Beaconsfield and High Wycombe this year and I’m sure elsewhere. Here’s a photo taken at Swan Bottom, near to Great Missenden of what the leaf mines look like. Send in your records – date, site and grid reference if possible. Photos would be helpful too.”

Ched George recorded a Striped Lychnis in his garden MV trap on July 6th.

John & Shirley Spencer sent their latest report from Riseley:

“July 3 – Very successful catch with a wide variety of species, several of which we had not seen before. We identified positively the following:- **Elephant Hawkmoth, Buff Tip, Common Wainscot, Clouded Silver, Willow Beauty, Small Magpie, Garden Carpet, Heart & Dart, Rosy Footman, Small Scallop, Bird's Wing, Poplar Grey, The Flame, Triple-spotted Clay, Burnished Brass, Beautiful Hooktip, Common Footman.**

July 6 - Caught inside the house – **Swallow-tailed** moth.

July 8 - Tried wine roping again. Our first two attempts this year attracted nothing, but this time we had more success with 4 specimens of **Herald**, another new species for us. Rather a messy business, but it seems to attract moths that might not come to the light box.”

David Redhead sent the following report for Saturday 8th July: “First thing this morning I identified the moths from my eighth overnight garden moth trap of the year with 105 moths from 40 identified species. One, the **Leopard Moth**, was an addition to my all time garden list and several were new for 2006: **Dun-bar** (5), **Small Fan-footed Wave** (3), **Dingy Footman** (2), **Dingy Shears** (1), **Least Carpet** (1), **Plain Golden-Y** (1), **Short-cloaked Moth** (1), **Single-dotted Wave** (1), **White Satin Moth** (1) and **Yellow-tail** (1). The most numerous was **Common Footman** (22).”

Peter Hall trapped 98 species of moth on 5th July in his garden in Ballinger Common. The following 10 are new to this year's UTB Species list:

Argyresthia brockeella; Batia lunaris; Blastobasis adustella; Catoptria falsella; Cochyliis dubitana; Dark Dagger; Isotrias rectifasciana; Pandemis heparana (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix); Ptycholomoides aeriferanus; Shaded Broad-bar.

Peter also reported a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in his garden on the 6th feeding on lavender.

~ Sunday 9th July 2006 ~

David Redhead found a Bee Moth settled on his bedroom wall on Thursday morning, 6th July, probably sheltering from the overnight thunderstorm and heavy rain.

On 4th July Derek Brown discovered an Old Lady moth flying around his conservatory: "Big aren't they - my first for the garden. I managed a few pictures before releasing her."

Dave Wilton ran his moth trap on 4th July and recorded this impressive list of moths, 21 of which are new to the UTB 2006 Species List. "Even though there were no migrants to speak of, the night of 4th July, just before the arrival of those thunderstorms from across the Channel, provided me with my best ever catch here at *Westcott*. 1,166 moths from 100 species, and that was just the macros! I'd packed the Robinson with as many egg boxes as I could cram into it in order to avoid the problem I'd had the previous session with moths being unable to settle. That seems to have done the trick, although I still managed to lose quite a few while emptying the trap. The species marked * were new to my garden this year: **Leopard Moth (2), Lackey (4), Drinker (1), Chinese Character (1), Peach Blossom (1), Buff Arches (9), *Large Emerald (1), Common Emerald (2), Blood-vein (2), Small Blood-vein (3), *Least Carpet (1), Small Fan-footed Wave (6), Dwarf Cream Wave (3), Small Dusty Wave (1), Riband Wave (20), Common Carpet (1), Yellow Shell (1), Barred Straw (2), Barred Yellow (2), Blue-bordered Carpet (1), July Highflyer (1), *Barred Rivulet (1), *Lime-speck Pug (1), Freyer's Pug (1), *Bordered Pug (1), V-Pug (2), Green Pug (7), Clouded Border (9), Brimstone Moth (3), *Scalloped Oak (3), Swallow-tailed Moth (9), Peppered Moth (1), Mottled Beauty (5), *Engrailed (1), Common Wave (1), Clouded Silver (12), Light Emerald (5), Lime Hawk-moth (1), Poplar Hawk-moth (1), Elephant Hawk-moth (6), Small Elephant Hawk-moth (3), Pale Prominent (1), Buff-tip (9), Brown-tail (1), Yellow-tail (1), *Round-winged Muslin (1), *Dingy Footman (2), Scarce Footman (36), Buff Footman (5), Common Footman (67), Cinnabar (1), Short-cloaked Moth (12), Heart & Club (35), Heart & Dart (182), Flame (14), Flame Shoulder (15), Large Yellow Underwing (34), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (1), Setaceous Hebrew Character (5), Double Square-spot (7), *Green Arches (1), Nutmeg (7), Dot Moth (12), Bright-line Brown-eye (11), Smoky Wainscot (1), Common Wainscot (38), Shoulder-striped Wainscot (47), *Minor Shoulder-knot (1), Poplar Grey (9), Sycamore (1), Miller (1), Dark/Grey Dagger (19), Marbled Beauty (1), Olive (9), Dingy Shears (21), Dun-bar (4), Lunar-spotted Pinion (16), Dark Arches (116), Light Arches (13), Large Nutmeg (3), Rustic Shoulder-knot (1), Marbled Minor sp. (26), Middle-barred Minor (3), *Cloaked Minor (3), Common/Lesser Common Rustic (6), Small Dotted Buff (8), Uncertain/Rustic (168), Mottled Rustic (8), Pale Mottled Willow (1), *Marbled White-spot (1), Burnished Brass (6), Silver-Y (5), Plain Golden-Y (3), Spectacle (3), Blackneck (3), Beautiful Hook-tip (7), Straw Dot (8), Snout (4) & Fan-foot (2).**

Micros: 188+ moths from 29 species: **Yponomeuta evonymella*/Bird-cherry Ermine (4), **Carcina quercana* (2), *Agapeta hamana* (4), *Archips podana*/Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (8), *Lozotaeniodes formosanus* (2), *Crambus lathionellus* (100+), **Crambus perlella* (3), **Eudonia mercurella* (6), *Elophila nymphaeata*/Brown China-mark (1), **Sitochroa palealis* (2), *Eurrhypara hortulata*/Small Magpie (6), *Phlyctaenia coronata* (1), **Phlyctaenia perlucidalis* (3), *Udea prunalis* (3), *Udea olivalis* (8), *Pleuroptya ruralis*/Mother-of-Pearl (20), *Hypsopygia costalis*/Gold Triangle (6), *Orthopygia glaucinalis* (5), **Endotricha flammealis* (1), *Aphomia sociella*/Bee Moth (1), *Myelois circumvoluta*/Thistle Ermine (1), *Emmelina monodactyla* (1), *Blastobasis decolorella* (1), *Limnaecia phragmitella* (3), *Hedya salicella* (1), *Paraponyx stratiota*/Ringed China-mark (1), *Trachycera advenella* (1), *Homoeosoma sinuella* (1) & *Phycitodes binaevella* (1)."

Results of Tom Stevenson's moth trapping on 2nd July are as follows:

Common Footman (7), Riband Wave (4), Lilac Beauty, Bee Moth, Yellow Tail, *Phlyctaenia coronata*, Uncertain, Heart and Club (2), *Udea olivalis*, Small Blood Vein, Water carpet, Dark Arches and Garden Carpet.

Thanks to Jan Haseler for leading the joint Berks Moth Group / Upper Thames BC Moth Trap at Greenham Common on Friday 23rd June. It was a very successful evening, attended by 17 people, with 138 species of moth identified. The following species were new to the UTB 2006 Species List.

Aethes smeathmanniana; *Agapeta zoegana*; *Ancylis achatana*; *Apotomis turbidana*; *Archips xylosteana* (Variegated Golden Tortrix); *Blastobasis decolorata*; *Capperia britanniodactylus*; *Catoptria pinella*; *Conobathra repandana*; *Crambus perlella*; Dun-bar; *Elegia similella*; *Epagoge grotiana*; *Epiblema rosaecolana*; *Eucalybites auroguttella*; *Eucosma campoliliana*; *Eudonia pallida*; Fox Moth; *Pseudoterpna pruinata atropunctaria* (Grass Emerald); Grey Arches; *Hedya nubiferana* (Marbled Orchard Tortrix); *Homoeosoma sinuella*; *Lathronympha strigana*; Lesser Yellow Underwing; Marbled White-spot; *Pempelia palumbella*; *Phycita roborella*; *Phycitodes binaevella*; *Platyptilia pallidactyla*; Red-necked Footman; Rosy Footman; Satin Wave; *Scoparia pyraeella*; Shark; True Lover's Knot.

~ Wednesday 5th July 2006 ~

Mark Calway sent this interesting report on 4th July: "Hornet moths have been on the wing for around three weeks now in Berkshire and emergences are still being recorded. On [Saturday 1st](#) I watched two recently emerged female Hornet moths in Reading. Once they started calling, males were buzzing around within a minute or so and pairing took place immediately. They remained in cop for several hours. Photos and more information will be presented at the [BMG meeting on Thursday 13th July](#).

Dave Maunder recorded the following moths in Aylesbury recently: Hummingbird hawk moths (2 - 1 on 30th, Fairford leys on Lavender; 1 in Adstock on 2nd), **Drinker moth** (1 - female), **Light arches** (3), **Dark arches** (1), **Silver y** (1), **Vapourer** (1, on 3rd), **Heart and dart** (1), **Lg. yellow u/wing** (1), **Lsr. yellow u/wing** (1), **Swallowtail moth** (1, on 1st),

Common emeralds (2), **Riband waves** (4), **Barred straw** (1, in Adstock), **Magpie moth** (1), **Brimstone moth** (1), **Garden carpet** (1), **Yellow shell** (1), **Small dusty wave** (1), **Mottled beauty** (1). Looks like a reasonable influx of Hummingbird hawks this year - will you be counting them as in previous years? I was lucky enough to get a photo of one settled for a while!

Alastair Driver had a good trapping session in his garden on 2nd July: "Only 21 macro-spp, but 3 new species for my parish list and another new site record. Parish records were **Brown-tail** (of which I had two), **Large Twin-spot Carpet** and **Clay Triple-lines**. Site record was **Cinnabar**. Other firsts for the year for me were **Buff Arches** and **Cloaked Minor**.

Derek Brown sent the following report and photos on 2nd July: "Recent new species for the garden are **Scarlet Tiger**, **Barred Yellow**, **Beautiful Golden Y**, **Shears**, **Knot Grass**, **Scorched Wing**, **Privet Hawk**, **Lobster** and **Leopard**.

Paul Bowyer led a meeting of the Wycombe Wildlife Group and the Prestwood Nature Group at the Prestwood Local Nature Reserve on 23rd June. Moths identified were: **Brimstone**, **Purple Bar**, **Small Emerald**, **Flame**, **Plain Golden Y**, **Buff Arches**, **Green Carpet**, **Riband Wave**, **Barred Yellow**, **Pine Hawk**, **Beautiful Hook Tip**, **Small Magpie**, **Elephant Hawk**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Clouded Border**, **Double Square Spot**, **Setaceous Hebrew Character**, **Mottled Beauty**, **Common Wainscot**, **Buff Ermine**, **Burnished Brass**, **Clouded Silver**, **Treble Lines**, **Peppered Moth**, **Pale Tussock**.

On 30th June Paul also ran a trap in his garden in Flackwell Heath, identifying the following moths: **Small Elephant Hawk**, **Elephant Hawk**, **Lime Hawk**, **Buff Arches**, **Heart and Dart**, **Swallow-tailed**, **Large Emerald**, **Small Magpie**, **Buff Ermine**, **The Flame**, **Common Footman**, **Riband Wave**, **Light Emerald**, **Flame Shoulder**, **Brimstone**, **The Phoenix**, **Small Yellow Wave**, **Barred Yellow**, **Little Emerald**, **Beautiful Golden Y**, **Small Emerald**, **Dark Arches**, **Scarce Silver Lines**, **Shoulder Striped Wainscot**, **Great Oak Beauty** (diagnostic on underside of forewing was checked), **Clouded Silver**, **The Snout**, **Garden Carpet**, **Bright Line Brown Eye**, **The Dot**, **The Coronet**, **The Spectacle**.

~ Monday 3rd July 2006 ~

In response to Susan Nicholls' question regarding flight times for the Small Square Spot (see report dated 24th June below), Peter Hall produced the following graph from the Bucks moth database of emergence weeks for the moth, showing the 2 broods very nicely. This indicates that, for Bucks at least, Week 25 (June 24th week) is not so late.

David Redhead sent the following moth records on 1st July: "I've decided moths are like buses – I've spent several years looking for the adult Blue-bordered Carpet Moth and had my first success just over a week ago (see report for 23rd June below) and whilst in *Brasenose Woods this morning 1st July*, I spotted a small carpet moth flying about which turned out to be a **Blue-bordered Carpet** when I caught up with it. Neither of these moths had read the books which say they fly at dusk or night - but I have to admit this one today did seem to be seeking shade by landing on the undersides of large leaves.

I ran my seventh moth trap of the year on 30th June. It produced **126 moths from 50 identified species** which included three new additions to my garden list - **Lilac Beauty, Lobster Moth & Small Blood-vein.** **Double square-spot** was the most numerous with 15 and there were a number of other additions to my 2006 garden list - **Barred Yellow, Common Emerald, Common Footman, Common White Wave, Donacaula forficella, Dusky Brocade, Large Twin-spot Carpet, Olive, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Smoky Wainscot, Swallow-tailed Moth & Thistle Ermine.** The **Olive** surprised me last year as I caught my first of two on the 10th July and the books say it is on the wing from late July, so I was even more surprised to find it my trap this morning and took extra care to make sure my identification was correct. *On Wednesday evening 28th June* Wendy reported 7 **Scarlet Tigers** flying in our garden."

~ Sunday 2nd July 2006 ~

On 30th June Peter Holland recorded the following at his moth trap in Wallingford: Leopard Moth; Buff Arches; Elephant Hawk Moth; Burnished Brass; Grey/Dark Dagger; Dot; Bright-line Brown Eye; Common Footman; The Flame; Riband Wave; **Purple Clay**; Heart and Dart; Double Square Spot; Spectacle; Smoky Wainscot; Common Wainscot; Snout; Clouded Silver; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Dark Arches; Beautiful Hook Tip; **Single-dotted Wave**; Clouded Bordered Brindle; The Uncertain; Heart and Club.

Peter Hall ran another garden moth trap in Ballinger Common on 29th June. It produced 68 species, of which 6 were new to the UTB 2006 Species List:

Aleimma loeflingiana; Aphelia paleana (Timothy Tortrix); Epiblema uddmanniana (Bramble Shoot Moth); Little Emerald; Nutmeg; Pempeliella dilutella.

May Webber ran her moth trap again on Thursday night, 29th June, and caught the following moths:

Eyed Hawk-moth, Small Elephant Hawk-moth, Elephant Hawk-moth, Poplar Hawk-moth, Buff Arches, **Leopard moth**, Buff-tip, Peppered moth, Burnished Brass, Beautiful Golden y, **Yellow-tail**, Blotched Emerald, Beautiful Hook-tip, Barred Straw, Common Footman, Common Wainscot, Coronet, Clouded Silver, Clouded Border, Heart and Dart, Barred Yellow, Angle Shades, Riband Wave, Swallow-tailed moth, Ear moth agg, Rustic, Pale Prominent.

Jan Haseler led the moth trap event at Greenham Common on 23rd June: "We had a very successful night, attended by 17 people, with over 130 species of moth identified from 3 trap lists. I hope to find time to put the field trip report together next week."

~ Saturday 1st July 2006 ~

Colleen Watts took the following excellent photos of a Hummingbird Hawk-moth at Whitchurch on 25th June. Tim Watts sent this report: "The photos were taken by Colleen on her little Coolpix (see below and top of this page). She's very proud of them! I sat watching it and announced 'waste of time running for the camera as they only stay in the same spot for a short time'. Blooming thing fed on the same plant for ages, by which time Colleen had got her camera out. As she had got some shots, I felt I had to run for my camera and show her how it's done! As you can guess it flew off the second I approached it!" Tim & Colleen have also seen Hummingbird Hawk-moths in their garden on 24th, 27th and 28th June.

Dave Maunder has recorded some more moths around Aylesbury over the last few weeks:-

Hummingbird hawk (1, on 25th), White ermine (1), Silver y (13), Small square-spot (1), Burnet companion (4), **Six-spot burnet** (2), Light arches (1), Dark arches (1), Broad-barred white (1), Cinnabar (1), Common swift (3), Large yellow underwing (2), Buff-tip (1), Marbled minor agg (1), Small dusty wave (7), Riband wave (1), Yellow shell (1), Garden carpet (1), Common emerald (1), Brimstone (1), Common marbled carpets (2), Willow beauty (1), Treble brown-spot (5), Blood-vein (1), *Udea olivalis* (1), *Phlyctaenia coronata* (1), *Pyrausta purpuralis* (2), Small magpie (2), Bee moth (7), Short cloaked (1), **White plume** (1), *Emmelina monodactyla* (2), and Green oak tortrix (1).

Maurice Gavin sent the following photo of an Elephant Hawk-moth: "The big creature [50mm long] startled me zooming up and down the landing in the early daylight hours and settled near the bathroom window where I snapped it (see *photo below*). Its wings were like leaves! Placed it outside the window on the sill where it quivered for a while and was gone. Nice experience."

Dave Wilton sent the following moth report on 27th June: "A trapping session in the garden at *Westcott on 21st June* added **Barred Straw**, **Four-dotted Footman**, **Double Dart*** and **Clouded Brindle** to this year's list, while a **Freyer's Pug** came to the light of the kitchen window *on 24th June*. I had another "bumper" night with the trap on *25th June* (819 moths of 89 species) which included **Lackey**, **Buff Arches**, **Small Dusty Wave**, **Dwarf Cream Wave**, **Barred Yellow***, **July Highflyer**, **Dark Umber***, **V-Pug**, **Small Yellow Wave***, **Dot Moth**, **Blackneck and micros: *Aphomia sociella***/Bee Moth, ***Elophila lympheata***/Brown China-mark, ***Phlyctaenia coronata***, ***Udea prunalis***. Those marked * are completely new to my garden list."

Peter Hall ran his garden moth trap in Ballinger Common on 25th June and recorded 74 species:

Agonopterix arenella; ***Scrobipalpa costella***; ***Blastobasis lacticolella***; ***Mompha subbistrigella***; ***Pandemis cerasana*** (**Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix**); ***Archips podana*** (**Large Fruit-tree Tortrix**); ***Epiphyas postvittana*** (**Light Brown Apple**); ***Lozotaenia forsterana***; ***Celypha striana***; ***Celypha lacunana***; ***Eucosma cana***; ***Chrysoteuchia culmella***; ***Crambus pascuella***; ***Eurrhypara hortulata*** (**Small Magpie**); ***Udea prunalis***; ***Udea olivalis***; ***Aphomia sociella*** (**Bee**); **Pebble Hook-tip**; **Buff Arches**; **Small Fan-footed Wave**; **Dwarf Cream Wave**; **Treble Brown Spot**; **Flame Carpet**; **Common Carpet**; **Small Phoenix**; **Broken-barred Carpet**; **Grass Rivulet**; **Foxglove Pug**; **Green Pug**; **Clouded Border**; **Scorched Wing**; **Peppered**; **Mottled Beauty**; **Pale Oak Beauty**; **Clouded Silver**; **Light Emerald**; **Pine Hawk**; **Elephant Hawk**; **Buff-tip**; **Lobster**; **Pebble Prominent**; **Orange Footman**; **Common Footman**; **Buff Ermine**; **Short-cloaked**; **Turnip**; **Heart & Club**; **Heart & Dart**; **Dark Sword-grass**; **Flame**; **Large Yellow Underwing**; **Ingrailed Clay**; **Setaceous Hebrew Character**; **Shears**; **Pale-shouldered Brocade**; **Bright-line Brown-eye**; **Common Wainscot**; **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**; **Poplar Grey**; **Dark Arches**; **Light Arches**; **Large Nutmeg**; **Treble Lines**; **Uncertain**; **Mottled Rustic**; **Pale Mottled Willow**; **Green Silver-lines**; **Beautiful Golden Y**; **Plain Golden Y**; **Beautiful Hook-tip**; **Straw Dot**; **Snout**; **Fan-foot**; **Small Fan-foot**.

~ Friday 30th June 2006 ~

Adam Bassett recorded 122 moths when he ran his Skinner trap in Marlow Bottom on June 24th:

Green Oak Tortrix, 1; Small Magpie, 13; *Udea Olivalis*, 20; Bee Moth, 2; **Common Emerald**, 1; Maiden's Blush, 1; Clay Triple-lines, 3; Dwarf Cream Wave, 1; Treble Brown Spot, 3; Riband Wave, 2; The Phoenix, 1; Barred Yellow, 1; Foxglove Pug, 2; Scorched Carpet, 2; Brimstone Moth, 2; **Swallow-tailed Moth**, 3; Peppered Moth, 2; Willow Beauty, 2; Mottled Beauty, 5; The Engrailed, 1; Common White Wave, 1; Clouded Silver, 1; Light Emerald, 7; Buff-tip, 2; Lobster Moth, 1; Maple Prominent, 1; Buff Ermine, 7; Heart & Club, 4; Heart & Dart, 13; Bright-line Brown-eye, 2; The Coronet, 1; **Small Angle Shades**, 2; Reddish Light Arches, 1; Large Nutmeg, 1; Treble Lines, 1; The Uncertain, 4; Mottled Rustic, 1; Beautiful Golden Y, 1; The Snout, 1; The Fan-foot, 2.

Susan Nicholls sent the following report of a moth trap she ran in her Caversham garden on 24th June:

"I think this is probably my most varied list so far. The Eyed Hawk-moths were wonderful to see - the eyes certainly gave me a fright when they were displayed, especially as I thought I had two Poplar Hawk-moths!

Hoplodrina species; Snout; **European Corn Borer**; Small Magpie (*Eurrhypara hortulata*); *Udea olivalis*; Buff Arches; Figure of Eighty; Riband Wave; **Phoenix**; Small Seraphim; Swallow-tailed Moth; Clouded Silver; Eyed Hawk-moth; Elephant Hawk-moth; Common Footman; Buff Ermine; Cinnabar; Heart and Club; Heart and Dart; Shuttle-shaped Dart; Flame; Large Yellow Underwing; Small Square-spot - according to the book, this is quite late; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shears; Bright-line Brown-eye; Common Wainscot; Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Pale Pinion - according to the book, this is quite late; Poplar Grey; Dark / Grey Dagger ; Angle Shades ; Dark Arches; Marbled Minor agg.; Middle-barred Minor; Vine's Rustic; Pale Mottled Willow; Burnished Brass; Spectacle; Straw Dot."

David Redhead's sixth garden moth trap of the year on Friday night, 23rd, was his most successful to date with nearly 200 individuals from 58 identified species: "An addition to my garden list was the **Privet Hawk Moth** - this has taken about 10 years to arrive in spite of having a somewhat overgrown privet hedge along one side of the garden. New additions to my 206 list were **Angle Shades**, **Barred Straw**, **Beautiful Hook-tip**, **Blood-vein**, **Blotched Emerald**, **Buff Arches**, **Double Square-spot**, **Drinker**, **Elephant Hawkmoth**, **Gold Triangle**, **Heart & Club**, **Light Arches**, **Maiden's Blush**, **Mottled Beauty**, **Light emerald**, **Mottled Rustic**, **Peppered Moth**, **Round-winged Muslin**, **Small Angle Shades**, **Small Emerald**, **Small Seraphim**, **Spectacle** and **Bird-Cherry Ermine**.

On Friday 23rd I was looking for butterflies near Weston-on-the-Green when I noticed a small carpet moth flying over the brambles in front of the blackthorn. I immediately became excited as I thought it was something I had been looking for for several years. I managed to "pot" it when my suspicions were proved correct - a **Blue-bordered Carpet**. Why had I been looking for this moth which is listed as common? Because we frequently find its eggs when we are looking for Brown Hairstreak eggs.

On Saturday 24th at the joint UTB/Woodstock Nats walk in Bernwood Forest Lyn Matthews spotted a female **Orange Moth** in the rideside vegetation which she managed to catch to show to the rest of the group. On release it inconveniently, for photography, flew up into the blackthorn."

Tom Stevenson's haul from his Benson moth trap on the night of 23/24 June was as follows:-

Common Footman, Water Carpet, Barred Straw, Emmelina Monodactyla, Uncertain, Dark Arches, Turnip Moth (3), Snout, *Udea olivalis* (pyralid), Heart and Club, Willow Beauty, Heart and Dart (4), Brimstone.

25/6 Alastair Driver reports that he set the trap again on Friday night (23rd) in his garden and caught 32 macro spp, including his first parish record of **Coronet**. Firsts for the year for Alastair were **Barred Straw**, **Least Carpet** and **Dwarf Cream Wave**.

~ Tuesday 27th June 2006 ~

23rd June – Jackie Tuckey sent this news: "I've seen the **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** twice this week in *Worminghall*, about 9pm on the Valarian (*Centranthus*) Brilliant!"

23/6 - Tom Stevenson caught the following species in his trap on the night of 19/20th June:

Green Pug; Treble Lines; Fan Foot; Garden Carpet; Burnished Brass; Buff Ermine; Common Wainscot; Common White Wave; Bright line Brown Eye; Rustic/Uncertain; *Oligia strigilis* agg; Currant Pug; Dark Arches; Pale Mottled Willow; Turnip Moth; Shears; Heart and Dart; Small Magpie; Brimstone.

23rd June – News from Danny Howard that the **Scarlet Tigers** at *Long Hanborough* station are starting to emerge now. He also reports seeing a **Brown Hawker dragonfly** walking along the pavement in Marsh Road (Temple Cowley) on 16th June!

Apologies to Adam Bassett for only posting part of his moth list from 18th June. Here is the other part:

Green Oak Tortrix, 5; Small Magpie, 17; Udea Olivalis, 8; Peach Blossom, 1; Blotched Emerald, 1; Maiden's Blush, 1; Treble Brown Spot, 13; Riband Wave, 1; Common Marbled Carpet, 3; Barred Yellow, 1; Green Carpet, 2; **Pretty Chalk Carpet, 3; Fern, 1; Small Waved Umber, 1; Mottled Pug, 1; Green Pug, 6; Small Yellow Wave, 1; Scorched Carpet, 2; Peacock, 1; Brimstone Moth, 7; Lilac Beauty, 2; Peppered Moth, 1; Willow Beauty, 2; Mottled Beauty, 2; Pale Oak Beauty, 1; Engrailed, 1; White-pinion Spotted, 1; Clouded Silver, 3; Light Emerald, 5; Lime Hawk-moth, 1; Elephant Hawk-moth, 1; Buff-tip, 1; Lobster Moth, 2; Maple Prominent, 1; Orange Footman, 1; Common Footman, 1; Buff Ermine, 10; Heart & Club, 3; Heart & Dart, 19; Flame, 2; Double Square-spot, 1; Shears, 3; Bright-line Brown-eye, 3; Coronet, 2; **Bird's Wing, 1; Brown Rustic, 1.****

~ Saturday 24th June 2006 ~

Andy Reynolds went to Wytham Wood in Oxford on June 22nd and recorded a **Hummingbird Hawkmoth**.

Dave Wilton sent this news on 21st June: "A month or so ago I found a **Vapourer Moth** caterpillar on our garden Lime Tree and she has now hatched out (see *photo below*), although perhaps a little too early to find a mate. The adult males are frequently seen flying during the daytime, searching for these wingless females, and can easily be confused with the Brown Hairstreak. Also, The Lime Hawk-moth eggs which were laid on 9th June by a female trapped here at Westcott hatched on the 17th and I now have lots of these tiny green larvae with black tails!" (See *photo below*.)

Alastair Driver sent the following report on 20th June: "I had 3 great nights with the moth trap at home then Ali's Pond LNR last weekend. Details as follows:

15th - home - 28 macro species - Year records for me - **Common Footman, Willow Beauty, Snout, Elephant Hawk-moth, Eyed Hawk-moth, Mottled Rustic, Riband Wave, Heart and Club, Treble Brown-spot, Bright-line brown-eye.**

16th Ali's Pond LNR - 40 macro species - Parish record - **Orange Footman**; Site records - **Pebble Prominent, Currant Pug, Small Fan-foot**; Year records - **Poplar Grey, Blood-vein, Light Arches, Fan-foot, Double Square-spot, Ingrailed Clay.**

17th - Ali's Pond LNR - 47 macro-species - a personal best! - Parish Record - **Peach Blossom**; Site Record - **Spinach, Uncertain**; Year record - **Miller, Straw Dot, Large Nutmeg, Poplar Hawk-moth.**

Thanks to Martin Albertini for leading the moth trap evening at Bernwood on 2nd June. The following species were recorded:

Common Swift; Drinker; Pebble Hook-tip; Figure of Eighty; Poplar Lutestring; Clay Triple-lines; Cream Wave; Silver-ground Carpet; Common Marbled Carpet; Grey Pine Carpet; Broken-barred Carpet; Green Carpet; Sandy Carpet; Mottled Pug; **Treble Bar**; Lesser Treble-bar; Small White Wave; Clouded Border; Tawny-barred Angle; Scorched Wing; Brimstone Moth; Scalloped Hazel; Peppered Moth; Willow Beauty; Pale Oak Beauty; Brindled White-spot; Common White Wave; Lime Hawk-moth; Buff-tip; Lobster Moth; Iron Prominent; Pebble Prominent; Great Prominent; Coxcomb Prominent; Pale Prominent; Pale Tussock; Orange Footman; White Ermine; Heart and Dart; Flame Shoulder; Pale-shouldered Brocade; Small Quaker; Twin-spotted Quaker; Common Wainscot; Poplar Grey; Small Dotted Buff; Treble Lines; Green Silver-lines; Nut-tree Tussock. **Micros were: Psyche casta; Monopis weaverella; Parectopa ononidis; Phyllonorycter lautella; Esperia sulphurella; Alabonia geoffrella; Teleiodes luculella; Agapeta hamana; Syndemis musculana; Celypha lacunana; Hedyia pruniana; Lobesia reliquana; Epinotia subocellana; Epinotia tedella; Epiblema cynosbatella.** Also a Common Cockchafer.

In Tom Stevenson's greenhouse on 18th June, a *Pyrausta aurata* and a **Red-belted Clearwing**.

~ Thursday 22nd June 2006 ~

Dave Wilton sent this report on 20th June: "On the night of *Sunday 18th June* my trap at *Westcott* brought in just short of **900 moths**, although 390 of them were from a single species (**Heart & Dart**, inevitably). Notables so far as my garden is concerned were **Drinker**, **Riband Wave**, **Yellow Shell**, **Willow Beauty**, **Mottled Beauty**, **Eyed Hawk-moth**, **Scarce Footman**, **Common Footman**, **Heart & Club**, **Broad-barred White**, **Light Arches**, **Small Mottled Willow**, **Bordered Straw**, **Plain Golden-Y**, **Beautiful Hook-tip** and **Fan-foot**, of which Small Mottled Willow and Bordered Straw (both migrants) were first-timers. There was also a good selection of micros, including *Plutella xylostella*/**Diamondback Moth**, *Agapeta hamana*, *Archips podana*/**Large Fruit-tree Tortrix**, *Celypha lacunana*, *Cnephasia incertana*, *Scoparia ambigualis*, *Phlyctaenia coronata*, *Opsibotys fuscalis*, *Orthopygia glaucinalis* and *Myelois circumvoluta*/**Thistle Ermine**.

Adam Bassett sent the following report on 19th June: "Some moth records from my garden in *Marlow Bottom* on June 18th - a total of 177 moths:

Reddish Light Arches, 1; **Clouded Brindle**, 3; **Large Nutmeg**, 2; **Treble Lines**, 5; **Uncertain**, 1; **Pale Mottled Willow**, 1; **Burnished Brass**, 2; **Beautiful Golden Y**, 1; **Straw Dot**, 5; **Snout**, 6; **Small Fan-foot**, 3."

18th June - Danny Howard reports that he had his most successful night's mothing of the year in his garden in Temple Cowley on Saturday 17th: "One each of the following: **Poplar**, **Lime**, **Elephant** and **Small Elephant hawk-moths**, **Blotched Emerald**, **Figure of Eighty**, 2 x **Large Yellow Underwing**, 3 x **Small Magpie** and 4 x **Flame**. Many others that I didn't get around to identifying."

May Webber sent the following report today, 18th June: "I have been putting up my moth trap very often and so here is a list of the moths I have caught These records are all from around 3 or 4 weeks. There are a quite a lot more moths that I haven't been able to identify:

Treble lines, **Shears**, **The Flame**, **Eyed Hawk moth**, **Peppered moth**, **Flame Shoulder**, **White Ermine**, **Buff-tip**, **Shuttle-shaped Dart**, **Pale Tussock**, **Poplar Hawkmoth**, **Swallow Prominent**, **Muslin moth**, **Bright line Brown eye**, **Pebble Prominent**, **Spectacle**, **Silver y**, **Small Elephant Hawk-moth**, **Lime Hawk-moth**, **Scorched Wing**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Burnished Brass**, **Miller**, **Beautiful Golden y**, **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Buff Ermine**, **Large Nutmeg**, **Clouded Silver**, **Clouded Border**, **Small Magpie**, **Bird-Cherry Ermine**, **Golden Plusia**, **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Common Wainscot**, **Coronet**, **Beautiful Hook-tip**, **Pebble Hook-tip**, **Heart & Club**, **Common Footman**, **Cream-bordered Green Pea**, **Poplar Grey**, **Willow Beauty**, **Magpie**."

~ Saturday 17th June 2006 ~

Tom Stevenson caught the following in his moth trap overnight on 15th June: **Willow Beauty**, **Small Magpie**, **Green Pug**, **Heart and Dart**, **Brimstone Moth**, **Buff Ermine**, **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**, **Bordered Straw**.

Ched George had a **Bordered Straw** and a **Green Arches** in his *Radnage trap* on the night of the *15th June*.

15/6 - Susan Nicholls sent this list of moths from the trap she ran in her Caversham garden on 10th June: "It took me so long to deal with them all, I haven't been able to post my list before tonight! I ended up potting only those I needed to look at closely - those I know had to go straight away, there were so many. I also had numerous pugs too worn to identify and, of course, there were umpteen escapees as I tried to empty the trap."

Common Swift (*Hepialus lupulinus*) 4 (3 were female, as they laid their eggs in my pots); Small Magpie (*Eurrhyncha hortulata*) 7; Udea olivalis 6; Figure of Eighty (*Tethea ocellaris octogesimea*) 3; Blood-vein (*Timandra comae*) 3; Treble Brown Spot (*Idaea trigeminata*) 1; Common Carpet (*Epirrhoe alternata*) 1; Common Marbled Carpet (*Chloroclysta truncata*) 9; Barred Yellow (*Cidaria fulvata*) 1; Mottled Pug (*Eupithecia exiguata*) 1; Common Pug (*Eupithecia vulgata*) 3; Green Pug (*Pasiphila rectangulata*) 1; Small Seraphim (*Pterapherapteryx sexalata*) 1; Scorched Wing (*Plagiodis dolabraria*) 1; Willow Beauty (*Peribatodes rhomboidaria*) 1; Orange Footman (*Eilema sororcula*) 1; White Ermine (*Spilosoma lubricipeda*) 1; Buff Ermine (*Spilosoma luteum*) 1; Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae*) 2; Turnip Moth (*Agrotis segetum*) 1; Heart and Dart (*Agrotis exclamatoris*) 13; Flame Shoulder (*Ochropleura plecta*) 3; Small Square-spot (*Diarsia rubi*) 3; Setaceous Hebrew Character (*Xestia c-nigrum*) 8; Shears (*Hada plebeja*) 1; Angle Shades (*Phlogophora meticulosa*) 1; Dark Arches (*Apamea monoglypha*) 1; Rustic Shoulder-knot (*Apamea sordens*) 1; Marbled Minor agg. (*Oligia strigilis* agg.) 5; Middle-barred Minor (*Oligia fasciuncula*) 12; Treble Lines (*Charanyca trigrammica*) 1; Vine's Rustic (*Hoplodrina ambigua*) 1; Pale Mottled Willow (*Paradrina clavipalpis*) 5; Spectacle (*Abrostola tripartita*) 1; Straw Dot (*Rivula sericealis*) 3.

Thursday 15th June Martin & Dee Raper saw a Hummingbird Hawk Moth in their garden this afternoon on Verbena flowers.

On 14th June Tim & Colleen Watts sent this report: "We had a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in our garden in *Whitchurch* today and also an Elephant Hawk-moth nectaring at night. Out of interest 3 Hummingbird Hawks together at a garden centre near Stewartby Beds, the other day."

On 11th June Dave Maunder sent the following report: "Nothing exciting to report from Aylesbury, but it looks like it may be a good summer for Silver-Y moths after this recent hot spell. The Silver-Ys were nectaring on Comfrey at dusk last night - a nice sight! Some other moths seen over the last few weeks include: Pale Prominent, White Ermine, Common Swifts, Heart & Dart, Large Yellow Underwing, Burnet Companion, Peppered Moth, Garden Carpet, Brimstone Moth, Treble Brown Spot, Cinnabar, Chinese Character, Small Magpie, *Pyrausta purpuralis*, *Carnation tortrix*, Common Carpet and Brown Silver Lines (this last species seen in woods near Gt. Hampden).

~ Thursday 15th June 2006 ~

New reporter, Tom Stevenson, runs a small light trap with just a standard energy efficient 100w equivalent bulb under the car-port in his garden. "I only get a couple of moths each night, excepting micros. Still it is probably just as well as it is taking me an absolute age to identify what I am catching. The list, so far, for 4 nights in early June is:

Rustic Shoulder-knot; Chinese Character; 3 Common Swift; Mottled Pug; Green carpet; Heart and Dart; Silver Y; Nut Tree Tussock; Small Waved Umber; Light Brocade."

On 12th June and again on 13th, Derek Brown recorded a single Treble Brown Spot attracted to lit windows at his home in Beenham.

On 13th June Dave Wilton sent another moth list: "At *Westcott* on 11th June a similar haul to 9th June saw Treble Brown Spot, Sloe Pug & *Elophila nymphaeata*/Brown China-mark as garden firsts and Pebble Hook-tip, Grass Rivulet, Mottled Beauty, Light Emerald, Small Dotted Buff, Beautiful Golden-Y & Beautiful Hook-tip as new sightings for 2006. My first Hummingbird Hawk-moth of the year appeared in the garden on 12th June."

Here are the latest records from Shirley and John Spencer, Riseley.

Garden Light Box:

June 4 White Ermine 4, Blood-vein 1, Treble Lines 5, Coxcomb Prominent 1

June 10 White Ermine 1, Buff-Tip 1, Treble Lines 3, Snout 1, Common Wainscot 1, Heart & Dart 5, Lobster Moth 1 (on nearby wall), Poplar Grey 1, Common Swift 1, Small Magpie 1, Garden Pebble 1

(this last identified by Martin Harvey).

Marshes Field:

June 4 Burnet Companion

June 11 Cinnabar 1, *Pyrausta purpuralis*.

"The *Marshes field* is part of The Marshes reserve which is very close to our house and we, along with a group of local residents, are actively involved in managing and monitoring it. It consists of a wet woodland area with pond and a large field which was planted with trees and shrubs about 18 months ago, but is at present mostly grassland. I am of course also recording butterflies there!"

13th June - Danny Howard reports seeing a colony of Mullein moth caterpillars on his way to work this morning at Blenheim Office Park, *Long Hanborough*.

On Tuesday morning, 13th June, David Redhead recorded a Brown China Mark at *Otmoor*.

Adam Bassett sent the following records from his moth trap in Marlow Bottom:

16th April - *Acleris literana* (1)

3rd June - Privet Hawk-moth (2), *Mocha* (1), Treble Brown Spot (1), Ingrailed Clay (1)

10th June - *Mocha* (3), *Map-winged Swift* (1), *Clay Triple-lines* (3), Treble Brown Spot (12), Green Pug (1), Ingrailed Clay (6), Small Fan-foot (2).

Alastair Driver set the Robinson trap at Ali's Pond on 10th June and had an excellent catch of 35 macro species: "New for the site were **Clouded Silver**, **Green Pug** and **Spruce Carpet**. Other new records for my yearlist were **Light Emerald**, **Burnished Brass**, **Small Elephant Hawk-moth**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Flame**, **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Grey Pug**, **Common Carpet**, **Dark Arches**, **Clouded Brindle** and **Large Yellow Underwing**. Also caught the micro **Green Oak Tortrix**."

Danny Howard ran a UV light in his garden at Temple Cowley for a couple of hours Saturday 10th June: "I got my first (adult) **Scarlet Tiger** of the year, also a **Buff Ermine**, 5 **Brimstone Moths** and lots of micros I couldn't identify! Saw another Scarlet Tiger yesterday along the Iffley Road. Looking forward to an explosion of them at Long Hanborough station this week... "

On Friday 9th June Paul Bowyer identified the following moths in his garden in Flackwell Heath: **Small Magpie**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Iron Prominent**, **Brimstone**, **Heart & Dart**, **Peppered Moth**, **Dot Moth**, **The Flame**, **Clouded Silver**, **Great Oak Beauty** (*subject to confirmation*), **Elephant Hawk**, **Silver Ground Carpet**, **Pale Tussock**, **Figure of Eighty**, **White Ermine**, **Foxglove Pug**.

~ Tuesday 13th June 2006 ~

Peter Hall ran his overnight moth trap in Ballinger Common on 11th June and recorded 43 macro species and 14 micros:

Brimstone Moth; Scalloped Hazel; Peppered; Clouded Silver; Orange Footman; Flame Shoulder; Treble Lines; Silver Y; Oak Hook-tip; Chinese Character; Silver-ground Carpet; Green Carpet; Foxglove Pug; Green Pug; Clouded Border; Peacock Moth; Pale Oak Beauty; *Privet Hawk*; Eyed Hawk; Elephant Hawk; Buff-tip; Lobster; Pale Tussock; White Ermine; Buff Ermine; Turnip; Heart & Dart; Large Yellow Underwing; *Ingrailed Clay*; Setaceous Hebrew Character; Shears; Pale-shouldered Brocade; Smoky Wainscot; Large Nutmeg; *Marbled Minor*; *Tawny Marbled Minor*; Middle-barred Minor; Pale Mottled Willow; Green Silver-lines; *Beautiful Golden Y*; *Plain Golden Y*; Spectacle; Straw Dot. **Micros: *Nemophora degeerella*; *Argyresthia bonnetella*; *Plutella xylostella* (Diamond-back); *Hofmannophila pseudospretella* (Brown House); *Epiphyas postvittana* (Light Brown Apple); *Celypha lacunana*; *Cydia pomonella* (Codling); *Cydia conicolana*; *Crambus***

pascuella; *Crambus lathoniellus*; *Acentria ephemerella* (Water Veneer); *Scoparia ambigualis*; *Eurrhyncha hortulata* (Small Magpie); *Udea olivalis*.

David Redhead ran another moth trap last night, 10th June: "My most successful moth trap this year to date with 133 moths from 51 species including a new addition to my all time garden list - **Small Yellow Wave**. New for this year were **Brown Silver-line**, **Clouded Border**, **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Dark Arches**, **Figure of Eighty**, **Green Oak Tortrix**, **Green Pug**, **Light Brocade**, **Lime-speck Pug**, **Lychnis**, **Sallow Kitten**, **Setaceous Hebrew Character**, **Shears**, **Small Fan-foot**, **Small Magpie**, **Rustic Shoulder-knot**, **Silver Y**, *Perinephela lancealis*, *Udea olivalis*."

Dave Wilton found that normality had returned to his garden moth trap thanks to all the recent good weather: "My session at *Westcott* on 9th June attracted over 600 moths from about 70 species, including **Grey Pug**, **Varied Coronet** and **White-point** which were all completely new records for the garden. Further new species for this year included **Green Pug**, **Willow Beauty**, **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Small Elephant Hawk-moth**, **Pale-shouldered Brocade**, **Common Wainscot**, **Middle-barred Minor**, **Mottled Rustic**, **Straw Dot** and **Snout**. Amongst the micros were *Eurrhyncha hortulata* (Small Magpie), *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother-of-Pearl), *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, *Scoparia ambigualis* & *Tortrix viridana* (Green Oak Tortrix). I've attached a photo of three Hawk-moth species having an egg-box summit meeting (see photo below). They were possibly discussing the **Lime Hawk**, a female which was at that moment in the process of leaving me 50+ eggs. Good job I've got a Lime tree in the garden!"

On 9th June David Redhead recorded the following: "I ran a moth trap on 9th - only did the macros - a bit disappointing with 82 moths from 31 species. Several appear new for UTB 2006 list:

Treble Lines 20, Heart and Dart 12, Buff Ermine 3, Common Pug 3, Straw Dot 3, **Treble Brown Spot** 3, White Ermine 3, Bright-line Brown-eye 2, Burnished Brass 2, Champion 2, Common Carpet 2, Flame 2, **Middle-barred Minor** 2, Poplar Grey 2, Poplar Hawk-moth 2, Small Square-spot 2, Snout 2, Swallow Prominent 2 and singletons of **Brimstone Moth**, **Brown Rustic**, **Buff-tip**, **Cinnabar**, **Clouded Silver**, **Flame Shoulder**, **Large Yellow Underwing**, **Mottled Pug**, **Obscure Wainscot**, **Pale-shouldered Brocade**, **Scalloped Hazel**, **Silver-ground Carpet**, **Spruce Carpet**.

Today, 10th June, amongst the scrub adjoining the grassland I saw a **Scarlet Tiger Moth** along with a **Yellow Shell**, two **Straw Dot** and a **Mother Shipton**. Also at *Swyncombe Downs* today Wendy and I saw 11 **Silver-Y**, 2 **Silver-ground Carpet**, 2 **Burnet Companion**, 2 **Cinnabar**, 1 **Small Yellow Underwing**, 1 **Yellow Shell** & 1 **Mother Shipton**.

~ Saturday 10th June 2006 ~

Jan Haseler sent the following moth records on 7th June:

Tilehurst, 20/5 - **Hedya pruniana** (Plum Tortrix), **Small Dusty Wave**, **Light Brocade**, **Champion**

Spencers Wood 24/5 - **Glyphipterix fuscoviridella**

Swallowfield 25/5 - **Glyphipterix simpliciella** (Cocksfoot Moth)

Moor Copse 25/5 - **Small Yellow Wave**, **Dingy Shell**

Tilehurst 25/5 - **Nematopogon swammerdamella**, **Red-green Carpet**, **Miller**

Homefield Wood 27/5 - **Aethes tesserana**

Lardon Chase 2/6 - **Straw Dot**

The Holies 2/6 - **Shaded Pug**

Tilehurst 2/6 - **Eulia ministrana**, **Garden Pebble**, **Grey Pug**, **Turnip Moth**, **Broad-barred White**, **Sycamore**, **Dark Arches**

Greenham Common 4/6 - Yellow Belle.

Tim & Colleen Watts visited Bernwood Meadows on 7th June: “We saw the **Forester Moth** (see photos below) - it looks even better in real life – and also the **Green-winged Orchid**.”

David Redhead sent the following report on 7th June: “Day flying moths seen today, 7th: early this morning whilst dog walking across marshland alongside the **River Thames** a **Snout**; this afternoon at **Shotover** a fresh **Yellow Shell**, a **Straw Dot** and half a dozen **Brown Silver-line** flying amongst their larval foodplant, bracken.”

On Tuesday 6th June Adrian Hickman went to Greenham Common. Along with the butterflies he recorded, he saw the following moths: “Treble-bar moths were frequently seen. Of the c30 I managed to check 3, of which 2 were **Lesser Treble-bar**. Other moths seen include **Mother Shipton**, **Burnet Companion**, **Cinnabar** and **Yellow Shell**.”

Alastair Driver had another session with the Robinson Trap at home on 5th June: “Making hay while the moon shines! Only 11 macro-species, as it was a bit nippy, but new for my year list were **Smoky Wainscot**, **White Ermine**, **Turnip Moth** and **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**. Also had the micros **Garden Pebble** (*Evergestis forficalis*) and **Grey Tortrix** (*Cnephasia stephensiana*).”

Dave Wilton sent the following report on 6th June: “The night of **Sunday 4th June** produced my best catch of the year so far at Westcott, with 50+ species and more than 250 individual moths: **Common Swift** (16), **Chinese Character** (1), **Figure of Eighty** (6), **Red/Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet** (2), **Silver-ground Carpet** (2), **Common Marbled Carpet** (1), **Broken-barred Carpet** (2), **Green Carpet** (2), **Grass Rivulet** (1), **Mottled Pug** (10), **Common Pug** (6), **Lesser Treble-bar** (1), **Clouded Border** (1), **Scorched Wing** (2), **Brimstone Moth** (5), **Scalloped Hazel** (1), **Peppered Moth** (3), **Common Wave** (1), **White-pinion Spotted** (1), **Clouded Silver** (9), **Elephant Hawkmoth** (1), **Iron Prominent** (1), **Pebble Prominent** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1), **Pale Tussock** (4), **White Ermine** (18), **Buff Ermine** (2), **Cinnabar** (1), **Heart & Dart** (18), **The Flame** (2), **Flame Shoulder** (7), **Small Square-spot** (3), **Setaceous Hebrew Character** (4), **Shears** (1), **Bright-line Brown-eye** (3), **Shoulder-striped Wainscot** (1), **Poplar Grey** (1), **Brown Rustic** (1), **Dark Arches** (1), **Clouded-bordered Brindle** (2), **Dusky Brocade** (1), **Rustic Shoulder-knot** (10), **Marbled Minor sp.** (29), **Treble Lines** (45), **Burnished Brass** (2) and **Buttoned Snout** (1). *Micros included:* **Crambus lathionellus** (2), **Cataclysta lemnata/Small China-mark** (1), **Eurrhynx hortulata/Small Magpie** (2), **Udea olivalis** (1) and more which have yet to be identified. *Other new species seen in the garden since the beginning of the month include* **Orange Footman**, **Turnip**, **Large Nutmeg** & **Evergestis forficalis/Garden Pebble**.”

Bill Parker and I trapped (with permission) in Rushbeds Wood on 3rd June where species included **Pebble Hook-tip**, **Poplar Lutestring**, **Cream Wave**, **Small White Wave**, **Willow Beauty**, **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Brindled White-spot**, **Common White Wave** & **Green Silver-lines**.”

~ Tuesday 6th June 2006 ~

This afternoon, 6th June, at some meadows near Bicester David Redhead came across a Small Yellow Underwing. Later whilst walking his dog on the rough grassland near his house he put up a very fresh looking **Straw Dot**.

On 4th June David went to Whitecross Green Wood: “I saw numerous **Grass Rivulets** flying as I was leaving at about 4pm. and 3 **Burnet Companion**. *I also ran a moth trap last night, 3rd June*, which produced 73 macro-moths from 19 species which included a **May Highflyer**. **Treble Lines** was the most numerous with 30. This morning I had a quick look at the rough grassland near my house and for the first time in two decades of checking the site recorded a **Mother Shipton** moth.”

Dave Wilton did a butterfly count for BBOWT at Woodsides Meadow, Wendlebury and at the River Ray meadows alongside the A41 east of Bicester during the afternoon of 4th June: “Despite the excellent weather there were few butterflies to be seen, but I did record nearly 50 **Grass Rivulet** moths between the two locations. The find of the afternoon, though, was a **Forester moth** which was active in one of the River Ray meadows.”

On Saturday 3rd June Paul Bowyer identified the following in his garden in Flackwell Heath: Pale Tussock, Brimstone, Peppered Moth, Scorched Wing and **Dot Moth.**

Alastair Driver set the Robinson Trap at Ali's Pond LNR on Friday night 2nd June and trapped 16 species: "No new site records, but new for my year-list were **Angle Shades, Vine's Rustic, Marbled Brown, Marbled Minor agg, Spectacle, Light Brocade, Broken-barred Carpet** and **Rustic Shoulder-knot**. Photos of Rustic Shoulder-knot and Spectacle (head-on), are below.

Latest records from Shirley and John Spencer, Riseley, are as follows:

Garden light box on May 31st - Buff-Tip 1

The Marshes Field on May 31st - Mother Shipton 1 and June 2nd - Cinnabar 3, Burnet Companion 1, Silver Y 1.

On 3rd June David Redhead sent the following: "With reference to Alistair Driver's catch of a **Sandy Carpet** (see 26th May below), you do not need an MV trap to record this species. Last night at dusk there were half a dozen frenetically flying around the Red Campion (larval foodplant) in our garden. This is a regular occurrence although I have only ever once caught one in my garden MV trap. Mind you, you will need to net one to get a definite id or catch one in a pot and fridge it overnight as I did. This morning I attempted to delicately place it on top of a Red Campion flowerhead for a photo but it was off before I could say Red Campion (or something stronger) - obviously none the worse for a night in our fridge."

Derek Brown had another couple of new moths in his Beenham garden on the 31st May - Chinese Character and **Maple Prominent.**

~ Saturday 3rd June 2006 ~

31/05/06 - Paul Bowyer sent the following report: "On Friday 26th May the *Wycombe Wildlife Group* met in a back garden in the Amersham Hill area of *High Wycombe*. The following moth species were recorded:- **Shuttle Shaped Dart, Spruce Carpet, Green Carpet, Common Marbled Carpet, Pale Tussock, Treble Lines, Double Striped Pug** and **Brimstone**."

Alastair Driver set the trap at home in Sonning on Saturday evening 27th May and caught 17 macro species, including the first **Ghost Moth** for his parish records - see *photo below*. "New for my year list were **Buff Ermine, Buff-tip, Common Wainscot, Figure of Eighty, Silver-Y, Rustic, Small Square-spot, Peppered Moth, Setaceous Hebrew Character** and **Heart & Dart**. Also, my wife found this caterpillar (see *photo below*) crawling on the kitchen table, so it may be foreign as also on the table was a bunch of shop-bought flowers."

[The caterpillar has since been identified by Martin Townsend as the **Scarce Bordered Straw**. They're often imported with fruit, veg and flowers, etc and are extremely variable in appearance.]

~ Monday 29th May 2006 ~

At Holtspur Bottom on 28th May, Peter Hall recorded the following macro moths: Silver-Y and Mother Shipton and these micros: ***Epermenia falciformis*; *Chrysoteuchia culmella*** and ***Pyrausta aurata***.

Derek Brown had a few new moths in the garden at Beenham on 27th: "Spectacle, Poplar Hawk Moth, Buff Ermine, Treble Lines, Buff Tip, White Ermine, Garden Carpet, Pale Tussock and an Eyed Hawk Moth. *Then, on 28th May* I had quite a few moths including a couple new to the UTB list - **Oak Hook-tip** and the **Peacock Moth**."

Peter Hall ran his overnight moth trap at Ballinger Common on 26th May and recorded the following species:

Brimstone Moth; Nut-tree Tussock; Barred Hook-tip; **Scorched Wing**; Scalloped Hazel; Peppered; Clouded Silver; Lime Hawk; Poplar Hawk; Pebble Prominent; Lesser Swallow Prominent; Marbled Brown; **Orange Footman**; Least Black Arches; Flame Shoulder; Angle Shades; Treble Lines; Silver Y and one micro: *Alucita hexadactyla* (Twenty-plume).

Alastair Driver sent the following report on 26th May: "Had a quick blast with the Robinson Trap last night, 25th, at home in Sonning, in between the endless belts of rain. Pretty poor catch with only 8 species caught, but I did get my first **Sandy Carpet** of the year."

Another trapping session at Dave Wilton's home in Westcott on 25th May brought in 37 species: "Of the 37 species, **Eyed Hawk-moth, Small Square-spot, Poplar Grey, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Marbled Minor sp., Nomophila noctuella/Rush Veneer** and *Argyresthia trifasciata* don't seem to feature on the UTB list yet. In addition, Peter Hall has kindly confirmed **Red Twin-spot Carpet** for my garden from a couple of weeks back. I've also got a bunch of micros to add, all seen since the beginning of this month, most of which have been checked under a microscope by Peter: **Caloptilia elongella, Cydia succedana, Depressaria pastinacella, Depressaria ultimella, Epiblema sticticana, Monopis laevigella, Parornix finitimella, Thisanotia chrysonuchella** (at Lardon Chase), **Tinea trinotella, Agonopterix arenella** and **Mompha epilobiella**

I trapped again at Westcott on 27th May and got three more new species for the garden this year, comprising **Heart&Dart, Small Clouded Brindle** and **Vine's Rustic**, **while on 28th May near Bicester I saw the long-horn Nemophora degeerella.**"

~ Tuesday 23rd May 2006 ~

23/05/06 - Keith Mitchell has recorded the following macro moths in the last two weeks from his Skinner Trap in Stoke Goldington:

Bright-line Brown Eye, Brimstone, Brindled Pug, Chocolate-tip, Clouded Border, Clouded Drab, Common Swift, Early Thorn, Flame Shoulder, Green Carpet, **Heart & Dart** (2 on 14th), Hebrew Character, **Iron Prominent**, Knot Grass, Least Black Arches, Lesser Swallow Prominent, Lime Hawk-moth, Mullein, Muslin, Pale Mottled Willow, Pale Prominent, Peppered Moth, Poplar Hawk-moth, Twin-spot Carpet sp. Shuttle-shaped Dart, Silver 'Y', Small Waved Umber, White Ermine. In addition, the micro moth, *Epiblema cynosbatella* was recorded last night (20th), a garden first.

Dave Wilton reports that a brief lull in between the two low pressure systems meant that Saturday 20th was a good night for moth trapping: "although it did start to rain here at *Westcott* shortly after 4am when I got up to secure the catch from the local bird population. I managed to get 82 moths of 41 species, of which **Common Swift, Maiden's Blush, Blood-vein, Broken-barred Carpet, Mottled Pug, Lesser Treble-bar, Buff-tip, Buff Ermine, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Treble Lines** and the tortrix *Syndemis musculana* were new for my garden this year. Five micro species still await ID."

~ Saturday 20th May 2006 ~

18/05/06 - Recent moth sightings from Jan Haseler are as follows:

10th May, Jan's Tilehurst garden: Peppered Moth

15th May, Bearwood Churchyard, on ox-eye daisy: Dichrorampha acuminatana

16th May, Jan's Tilehurst garden: Brown Silver-line, Small Elephant Hawk-moth, Yellow-barred Brindle

~ Wednesday 17th May 2006 ~

Dave Wilton sent the following report today, 17th: “Another quick trip along the *disused railway line west of Westcott Airfield* this morning, to check on the **Dingy** and **Grizzled Skipper** populations (both doing well) produced more moth species than butterflies. Seen there were **Burnet Companion** (1), **Cinnabar** (1), **Common Carpet** (3), **Common Heath** (5), **Green Carpet** (2), **Lesser Treble-bar** (3) and one of the **Pyrausta sp.** moths which disappeared before I could be sure of its identity.”

17/05/06 - A few more moths seen by Dave Maunder over the last few days in Aylesbury are:

Bee moth (1, on 12th), **Brown House-moth** (1), **Emmelina monodactyla** (1), **Brindled Pug** (1), **Brimstone** moths (4), **Silver-Y** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (2), and **Common Swift** (1, on 17th).

~ Tuesday 16th May 2006 ~

An addition to Dave Wilton's Westcott trap list for 10th May is Poplar Kitten, the id of which has now been confirmed. “I ran the trap again last night (15th May) but the only new species was a fresh **Angle Shades**.”

David Redhead reports that the “Caterpillar Crawl” field meeting on 14th May met with some success:

“At the *RSPB Otmoor Reserve* just four searchers found 14 Brown Hairstreak third instar caterpillars of which the longest was just 4mm. Six of these were totally new finds and this increased the caterpillar inventory to 35. May Webber also spotted a **Drinker moth caterpillar** in the undergrowth and waited patiently for it to uncoil when it measured in at 60mm making it almost full grown.”

Alastair Driver had a good session at Ali's Pond LNR on Friday 12th May: “I caught 18 species, although I get the feeling that overall numbers are down on the last few years. New for my parish records was **The Tissue** (diagnostics on the underside of the wings checked) and new for the site were **Foxglove Pug** and **Waved Umber**. Other firsts of the year for me were **Green Carpet**, **Seraphim**, **Shears**, **Dark/Grey Dagger agg.**, **Pale Tussock**, **Treble Lines** and **Grey Pine Carpet**.”

Whilst at Swyncombe Downs on 14th May, Tom Stevenson spotted a Barred-hook Tip.

On 13th May Derek Brown recorded a Tawny-barred Angle and a **Marbled Brown** in his garden in *Beenham*: “I've included a picture of an earlier Lunar Marbled Brown which you might like to post together to show the differences”:

~ Monday 15th May 2006 ~

Shirley & John Spencer sent in the following on 13th May: “Latest records from our garden in Riseley for 11th May: Great Prominent 1, Chocolate-tip 1, Puss Moth 1. The Puss Moth was not in the light box, but must have been close by on the garage wall or some overhanging foliage. We brought in the box, covered it and put it in a cool place. Whilst having our breakfast I noticed a large furry grey moth perched on John's shoulder!”

Derek Brown had a Dagger in the trap on 12th May: “Unfortunately it's one of those that can only be distinguished for certain by dissection of the genitalia so it could be either a **Dark Dagger** or a **Grey Dagger**.”

Susan Nicholls set the trap up last night, 12th May, at the bottom of her garden in Caversham, in the hope of seeing the Buttoned Snout again: “I think I did, but couldn't catch it, so have not recorded it just in case. However, I did get a number of species I have not seen before. There were three pugs, too worn to be identified as well as one larger moth, which could have been anything. From its shape, it could have been a Prominent but there were no other distinguishing marks! I still have some micros to try and identify.”

Esperia sulphurella; Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*); Common Carpet; Green Carpet; Common Pug; Seraphim; Brimstone Moth; **Sallow Kitten**; Pale Prominent; Chocolate-tip; Pale Tussock; White Ermine; Muslin Moth; Ruby Tiger; Shuttle-shaped Dart; **Bright-line Brown-eye**; Clouded Drab; Hebrew Character; Knot Grass; Herald.

On 13th May Dave Wilton reported: "An addition to my *Westcott* trap list for 2nd May is **Common Pug**, while further new species for the year on 10th May comprised **Chinese Character**, **Currant Pug**, **Least Black Arches** and **Spectacle**. Things improved even more last night (12th May) with **Green Carpet**, **Clouded Border**, **Waved Umber** (a new species for the garden), **Common Wave**, **Clouded Silver**, **Poplar Hawk-moth**, **White Ermine**, **Shuttle-shaped Dart**, **Flame Shoulder**, **Lychnis** & **Knot Grass**. At the *Calvert* drains Friday 12th I found a female **Latticed Heath**."

Wendy & David Redhead carried out a transect at Swyncombe Downs on 11th May. They did well for day-flying moths with lots of *Pyrausta purparalis* on the wing, along with several **Silver-ground Carpet** and a **Cinnabar**, **Mother Shipton** & **Silver-Y**.

Chris Raper was working at the Hartslock Reserve on 11th May and saw: Cinnabar moth and *Pyrausta nigrata*.

Dave Ferguson called in to Turville Hill on 11th, where he saw the following moths: 3 **Silver-Y**, 1 **Mother Shipton**.

~ Saturday 13th May 2006 ~

Welcome to the website new contributor Peter Jones: "I found a female **Emperor Moth** at *Blue Lagoon NR* today (12th May) at 16:00hrs."

12/05/06 - The photo below was taken by Chris Raper at Hartslock on 29th April. This pretty little moth has now been confirmed by Peter Hall as *Pancalia leuwenhoekella*, which is described as being common on chalk. The long white patch on the tip of the antenna is diagnostic. The larvae feed on violet.

Susan Nicholls sent the following report on 12th May: "Mark Calway and I spent last Saturday night, 6th, trapping moths in my garden. The full list is:

Diamond-back Moth (*Plutella xylostella*) 2; *Cochylis atricapitana* 1; Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*) 1; **Foxglove Pug** (*Eupithecia pulchellata*) 1; **Currant Pug** (*Eupithecia assimidata*) 1; Brindled Pug (*Eupithecia abbreviata*) 4; Oak-tree Pug (*Eupithecia dodoneata*) 1; Seraphim (*Lobophora halterata*) 4; Brimstone Moth (*Opisthograptis luteolata*) 4; Shuttle-shaped Dart (*Agrotis puta*) 3; Common Quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*) 1; Hebrew Character (*Orthosia gothica*) 2; Pale Mottled Willow (*Paradrina clavipalpis*) 1; Silver Y (*Autographa gamma*) 4; **Buttoned Snout** (*Hypena rostralis*) 2

As you can see, I have the **Buttoned Snout** in my garden in *Caversham* - we caught two specimens. My garden is approx. 480 sq.m. Between the garden and the meadow is a small stream, which feeds into the mill stream and from there into the Thames. In the garden, I have 3 semi-mature ash trees, rowan, hawthorn, spindle (*europaeus* and *alatus*) hazel, silver birch, elder, honeysuckle, buddleia, ragwort, teasel, evening primrose, jasmine, *rosa rugosa* as well as a wide variety of perennials. The surrounding gardens are mainly wild and full of blackberries, apples, pears and plums. At the bottom of the garden, there is a lot of hop and ivy, which is presumably what has attracted this species."

On 11th May Ched George recorded 2 **Silver Y**, *Pyrausta nigrata* and *Pyrausta aurata* on *Lodge Hill*. Then, on 12th May, he had his first **Crambus lathoniellus** of the season in *Radnage*.

[13/05/06 Correction: Three moth records have been removed from the Species List as the recorders decided the identification could not be confirmed, as follows:

- **The Shark**, recorded on 5th May: amended to a **probable Chamomile Shark**, which is on the wing earlier than *The Shark*.

- **Red Twin-spot Carpet**, recorded on 3rd May and **Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet** recorded on 5th May. It has recently been established that these two species cannot reliably be separated without being dissected.]

~ Thursday 11th May 2006 ~

Derek Brown had a couple of **Scalloped Hook-Tips** in the garden at **Beenham** tonight, (11th).

On 11th May **Dave Maunder** sent the following moth sightings, recorded in **Aylesbury** in the last few days: "**Pale Tussock** (1), **Brimstones** (6), **Green Carpets** (5), **Common Wave** (1), **Brindled Pugs** (2), **Twenty Plume** (2), **Hebrew Character** (1), **Swallow Prominent** (1), and **Emmelina monodactyla** (1). I've also attached a photo (see top of this page) of a **Pale Tussock** I had hatch from a pupa found earlier this year."

Ched George recorded a **Scalloped Hazel** in his garden trap last night, 10th May, a first of the year for the UTB species list.

~ Wednesday 10th May 2006 ~

Wendy & Mick Campbell were out looking for butterflies on **Bradenham Bank** today, 10th, and recorded **Silver-Y Moth**, **Burnet Companion** and **Green Carpet**.

Derek Brown set his moth trap off last night (9th) for an hour or so: "I had my first **Beenham garden Lime Hawk-moth**, (female I believe). Also had another **Pale Prominent** and a pair of **Cockchafers**. On 7th May we found a **Green Carpet** at **Aston Rowant**, which I believe is new to the UTB species list for this year."

New to **Jan Haseler's Tilehurst** garden on 3rd May were: **Chamomile Shark**; **Pseudoswammerdamia combinella** and **Phyllonorycter blancardella**. Other moths in the trap that night included: **Incurvaria masculella**; **Swammerdamia pyrella**; **Epinotia immundana** and **Diamond-back Moth** (8).

Keith Mitchell reports that in the rain on Monday night (8th) he trapped the following moths:

Green Carpet; **Mullein** (first adult seen in garden after many larvae in previous years); **Pale Prominent**; **Early Thorn**; **Hebrew Character** (4).

~ Monday 8th May 2006 ~

Tony Towner sent this report on 8th May: "Two new species arrived in my home-made garden trap at **Tilehurst** on 29th April – **Nut-tree Tussock** and **Lunar Marbled Brown**."

Alastair Driver paid a visit to the wetlands of the **Thames Valley Park Nature Reserve** near **Sonning** yesterday morning, 7th May: "I came across a couple of **Common White Wave** and several examples of that little gem of a moth with the unfeasibly long antennae **Adela rufimitrella**."

Dave Wilton sent the following report: "On Friday night, 5th May, **Bill Parker** and I ran two **MV traps** at **Rushbeds Wood** (having been granted special permission to do so) which brought in about 80 moths from 30 species. New to the UTB list were **Frosted Green**, **Seraphim**, **Scorched Carpet**, **Square Spot**, **Common Wave**, **Coxcomb Prominent** and the tortrix **Syndemis musculana**. Last night (6th May) I ran my own trap in the garden at **Westcott** and despite the rain managed to get 70 moths of 20 species. These included a handful of immigrants, comprising **Dark Sword-grass** (1), **Silver-Y** (2) and **Diamond-back Moth/Plutella xylostella** (1). Although the Quakers have started to decline I'm still getting plenty of **Hebrew Characters**, some of which look remarkably fresh."

May Webber ran her moth trap again on Friday night, 5th, and caught the following moths:

2 Swallow Prominents; 1 Brimstone moth; 3 Hebrew Characters; 2 Lunar Marbled Browns; 1 Nut-tree Tussock.

On Friday 5th May a publicised meeting of Butterfly Conservation at Holtspur Bank and Bottom was led by Paul Bowyer and David Redhead: “An early start meant we could inspect most of the reserve where we found eggs of both Orange Tip and the Green-veined White. The temperature dipped alarmingly because of the clear skies and only 4 species of moth were caught. These were the **Brindled Pug**, **Hebrew Character**, **Nut-tree Tussock** and the **Early Thorn**. There were a number of Nut-tree Tussocks including a very dark one, which presumably was the melanic form.”

Ched George paid a visit to Yoesdon Bank on May 5th which produced: a day-flying **Ruby Tiger**, a **Common Carpet** and a **Pyrausta purpuralis**. His MV at home in Radnage on the 4th May produced singleton **Diamond-back moth**, a male **Puss Moth** and 2 male **Lobster Moth**.

On Saturday 29th April, UTB held a Field Meeting at Moor Copse: Along with 8 species of butterfly, they recorded the longhorn moth **Adela reaumurella** and moth larvae of the **Scarlet Tiger**, **Yellow Tail** and **Drinker**.

~ Saturday 6th May 2006 ~

A few more moths seen by Dave Maunder at lights in Aylesbury on 5th May were: **Double-striped pug** (1), **Silver-Y** (1), and a probable **Chamomile Shark** (1).

~ Friday 5th May 2006 ~

Alastair Driver had an aborted (by rain) session with the Robinson trap in his garden in Sonning on 3rd May with **Red/Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet**, **Lesser Swallow Prominent** and **Brindled Pug**, being the only captures.

“A better night on the 4th May though, with 17 macro species caught including my first of the year of **Double-striped Pug**, **Swallow Prominent**, **Brimstone Moth**, **Shuttle-shaped Dart**, **Nut-tree Tussock**, **Lime Hawk-moth**, **Pale Mottled Willow**, **Pebble Prominent** and **Spruce Carpet**.”

On 5th May Keith Mitchell, Stoke Goldington sent some more moths to add to the year list from a moth trap on 4th May: **Red/Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet**, **Common Carpet**; **Knot Grass**; **Pale Mottled Willow**. **Muslin**, **Oak Beauty**, **Lesser Swallow Prominent**, **Hebrew Character** and **Common Quaker** made up the supporting cast.

David Redhead reported as follows on 5th May: “The southern winds of the last couple of days are having their effect as my sighting yesterday (4th) alongside the White Mark at **Watlington Hill** of a migrant **Silver-Y** shows. I think this is the earliest I have ever seen one in Oxfordshire. Also my moth trap this morning contained two migrant **Diamond-back Moths (Plutella xylostella)** - a first for my garden moth trap. Amongst the macros another first was a **Dwarf Pug**. Other macros were **Pale Prominent** (3), **Swallow Prominent** (3), **Double-striped Pug** (2), **Oak-tree Pug** (2) and singletons of **Brimstone Moth**, **Brindled Beauty**, **Brindled Pug**, **Chestnut**, **Clouded Drab**, **Hebrew Character**, **Least Black Arches**, **Muslin Moth**, **Small Phoenix**, **Spruce Carpet** & **White-pinion Spotted**. A **Twenty Plume Moth (Alucita hexadactyla)** completed the catch of 18 different species.”

Wendy & Mick Campbell ran their moth trap on 4th May and caught the following 8 species: **Common Quaker**, **Brimstone** (2), **Hebrew Character** (2), **Waved Umber**, **Least Black Arches** (3), **Powdered Quaker**, **Nut-tree Tussock**, **Early Grey** (2). There were also a number of **Cockchafers** and **bats** flying in the garden.

Derek Brown ran his trap for a couple of hours on 4th May: "I had a **Pale Prominent** which is new for the year to UTB. I did have it last year but 2nd generation. Also had a **Streamer** which is new for the garden and several carpets and pugs as yet unidentified. Lots of others but nothing new to UTB." He also had a **Least Black Arches** confirmed by Martin on 5th.

Keith Mitchell, Stoke Goldington, sent the following report on 4th May: "In still, far from ideal mothing conditions on 3rd May, I caught my first **Swallow Prominent** and **Silver-Y** of the year, along with **Red Chestnut**, **Hebrew Character** (14), **Clouded Drab** (4) and **Common Quaker**. Other moths last week included 3 Powdered Quaker in one trap."

Dave Wilton visited several sites on the Berkshire Downs on 3rd May looking for Duke of Burgundy butterflies: "None was seen, however, the only unexpected sighting was of five **Silver-Y moths**, probably brought in overnight on the southerly winds (it was apparently a good night for immigrants)."

~ Wednesday 3rd May 2006 ~

Wendy & Mick Campbell went to the disused railway line near Winslow on Wednesday 3rd looking for butterflies. They saw their first **Burnet Companion** of the year and a **Ruby Tiger**.

Dave Wilton ran his trap again last night (2nd May) and it brought in three new species for the year: Brindled Pug, Brimstone Moth and Lesser Swallow Prominent. "A pristine **Garden Carpet** was rescued from a spider's web near the back door this afternoon, taking me up to 40 macro species here at Westcott this year. By coincidence this is exactly the same total that I'd reached by 3rd May 2005."

Derek Brown reported the following on 2nd May: "At last some moths to report. I've been struggling to get some decent moth numbers in the garden recently - several complete ducks over the last few days: 1x **Lunar Marbled Brown** and a very dark **Ruby Tiger** - first of the year at Beenham."

~ Tuesday 2nd May 2006 ~

May Webber has run her moth trap again and reported the following on 2nd May:

Brindled Beauty on 16th April; **Nut-tree Tussock** on 17th April; 2 **Brimstone moths** on 28th April and **Muslin moth** on 29th April.

2nd May - Shirley and John Spencer attracted the following to their light box at Riseley on April 29th:

Early Grey 2, Hebrew Character 4, Great Prominent 1. "I was not sure about the identification of the Great Prominent as it is a first for us, so I did as you suggested and sent a copy of our photo to Martin Harvey who identified it."

On 2nd May Dave Wilton sent the following report: "Bringing you up-to-date with this year's sightings in my garden at Westcott, new species over the past few days have been **Chocolate-tip**, **Caloptilia rufipennella** and **Pseudoswammerdamia combinella** (all 28th April) and **Muslin Moth** (1st May)."

~ Monday 1st May 2006 ~

30/04/06 - Some recent sightings by Jan Haseler include:

20/4 Shinfield Park - **Caloptilia rufipennella**

26/4 Tilehurst - **Oak-tree Pug**

27/4 Calcot - **Scarlet Tiger** caterpillars

and indoors last week - **White-shouldered House Moth**

In the afternoon of 28th April David Redhead carried out a transect in Shabbington Wood with sunshine most of the way: "In the ride running SW from the first intersection from the Oakley Wood car park I saw what at first sight I thought was a Small Copper flying a few inches above the centre of the ride. It settled for a few seconds and from the lack of features on the uppersides I identified it as the notable Light Orange Underwing."

~ Saturday 29th April 2006 ~

Peter Hall ran his moth trap in Ballinger Common on 25/04/06 which produced the following moth species:

Small Quaker; Common Quaker; Clouded Drab; Hebrew Character; Early Grey; Early Thorn; Purple Thorn; Brindled Pug; Brimstone Moth; Swallow Prominent; Lunar Marbled Brown; Red Chestnut; Blossom Underwing; Nut-tree Tussock; Herald and these micros: Diurnea fagella; Alucita hexadactyla; Agonopterix heracliانا.

Wendy & Mick Campbell found a Streamer in their house on Tuesday 25th April.

26/4 - Alastair Driver reports that he had the first session of the year at Ali's Pond LNR, Sonning, on 25th April: "Apart from the usual spring suspects - **Clouded Drab, Common Quaker, Small Quaker, Early Grey** and **Hebrew Character** - I had my first **Scarce Tissue, Muslin Moth** and **Brindled Pug** of the year. Photos of the Scarce Tissue are below, one of which is the underside, showing the diagnostic dark wavy terminal line on the hindwing and the two dark marks on the costa, as detailed in Skinner." (The diagnostic marks distinguish the Scarce Tissue from the Tissue.)

Ben Carpenter had a few more moths to add to his report for 24th April: On 24th - 1 **Chinese Character** and 1 **Brindled Beauty**. Also, for the 25th April: 1 **Brindled Beauty**.

Dave Wilton sent this report on 26th April: "On Monday 24th I found five **Common Heath** moths flying along the disused railway cutting west of **Westcott Airfield** and another visit there today (26th) produced a total of seven. I also disturbed a Carpet there today but it disappeared into some undergrowth before I could identify it. The Common Heaths seem quite difficult to approach (and can be confused with Dingy Skipper - so beware!). The only reason that I was able to get a picture of this one was that it couldn't fly very well because one of its hindwings was slightly deformed. Last night's trap results were much reduced in number because there was no cloud cover and we nearly had a frost. However, amongst the 12 species caught were four new ones for my garden this year: **Streamer, Purple Thorn, Pebble Prominent** and **Swallow Prominent**."

~ Tuesday 25th April 2006 ~

On 24/04/06 Ben Carpenter sent the following list of moths that he's recorded since his February report:

25/02/06 - **March Moth** – Wytham Field Station, in trap

27/02/06 & 09/03/06 - **Early Moth** - Wytham Field Station, outside trap

10/03/06 & 16/03/06 - **Dotted Border** - Wytham Field Station, moth trap

24/03/06 - **Clouded Drab & Common Quaker** - Wolfson College, by outside light

26/03/06 - **Common Quaker & Small Quaker** - Wytham Field Station, in trap

29/03/06 - **The Engrailed** - Wytham Woods, flying and **Dotted Border** - Wolfson College, by outside light

30/03/06 - **Hebrew Character** - Wytham Field Station, in trap

02/04/06 - **Shoulder Stripe** - Wytham Field Station, outside trap

06/04/06 - **Early Grey** - Wolfson College, by outside light and Oak Beauty - Wytham Field Station, in trap

16/04/06 - **Twenty-Plume Moth** - Wolfson College, by outside light

21/04/06 - **Double-striped Pug** - Wolfson College, by outside light and Early Grey - Wytham Field Station, in trap

22/04/06 - **White-pinion Spotted** - Wytham Woods, flying.

On 24th April Danny Howard sent this report: "I saw a colony of nearly full grown **Scarlet Tiger caterpillars** at the end of the platform at Long Hanborough train station on 20th April. They had nearly demolished a patch of nettles and common comfrey."

23rd April - Mark Calway provided the following list of species which have been recorded in Berkshire in 2006 but have not yet appeared in the UTB 2006 Species List:

Eriocrania subpurpurella; Agonopterix alstromeriana; Tortricodes alternella; Acleris ferrugana/notana; Acleris cristana; Humming-bird Hawk-moth (Macroglossum stellatarum); Grapholita jungiella; Early Tooth-striped (Trichopteryx carpinata); Brimstone Moth (Opisthograptis luteolata); Oak Nycteoline (Nycteola revayana).

~ Saturday 22nd April 2006 ~

On 21st April Derek Brown recorded the first Nut-tree Tussock of the season in his garden at Beenham. Then on the *22nd April* he had a **Purple Thorn** and **Pebble Prominent**.

Wendy & Mick Campbell ran their moth trap for a few hours on 22nd April and caught the following:

Common Quaker (6); Early Grey (2), Hebrew Character (1), Early Thorn (1 – very worn), Double-striped Pug (1) and Clouded Drab (1).

Dave Wilton ran an overnight moth trap in his garden in Westcott on 20th April and recorded the following:

Double-striped Pug (1); Early Thorn (2); Engrailed (1); White-marked (1); Small Quaker (34); Powdered Quaker (10); Common Quaker (42); Clouded Drab (13); Hebrew Character (15); **Mullein** (1); Pale Pinion (1); Early Grey (1); Agonopterix heracliiana (1); Acleris hastiana (1); Emmelina monodactyla (2). The White-marked and Mullein are new records for Dave's garden.

Peter Hall recorded the following moths in his overnight moth trap in Ballinger Common on 21st April:

Small Quaker; Common Quaker; Clouded Drab; Twin-spotted Quaker; Hebrew Character; Double-striped Pug; **Dotted Chestnut** and one micro: Diurnea fagella.

20th April - Dave Maunder reported a few more moths seen in Aylesbury recently: Chestnut (1), Common Quaker (1), and another 7 Emmelina monodactyla.

~ Wednesday 19th April 2006 ~

Peter Hall added the micro Mompha subbistrigella to this year's UTB Species List, found in his house in Ballinger Common yesterday, 18th April.

Ched George and Martin Harvey tried to find Barred Tooth-striped at Grangelands yesterday, 18th. No luck, but besides a **Water Carpet** they were surprised to see a very early **Small Waved Umber**.

David Redhead sent the following email on 19th April: "Yesterday there was an **Early Thorn** on my Mother-in-Law's kitchen window. Whilst out dog walking the window cleaner arrived and I returned to find the Early Thorn on the dining room table sitting in a glass covered with perforated cling film. My Mother-in-Law (in her nineties) had ventured forth and rescued it - now not many men can claim to have their Mothers-in-Law that well trained! This morning there was an **Engrailed** and a **Hebrew Character** on the same window but no need to worry about the window cleaner."

~ Tuesday 18th April 2006 ~

18th April - Danny Howard sent the following news: "A bit of a cheat this one but I found a pregnant female **Emperor Moth** last May and reared the resulting larvae. A female adult hatched overnight Friday and a male and female overnight Saturday (in my shed in Oxford!)."

Ched George recorded a **Brindled Beauty** on the night of the 15th April.

Keith Mitchell reports: "More of the usual suspects this weekend in the Skinner trap in **Stoke Goldington**. **Blossom Underwing** was a bit more unusual on Saturday night, 15th (photo below). This was the third individual in three years of this scarce moth."

On 16th April - Alastair Driver sent the following: "After a prolonged period of "hibernation" for yours truly, last night (15th) was very belatedly the first night when it hasn't been raining or freezing, when I've had time to set the Robinson trap in my garden at Sonning. Although there were no new garden records, I had a reasonable catch as follows:

Small Quaker 21, Common Quaker 13, Hebrew Character 6, Chestnut 2, and singles of Brindled Beauty, Pine Beauty, Lunar Marbled Brown, Clouded Drab, Epiphyas postvittana and Diurnea fagella."

Derek Brown had a couple of new Pugs in Beenham overnight on 15th April: Brindled Pug and Double-striped Pug. *The following night (16th) he trapped:* **Brindled Beauty, Lunar Marbled Brown and Powdered Quaker.**

On 15th April Dave Wilton's garden trap at Westcott managed to bring in 199 moths of 18 species:

Shoulder Stripe (2); Early Thorn (2); Oak Beauty (1); Red Chestnut (4); Small Quaker (92); Lead-coloured Drab (2); Powdered Quaker (5); Common Quaker (39); Clouded Drab (11); Twin-spotted Quaker (1); Hebrew Character (24); Early Grey (3); Dark/Grey Dagger (1); Herald (1); Diurnea fagella (2, one melanic); Agonopterix heracliiana (5); Alucita hexadactyla (1); Emmelina monodactyla (2).

Welcome to the website, new contributor May Webber, who recorded 8 moth species, two of which are new to this year's UTB Species List: "As it was so warm on *Saturday night 15th April* I decided to use the moth trap. I left it on all night and switched the light off at around 7:00am." The following moths were caught:

Early Thorn (1); Common Quaker (2); Early Grey (4); Hebrew Character (3); Streamer (1); Small Quaker (13); Clouded Drab (3); Powdered Quaker (1).

Friday 14th April – Jan Haseler reports from Tilehurst: "2 **Brindled Beauties** were new for my garden on Friday 14/4."

~ Saturday 15th April 2006 ~

14/04/06 – Shirley & John Spencer sent their latest moth records from their garden in Riseley:

“On **April 12th** - **Early Thorn** 1, attracted to our outside light.

On **April 13th** - Our box caught 5 moths: **Early Grey** 2, **Hebrew Character** 1, **Common Quaker** 1, **Small Quaker** 1.

All these were positively identified, the Small Quaker being a more distinctive specimen this time. My husband has a digital camera and when he is available we try to photograph the moths, not always an easy task! I do the identification, using several good identification books, the UK Moths website or by asking for help (*see the Introduction at the top of this page*). John made the box, fixed up the electrics and takes the photos, as well as devising ways of catching and keeping the moths while I look at them under the magnifying glass.”

Peter Hall ran his garden moth trap in Ballinger Common on 13th April and recorded the following 11 species:

March Moth; Oak Beauty; Dotted Border; Small Quaker; Common Quaker; Clouded Drab; Twin-spotted Quaker; Hebrew Character; Early Grey and micros: **Diurnea fagella** and **Alucita hexadactyla** (Twenty-plume).

Dave Maunder reports that the only moths he’s seen around Aylesbury over the past week were 3 Early Greys (*see photos below*), on the 9th, 10th and 13th April.

~ Monday 10th April 2006 ~

On 9th April Tony Towner sent the following sightings in from Tilehurst, as follows:

7th April - My first sightings of the year in my garden trap at Tilehurst: **Common Quaker** (4).

8th April - Unfortunately drowning in the bird bath a lovely **Oak Beauty**.

9th April - On the ceiling in the bathroom - 1 **Common Quaker**.

08/04/06 - Derek Brown managed a new moth last night, 7th April, an **Early Thorn** in his garden in Beenham.

~ Friday 7th April 2006 ~

Jan Haseler sent the following on 07/04/06: “We ran the trap next to sallow blossom at **Moor Copse** for 2 hours Thursday evening, 6th, and caught 13 species of moth, including **White-marked** and **Water Carpet**.”

~ Thursday 6th April 2006 ~

Dave Maunder sent this report on 4th April: “After my early Cabbage moth (*see Dave’s report of 30th March*), only two more moths from me - a **Clouded Drab** on 1st April, and **Emmelina monodactyla** on the 2nd.”

On Monday 4th April David Redhead found this Engrailed sitting on one of the glass panes in his front door:

~ Sunday 2nd April 2006 ~

2nd April – Shirley and John Spencer sent the results of their first catches of the year in their garden at Riseley: “We have upgraded our box and fitted it with an actinic tube instead of an ordinary bulkhead light, which I hope will bring more to the box. On our first attempt with it a month or so ago, we caught nothing, but last night April 1st there were 8 moths, 5 of which I positively identified as **Early Grey** 1 (a first for me and fortunately easy to identify); **Hebrew Character** 1; **Common Quaker** 3. Of the other three, two may have been Clouded Drab, which I have not recorded before and which I know are very variable. The remaining one was small, pale and undistinguished!”

On Friday 31st March Keith Mitchell had an Oak Beauty and an **Early Grey** attracted to his front door lights in Stoke Goldington.

Then on 2nd April Keith sent the following report: “Yet again my front door lights came up trumps in preference to the Skinner Trap. Last night (Saturday) produced: 2 **Small Quaker**; 1 **Common Quaker**; 1 **Red Chestnut**; 1 **Yellow Horned** (new moth for me).”

Mark Calway, Jan Haseler and Grahame Hawker spent lunchtime on Friday 31st identifying a bumper crop of moths from the Skinner trap run overnight at Shinfield Park on 30/03/06. The Small Quaker topped the chart with 86 individuals. The Pale Pinion and the plume moth, *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*, both appeared on MapMate as “First for the site, 10k square and tetrad”. A summary of the catch follows:

Diurnea fagella 2; **Agonopterix heracliiana** 3; **Twenty-plume Moth (*Alucita hexadactyla*)** 1; **Amblyptilia acanthadactyla** 1; **March Moth (*Alsophila aescularia*)** 2; **Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*)** 7; **Dotted Border (*Agriopis marginaria*)** 2; **Engrailed (*Ectropis bistortata*)** 1; **Small Quaker (*Orthosia cruda*)** 86; **Common Quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*)** 19; **Clouded Drab (*Orthosia incerta*)** 6; **Twin-spotted Quaker (*Orthosia munda*)** 18; **Hebrew Character (*Orthosia gothica*)** 10; **Pale Pinion (*Lithophane hepatica*)** 1 and **Chestnut (*Conistra vaccinii*)** 4; plus two or three species of micro yet to be determined.

30th March – Dave Maunder got home today to find his wife had a Cabbage Moth in a box for him: “Unusually early, isn't it? Strangely enough, about 3 weeks ago I'd dug up a pupa of this species in my back garden (see Dave's report of 11th March) and today, 30th, Jo had found one on our living room carpet! Possibly upsetting it in the garden made it hatch early? No other moths seen, unfortunately.”

Derek Brown ran his MV trap on 29th March in his garden at Beenham and recorded the following moths:

Common Quaker (4) and singles of **Small Quaker**, **Clouded Drab**, **Hebrew Character**, **Twin Spotted Quaker**, **Oak Beauty**, and **Yellow Horned** (see photo above).

~ Monday 27th March 2006 ~

Dave Wilton says things have started to pick up now with 18 moths in his trap at Westcott Saturday night, 25th. “New species here for the UTB list over the past few days have been **Clouded Drab**, **Common Quaker** and **Lead-coloured Drab**.”

Keith Mitchell ran two traps in his Stoke Goldington garden at the weekend (24th/25th) which produced a grand total of 5 moths: 3 **Small Quaker**; 1 **Dotted Border**; 1 **Grey Shoulder-knot**. “A **Twin-spotted Quaker** preferred the shelter of the front door lights.”

Tony Croft sent the following report on 26th March: “Whilst hammering in fence posts this afternoon at Whitecross Green Wood I disturbed a **Herald moth** which crawled out of the leaf litter and settled down on the post on which I was working. I'm not sure if I disturbed its hibernation or whether it was just hiding out for the day.”

~ Saturday 25th March 2006 ~

Derek Brown had a new moth turn up in his house in Beenham today, 25th March - a **Shoulder Stripe (see photo below).**

A couple of moths seen recently in the Aylesbury area by Dave Maunder were: Early Moths (2) on 15th and a **Pale Brindled Beauty on the 18th March.**

25/03/06 - Peter Hall has sent in his first list of moths for the year. His garden moth trap in Ballinger Common produced the following species on 23rd March: March Moth; Oak Beauty; Hebrew Character; Chestnut and one micro: **Agonopterix heracliana.**

~ Friday 24th March 2006 ~

Derek Brown chanced the MV trap for a few hours amongst the showers on Friday 24th March and had a **Hebrew Character and an **Oak Beauty**. Both are new for his garden.**

~ Tuesday 21st March 2006 ~

20/03/06 - Dave Wilton reports a sign of Spring in his moth trap at Westcott on Sunday 19th with the arrival of his first **Hebrew Character of the year: "That and a **Chestnut** were the only occupants when I emptied the contents this morning, although each time I checked the trap before midnight there seemed to be plenty of activity from flies, midges, lacewings and even a couple of ichneumon wasps."**

~ Wednesday 15th March 2006 ~

The following email came in from Ched George today: "Finally another moth to report. On the night of the 14th March I had an **Early Moth, **Satellite** and **Grey Shoulder-knot** at MV in Radnage. I've seen honey bee and bumble bee, probably *Bombus pratorum*, today."**

Tony Towner sent the following news on 13th March: "I have only seen one moth in my garden so far in 2006 and that was on 15th February at 17:00. This was a **Light Brown Apple Moth (Epiphyas Postvittania) on my Cotoneaster wall shrub."**

~ Saturday 11th March 2006 ~

Dave Maunder recorded the following moths in Aylesbury during the last few weeks:

"Early Moths (2), on 27th February & 9th March and **Pale Brindled Beauties (2) on 8th & 10th March. Two pupae I found were **Cabbage Moth pupa**, dug up in my garden, and a **Pale Tussock pupa** found at work on a beer-crate."**

~ Friday 10th March 2006 ~

On David Redhead's return home from the Berks Moth Group on 9th March he found a **Pale Brindled Beauty settled on the porch.**

Dave Wilton has at last had some activity around his trap at Westcott: "On Monday 6th March: **Pale Brindled Beauty (2), **Agonopterix heracliana** (2) and on Tuesday 7th March: **Early Moth** (1), **Chestnut** (1), **Agonopterix heracliana** (1)".**

Derek Brown had his first moth of the season on 6th March: "Not new to your list as it was a **Dotted Border, but new for me. It was sitting on the front door" (see photo below):**

~ Friday 24th February 2006 ~

22nd Feb - Dave Maunder had three moths to report from last week: “ 2 **Early moths** and 1 **Emmelina monodactyla**. I wish the weather would get a bit milder!”

On 22/02/06 Ched George reported that he and Dave Wilton were searching for Brown Hairstreak ova at a farm site near Chinnor, at Hinton Crossing. As expected, no luck; but they did find **4 egg batches of Blue-bordered Carpet moth**.

22/02/06 - Dave Wilton's oecophorid on 12th February turned out to be Agonopterix heracliiana and he's had a couple more of them in the house since then. “The trap at Westcott continues to bring in zero returns. This is a little disappointing as whenever I drive past Holly Wood, Bernwood Forest and Rushbeds Wood after dark on my way home from work my car headlights always seem to find moths, usually of more than one species.”

~ Sunday 19th February 2006 ~

On 18th February – Peter Hall reports a **March Moth** at his window in Ballinger Common.

Jan Haseler found Agonopterix heracliiana at her dining room window in Tilehurst on Wednesday 15th February.

~ Friday 17th February 2006 ~

Ched George recorded ran his trap on the night of Feb 13th and recorded the following moths: 1 **Early Moth**, 1 **Pale Brindled Beauty** and 1 **Spring Usher**. “I am a long way from the nearest oak and the Spring Usher was the first in my garden since arriving in Radnage in 1990.”

Dave Wilton got his first February moths in his overnight moth trap at Westcott on 12th February: “The grand total was four, comprising **Small Brindled Beauty (1)**, **Pale Brindled Beauty (1)**, **Chestnut (1)** and an Oecophorid micro which has yet to be identified.”

~ Sunday 12th February 2006 ~

11/02/06 - Ben Carpenter sent in the following list and a couple of photos of moths that he's recorded so far this year:

Winter Moth, Wytham- Field Station, 02/01/06, in moth trap

Mottled Umber, Wytham- Field Station, 03/01/06, outside the moth trap

Winter Moth, Wytham- Field Station, 04/01/06, in moth trap

Winter Moth, Wolfson College, 11/01/06, by outside light

Winter Moth, Wolfson College, 19/01/06, by outside light

Early Moth, Wytham- Field Station, 02/02/06, outside the moth trap

Early Moth, Wytham- Field Station, 09/02/06, outside the moth trap

Pale Brindled Beauty, Wytham- Field Station, 09/02/06, outside the moth trap.

~ Wednesday 8th February 2006 ~

08/02/06 - Jan Haseler spotted a Dotted Border on an exterior wall at **Shinfield Park** this morning, 8th February.

Dave Maunder reported the following recent sightings from Aylesbury: “**Emmelina monodactyla** (1) on the 5th; also two **Large Yellow Underwing larvae** while digging my allotment in Ardenham lane on the 5th and a **Ruby Tiger larva** climbing up the wall of my old flats at Dormer close on the 7th.”

~ Sunday 5th February 2006 ~

31/01/06 - After a couple of zero returns over the previous two weeks, Dave Wilton's trap at Westcott brought in two male **Early Moths**.

~ Sunday 29th January 2006 ~

Dave Wilton says his unidentified tortrix from the 18th January has now been confirmed as **Acleris hastiana**.

Jan Haseler took the following photo of a **Spring Usher** in Shinfield Park on 19th January:

~ Sunday 22nd January 2006 ~

Dave Wilton ran his overnight trap at Westcott on 18th January: “The warmest night of the year to date succeeded in getting **Pale Brindled Beauty** (1), **Chestnut** (1), **Dark Chestnut** (2) and an as yet unidentified tortrix. The only other species from three earlier sessions in the month were **Winter Moth** and **Mottled Umber**.”

The following was received from Dave Maunder on 19th January: “After a mild night on 18th Jan, I could only muster three moths - 2 **Emmelina monodactyla**, and a late **Winter moth** in Aylesbury.”

~ Saturday 14th January 2006 ~

12/01/06 – Dave Maunder reports his first sightings of the year from Aylesbury: “**Emmelina monodactyla** (1)- on new year's day; **Winter Moths** (2)- 3rd and 5th; **Mottled Umber** (1)- 4th and **Chestnut** moth (1), on 12th January. No butterflies as yet!”

~ Wednesday 4th January 2006 ~

03/01/06 - Jan Haseler offers her first 2006 moth sighting of 2006 - a **Winter Moth** on an external wall at Shinfield Park, 3rd January. Then, on 4th January, 2 **Mottled Umbers** and 3 **Winter Moths** at Shinfield Park, 1 **Light Brown Apple Moth** indoors.

02/01/06 - Susan Nicholls took the following photo of a Drinker Moth caterpillar at the Brown Hairstreak Egg Hunt held in Bernwood Forest on Monday 2nd January:

01/01/06 - Peter Hall kicks off the new year with a Pale Brindled Beauty seen in Great Missenden on January 1st 2006.

Moth Sightings 2006 – BC Upper Thames Branch

Species List 2006 – Last updated 31/12/06
(most recent additions in orange)

TOTAL SPECIES RECORDED

676

***Acentria ephemerella* (Water Veneer)**

Acleris aspersana

***Acleris comariana* (Strawberry Tortrix)**

Acleris cristana

Acleris emargana

Acleris forsskaleana

Acleris hastiana

Acleris holmiana

Acleris laterana

Acleris literana

***Acleris rhombana* (Rhomboid Tortrix)**

Acleris sparsana

***Acleris variegana* (Garden Rose Tortrix)**

Acrolepia autumnitella

***Acrolepiopsis assectella* (Leek Moth)**

Adela reaumurella

Adela rufimitrella

Aethes francillana

Aethes smeathmanniana

Aethes tesserana

Agapeta hamana

Agapeta zoegana

Agonopterix alstromeriana

Agonopterix arenella

Agonopterix heracliiana

Agriphila geniculea

Agriphila latistria

Agriphila straminella

Agriphila tristella

Alabonia geoffrella

Aleimma loeflingiana

Alucita hexadactyla (Twenty-plume Moth)

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla

Anacamptis populella

Ancylis achatana

Ancylis badiana

Ancylis unculana

Angle Shades

Aphelia paleana (Timothy Tortrix)

Aphomia sociella (Bee Moth)

Apotomis betuletana

Apotomis turbidana

Archips podana (Large Fruit-tree Tortrix)

Archips xylosteana (Variegated Golden Tortrix)

Argyresthia bonnetella

Argyresthia brockeella

Argyresthia goedartella

Argyresthia pruniella

Argyresthia trifasciata

Athrips mouffetella

August Thorn

Autumnal Moth

Autumnal Rustic

Balsam Carpet

Barred Hook-tip

Barred Red

Barred Rivulet

Barred Sallow

Barred Straw

Barred Yellow

Batia lunaris

Batia unitella

Beaded Chestnut

Beautiful Golden Y

Beautiful Hook-tip

Bird's Wing

Black Arches

Black Rustic

Blackneck

Blair's Shoulder-knot

Blastobasis adustella (formerly B. lignea)

Blastobasis lacticolella (formerly B. decolorella)

Blood-vein

Blossom Underwing

Blotched Emerald

Blue-bordered Carpet

Bordered Beauty

Bordered Pug

Bordered Sallow

Bordered Straw

Brick

Bright-line Brown-eye

Brimstone Moth

Brindled Beauty

Brindled Green

Brindled Pug

Brindled White-spot

Broad-barred White

Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing

Broken-barred Carpet

Brown Rustic

Brown Scallop

Brown Silver-line

Brown-line Bright-eye

Brown-spot Pinion

Brown-tail

Buff Arches

Buff Ermine

Buff Footman

Buff-tip

Bulrush Wainscot

Burnet Companion

Burnished Brass

Buttoned Snout

Cabbage Moth (30/03/06 – see report on Sightings Page)

***Cacoecimorpha pronubana* (Carnation tortrix)**

Calamotropha paludella

Caloptilia elongella

Caloptilia rufipennella

Caloptilia semifascia

Caloptilia stigmatella

Campion

Canary Shouldered Thorn

Capperia britanniodactylus

Carcina quercana

***Cataclysta Lemnata* (Small China-mark)**

Catoptria falsella

Catoptria pinella

Celypha lacunana

Celypha striana

Centre-barred Sallow

Chalk Carpet

Chamomile Shark

Chestnut

Chevron

Chinese Character

Chocolate-tip *Clostera curtula*

Chrysoteuchia culmella

Cinnabar

Clay

Clay Triple-lines

Clepsis consimilana

Cloaked Minor

Clouded Border

Clouded Brindle

Clouded Drab

Clouded Magpie

Clouded Silver

Clouded-bordered Brindle

Cnephasia incertana

***Cnephasia stephensiana* (Grey Tortrix)**

Cochylimorpha alternana

Cochylimorpha straminea

Cochylis atricapitana

Cochylis dubitana

Cochylis hybridella

Coleophora hemerobiella

Common Carpet

Common Emerald

Common Footman

Common Heath

Common Marbled Carpet

Common Pug

Common Quaker

Common Rustic

Common Swift

Common Wainscot

Common Wave

Common White Wave

Conobathra repandana

Convolvulus Hawk-moth

Copper Underwing

Coronet

Coxcomb Prominent

Crambus lathoniellus

Crambus pascuella

Crambus perlella

Cream Wave

Cream-bordered Green Pea

Currant Pug

Cydia conicolana

Cydia fagiglandana

Cydia nigricana

Cydia pomonella (Codling)

Cydia splendana

Cydia succedana

Dark Arches

Dark Chestnut

Dark Dagger

Dark Marbled Carpet

Dark Spectacle

Dark Spinach

Dark Sword-grass

Dark Umber

December Moth

Deep-brown Dart

Delicate

Deltaornix Torquillella

Depressaria pastinacella

Depressaria ultimella

Dichomeris marginella

Dichrorampha acuminatana

Dichrorampha petiverella

Dichrorampha simpliciana

Dichrorampha vancouverana

Dingy Footman

Dingy Shears

Dingy Shell

Dioryctria abietella

Dipleurina lacustrata

***Ditula angustiorana* (Red-barred Tortrix)**

Diurnea fagella

Donacaula forficella

Dot Moth

Dotted Border

Dotted Chestnut

Dotted Clay

Dotted Rustic

Double Dart

Double Lobed

Double Square-spot

Double-striped Pug

Drinker

Dun-bar

Dusky Brocade

Dusky Sallow

Dusky Thorn

Dusky-lemon Sallow

Dwarf Cream Wave

Dwarf Pug

Ear Moth

Early Grey

Early Moth

Early Thorn

Early Tooth-striped (*Trichopteryx carpinata*)

Elegia similella

Elephant Hawk-moth

***Elophila nymphaeata* (Brown China-mark)**

Emmelina monodactyla

Emperor Moth

***Enarmonia formosana* (Cherry Bark Moth)**

Endotricha flammealis

***Endrosis sarcitrella* White-shouldered House-moth**

Engrailed

Epagoge grotiana

Epermenia chaerophyllella

Epermenia falciformis

Epiblema cynosbatella

Epiblema foenella

Epiblema roborana

Epiblema rosaecolana

Epiblema sticticana

***Epiblema uddmanniana* (Bramble Shoot Moth)**

Epinotia bilunana

Epinotia brunnichana

Epinotia demarniana

Epinotia immundana

Epinotia nisella

Epinotia ramella

Epinotia subocellana

Epinotia tedella

***Epiphyas postvittana* (Light Brown Apple Moth)**

Eriocrania subpurpurella

Esperia sulphurella

Eucalybites auroguttella

Eucosma campoliliana

Eucosma cana

Eucosma hohenwartiana

Eudemis profundana

Eudonia angustea

Eudonia mercurella

Eudonia pallida

Eudonia truncicolella

Eulamprotes atrella

Eulia ministrana

Eupoecilia angustana

Eurrhypara hortulata (Small Magpie)

Euzophera pinguis

Evergestis forficalis (Garden Pebble)

Evergestis pallidata

Eyed Hawk-moth

Fan-foot

Feathered Gothic

Feathered Thorn

Fern

Figure of Eight

Figure of Eighty

Flame

Flame Carpet

Flame Shoulder

Flounced Rustic

Forester

Four-dotted Footman

Fox Moth

Foxglove Pug

Freyer's Pug

Frosted Green

Frosted Orange

***Galleria mellonella* (Wax Moth)**

Garden Carpet

Gem

Ghost Moth

Glyphipterix fuscoviridella

***Glyphipterix simpliciella* (Cocksfoot Moth)**

Glyphipterix thrasonella

Gold Spot

Golden Plusia

Gothic

***Grapholita funebrana* (Plum Fruit Moth)**

Grapholita jungiella

Grass Rivulet

Grass Wave

Great Brocade

Great Oak Beauty

Great Prominent *Peridea anceps*

Green Arches

Green Carpet

Green Pug

Green Silver-lines

Green-brindled Crescent

Grey Arches

Grey Dagger

Grey Pine Carpet

Grey Pug

Grey Shoulder-knot

Gypsonoma dealbana

Gypsy Moth

Haworth's Pug

Heart & Club

Heart & Dart

Hebrew Character

***Hedya nubiferana* (Marbled Orchard Tortrix)**

***Hedya pruniana* (Plum Tortrix)**

Hedya salicella

Herald moth

***Hofmannophila pseudospretella* (Brown House-moth)**

Homoeosoma sinuella

Hornet moth

Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Hypatima rhomboidella

Hypochoalcia ahenella

***Hypsopygia costalis* (Gold Triangle)**

Incurvaria masculella

Ingrailed Clay

Iron Prominent

Isotrias rectifasciana

July Highflyer

Knot Grass

Lackey

Large Emerald

Large Nutmeg

Large Ranunculus

Large Tabby

Large Twin-spot Carpet

Large Wainscot

Large Yellow Underwing

Lathronympha strigana

Latticed Heath

Lead-coloured Drab

Least Black Arches

Least Carpet

Least Yellow Underwing

Leopard moth

Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing

Lesser Common Rustic

Lesser Cream Wave

Lesser Swallow Prominent

Lesser Treble-bar

Lesser Yellow Underwing

Lesser-spotted Pinion

Light Arches

Light Brocade

Light Emerald

Lilac Beauty

Lime Hawk-moth

Lime-speck Pug

Limnaecia phragmitella

Little Emerald

Lobesia reliquana

Lobster Moth

Lozotaenia forsterana

Lozotaeniodes formosanus

Lunar Marbled Brown

Lunar Underwing

Lunar-spotted Pinion

Lychnis

***Lyonetia clerkella* (Apple Leaf Miner)**

Magpie

Maiden's Blush

Mallow

Maple Prominent

Map-winged Swift

Marasmarcha lunaedactyla

Marbled Beauty

Marbled Brown

Marbled Minor

Marbled White-spot

March Moth

May Highflyer

Mecyna flavalis

Merveille du Jour

Middle-barred Minor

Miller

Minor Shoulder-knot

Mocha

Mompha epilobiella

Mompha propinquella

Mompha subbistrigella

Monopis laevigella

Monopis weaverella

Mother Shipton

Mottled Beauty

Mottled Pug

Mottled Rustic

Mottled Umber

Mouse Moth

Mullein

Muslin

***Myelois circumvoluta* (Thistle Ermine)**

Narrow-winged Pug

Neglected Rustic

Nematopogon swammerdamella

Nemophora degeerella

Nemophora metallica

Nephterix angustella

***Nomophila noctuella* (Rush Veneer)**

November Moth

Nutmeg

Nut-tree Tussock

***Nymphula stagnata* (Beautiful China-mark)**

Oak Beauty

Oak Hook-tip

Oak Lutestring

Oak Nycteoline (*Nycteola revayana*)

Oak-tree Pug *Eupithecia dodoneata*

Obscure Wainscot

Old Lady

Olindia schumacherana

Olive

Opsibotys fuscalis

Orange Footman

Orange Moth

Orange Sallow

Orange Swift

Orthopygia glaucinalis

***Ostrinia nubilalis* (European Corn Borer)**

Ovendenia lienigianus

Pale Brindled Beauty

Pale Eggar

Pale Mottled Willow

Pale Oak Beauty

Pale Pinion

Pale Prominent

Pale Tussock

Pale-shouldered Brocade

Pammene regiana

Pancalia leuwenhoekella

***Pandemis cerasana* (Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix)**

***Pandemis corylana* (Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix)**

***Pandemis heparana* (Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix)**

***Parapoynx stratiota* (Ringed China-mark)**

Paraswammerdamia albicapitella

Paraswammerdamia lutarea

Paratalanta hyalinalis

Parectopa ononidis

Parornix devoniella

Parornix finitimella

Parsnip Moth

Peach Blossom

Peacock Moth

Pearly Underwing

Pebble Hook-tip

Pebble Prominent

Pempelia formosa

Pempelia palumbella

Pempeliella dilutella

Peppered Moth

Perinephela lancealis

Phlyctaenia coronata

Phlyctaenia perlucidalis

Phoenix

Phtheochroa rugosana

Phycita roborella

Phycitodes binaevella

Phyllonorycter blancardella

Phyllonorycter lautella

Pine Beauty

Pine Carpet

Pine Hawk-moth

Pinion-streaked Snout

Pink-barred Sallow

Plain Golden Y

Plain Pug

Platyptilia pallidactyla

***Pleuroptya ruralis* (Mother-of-Pearl)**

***Plutella xylostella* (Diamond-back Moth)**

Poplar Grey

Poplar Hawk Moth

Poplar Kitten

Poplar Lutestring

Powdered Quaker

***Prays fraxinella* (Ash Bud Moth)**

Pretty Chalk Carpet

Privet Hawk

Pseudargyrotoza conwagana

Pseudoswammerdamia combinella

***Pseudoterpna pruinata atropunctaria* (Grass Emerald)**

Psoricoptera gibbosella

Psyche casta

Pterophorus pentadactyla (White Plume Moth)

Ptycholomoides aeriferanus

Purple Bar

Purple Clay

Purple Thorn

Puss Moth

Pyrausta aurata

Pyrausta despicata

Pyrausta nigrata

Pyrausta purpuralis

Red Chestnut

Red Twin-spot Carpet

Red Underwing

Red-belted Clearwing

Reddish Light Arches

Red-green Carpet

Red-line Quaker

Red-necked Footman

***Rhopobota naevana* (Holly Tortrix)**

***Rhyacionia pinivorana* (Spotted Shoot)**

Riband Wave

Rosy Footman

Rosy Minor

Rosy Rustic

Round-winged Muslin

Ruby Tiger

Rustic

Rustic Shoulder-knot

Sallow

Sallow Kitten

Sandy Carpet

Satellite

Satin Beauty

Satin Wave

Scalloped Hazel

Scalloped Hook-tip

Scalloped Oak

Scarce Bordered Straw

Scarce Footman

Scarce Silver Lines

Scarce Tissue

Scarce Umber

Scarlet Tiger Moth

Scoparia ambigualis

Scoparia basistrigalis

Scoparia pyralella

Scoparia subfusca

Scorched Carpet

Scorched Wing

Scrobipalpa costella

Scythropia crataegella (Hawthorn moth)

September Thorn

Seraphim

Setaceous Hebrew Character

Shaded Broad-bar

Shaded Pug

Shark

Sharp-angled Carpet

Shears

Short-cloaked

Shoulder Stripe

Shoulder-striped Wainscot

Shuttle-shaped Dart

Silver-ground Carpet

Silver-striped Hawk-moth

Silver-Y

Single-dotted Wave

Sitochroa palealis

Sitochroa verticalis

Six-spot burnet

Six-striped Rustic

Slender Brindle

Slender Pug

Sloe Pug

Small Angle Shades

Small Blood-vein

Small Brindled Beauty

Small Clouded Brindle

Small Dotted Buff

Small Dusty Wave

Small Elephant Hawk-moth

Small Emerald

Small Fan-foot

Small Fan-footed Wave

Small Mottled Willow

Small Phoenix

Small Purple-barred

Small Quaker

Small Ranunculus

Small Rivulet

Small Scallop

Small Seraphim

Small Square-spot

Small Wainscot

Small Waved Umber

Small White Wave

Small Yellow Underwing

Small Yellow Wave

Smoky Wainscot

Snout

Spectacle

***Spilonota ocellana* (Bud)**

Spinach

Sprawler

Spring Usher

Spruce Carpet

Square Spot

Square-spot Rustic

Square-spotted Clay

Straw Dot

Straw Underwing

Streamer

Striped Lychnis

Svensson's Copper Underwing

Swallow Prominent

Swallow-tailed Moth

Swammerdamia pyrella

Sycamore

Syndemis musculana

Tawny Marbled Minor

Tawny-barred Angle

Tawny-speckled Pug

Teleiodes luculella

Thisanotia chrysonuchella

Thistle Ermine

Tinea semifulvella

Tinea trinotella

Tissue

Toadflax Pug

Tortricodes alternella

***Tortrix viridana* (Green Oak Tortrix)**

Trachycera advenella

Trachycera suavella

Treble Brown Spot

Treble Lines

Treble-bar

Triple-spotted Clay

True Lover's Knot

Turnip

Twin-spotted Quaker

***Udea ferrugalis* (Rusty Dot Pearl)**

Udea olivalis

Udea prunalis

Uncertain

Vapourer

Varied Coronet

Vestal

Vine's Rustic

V-Pug

Water Carpet

Waved Black

Waved Umber

White Ermine

White Satin Moth

White-marked

White-pinion Spotted

White-point

White-spotted Pug

Willow Beauty

Winter Moth

Wormwood Pug

Yarrow Pug

Yellow Belle

Yellow Horned

Yellow Shell

Yellow-barred Brindle

Yellow-line Quaker

Yellow-tail

***Yponomeuta evonymella* (Bird-Cherry Ermine)**

Yponomeuta plumbella

Yponomeuta sedella

***Ypsolopha dentella* (Honeysuckle)**

Ypsolopha parenthesella

Ypsolopha scabrella

Ypsolopha sequella

Zeiraphera isertana

Zelleria hepariella