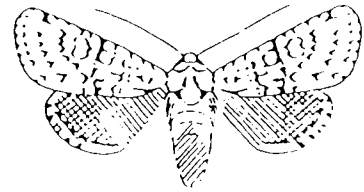


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FIELD MEETING, AUGUST 16TH

18 members and guests attended the meeting at Kenfig Pool NNR. 3 MV lights were run, two near the South Pool hide and one near the reserve centre, with great success. 120 species were recorded, 22 micro and 98 macro, the highlights being *Apatomis betuletana*, Small Emerald, Wood Carpet, Small Seraphim, Yellow-barred Brindle, Striped, Southern, Twin-spotted and Brown-veined Wainscots, The Crescent and Double Kidney.

The full list of species recorded is attached.

FORTHCOMING FIELD MEETING, SATURDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER MERTHYR

Our next field meeting will take place in the Merthyr area on Saturday, 13th September. Meet in the car park of McDonalds, Dowlais Top, at 7.30 p.m. McDonalds is located at the junction of the A465 (Heads of the Valleys road) and the A4060.

Depending upon the weather (i.e. wind speed and air temperature) we will either trap on Merthyr Common or in local woodland.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Thank you to all those members that forwarded your subscriptions. The latest membership list, as at 1st September, is attached.

INDOOR WINTER MEETING

Planning for an indoor meeting in late November or early December is at an early stage and more information will follow.

It is likely to be at Kenfig Pool NNR centre and will roughly follow the format of our indoor meeting in The National Museum of Wales last year. The exception being that this year it will not be a joint meeting with Butterfly Conservation (although BC members are most welcome to attend).

ATROPOS 3

Atropos 3, July 1997, has just been published. There are many interesting articles relating to moths (as well as Dragonflies and Butterflies) including:

- i) A site guide to Portland by Martin Cade.
- ii) Making the most of the Scottish Highlands in May by Jim Porter.
- iii) Identification workshop - separation of Willow and Mottled Beauty by Sean Clancy.
- iv) History of the Orange Upperwing in Britain by Adrian Spalding.
- v) Reports from coastal stations.
- vi) A review of the recent publication by Reg Fry and Paul Waring "A guide to moth traps and their use".

Plus many other articles and 4 colour plates.


OVER THE BORDER

The night of 1st August found Dave Gilmore, John Martin and Mike Powell at Dawlish Warren NR in South Devon on a search for Jersey Tiger. Conditions were excellent and the 2 traps were run from 23.00 until dawn close to the visitors centre.

Almost the first moth to arrive was a Jersey Tiger followed by Silky, Shore, Fen, Southern and Striped Wainscots, Archers and Coast Dart, Olive, Gem, Thyme Pug, Kent Black Arches, Horse Chestnut, Cream-bordered Green Pea, Small Scallop and Brussels Lace.

SMALL ARGENT & SABLE

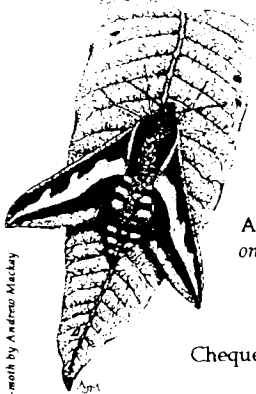
Belated news from 10th June concerns this species recorded by Jeff Williams at Tylorstown. This is the first post 1980 record of this attractive geometrid.



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Prickhorn Hawk-moth by Andrew Mackay

RECENT REPORTS,AUGUST 1997

The weekend of 8th/9th found DG and MCP on the island of Flat Holm as guests of the Flat Holm Project. The wardens have run an occasional actinic trap in the garden of the main accomodation centre, the old farmhouse but to the best of the available knowledge no MW lights have ever been run on the island before.

A single MV light trap was run at the eastern end of the island, close to the lighthouse and a total of 77 species were recorded including a few surprises, such as Oak Eggar and Oak Nycteoline.

Other interesting species were Plain Wave, Crescent Dart, Stout Dart, Marbled Green, Rufous Minor, Vines Rustic and Dark Sword-grass.

We hope to run a repeat visit to Flat Holm in June 1998 to which other members of the group will hopefully be invited.

Marbled Green was recorded in Llanishen between 7th and 31st (MCP) and Roath on 11th (DG) Yellow-barred Brindle was recorded in Llanishen on 8th and 12th (MCP) & at Whitchurch on 18th (DG). Also in Llanishen, Red Underwing and Little Emerald were found on 8th (MCP) and The Gothic & Old Lady on 7th (SG).

The group have been granted permission to run traps at various Forestry Enterprise sites in the county. A visit to Llanwonno Forest on 20th by SG,MCP,DG,JW & MP where two MV's and an actinic were run produced *Platyptilia calodactyla*, Devon Carpet, Bleached Pug, Dingy Shell, Neglected Rustic, Old Lady, Double Kidney & Anomolous. A short stop between Llanwonno church and Pontypridd by DG and MCP on the way home resulted in more Anomolous being seen.

A visit to Crymlyn Bog NNR on 26th produced Neglected and Heath Rustic (KD,BS). Finally at Coed y Bedw Woods on 30th the best moths seen were August Thorn and Feathered Gothic (DG,MCP).

KD (Kevin Dupe),DG (Dave Gilmore),SG (Stefan Golaszewski),
MCP (Mike Powell),MP(MikePrice),BS (Barry Stewart) and JW (Jeff Williams).

We look forward to seeing you at Merthyr on 13th September.

Kenfig NNR/Sker. Glamorgan Moth Club Evening. 16th August 1997

Full Species List:~

<u>Index</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total [all traps]</u>	<u>Status</u>
15.	Orange Swift	7	Common
647.	<i>Hofmannophila pseudospretella</i> [Brown House Moth]	2	
658.	<i>Carcina quercana</i>	1	
938.	<i>Agapeta zoegana</i>	5	
972.	<i>Pandemis heparana</i> [Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix]	1	
998.	<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i> [Light Brown Apple Moth]	2	
1020.	<i>Cnephasia stephensiana</i> [Grey Tortrix]	2	
1083.	<i>Hedya dimidioalba</i> [<i>nubiferana</i>] [Marbled Orchard Tortrix]	5	
1093.	<i>Apatomis betuletana</i>	10	1st KNNR rec.
1175.	<i>Epiblema uddmanniana</i> [Bramble-shoot Moth]	2	
1183.	<i>Epiblema foenella</i>	2	
1290.	<i>Chilo phragmitella</i>	4	
1305.	<i>Agriphila tristella</i>	22	
1307.	<i>Agriphila latistria</i>	6	Local
1309.	<i>Agriphila geniculea</i>	9	
1334.	<i>Scoparia ambigua</i>	1	
1336.	<i>Eudonia pallida</i>	1	
1344.	<i>Eudonia mercurella</i>	2	
1362.	<i>Pyrausta purpuralis</i>	1	
1365.	<i>Pyrausta cespitalis</i>	1	
1367.	<i>Pyrausta cingulata</i>	1	
1395.	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i> [Rusty Dot Pearl]	1	Migrant
1405.	<i>Pleuroptya ruralis</i> [Mother of Pearl]	2	
1534.	The Lackey	2	Common
1640.	The Drinker	1	Common
1645.	Scalloped Hook-tip	3	Common
1648.	Pebble Hook-tip	12	Common
1651.	Chinese Character	6	Common
1673.	Small Emerald	1	Local [1st Rec]
1682.	Blood-Vein	1	Common
1702.	Small Fan-footed Wave	7	Common
1708.	Single-dotted Wave	4	Common
1713.	Riband Wave	2	Common
1724.	Red Twin-spot Carpet	4	Common
1725.	Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet	3	Common
1732.	Shaded Broad-bar	3	Common
1738.	Common Carpet	4	Common
1739.	Wood Carpet	2	Local [2nd Rec]
1742.	Yellow Shell	18	Common
1752.	Purple Bar	15	Common
1755.	The Chevron	2	Common
1759.	Small Phoenix	4	Common
1764.	Common Marbled Carpet	4	Common
1776.	Green Carpet	3	Common
1777.	July Highflyer	11	Common
1802.	The Rivulet	1	Common
1804.	Barred Rivulet	1	Local [10th Rec]
1808.	Sandy Carpet	1	Common
1825.	Lime-speck Pug	1	Common
1837.	Grey Pug	2	Common
1838.	Tawny Speckled Pug	10	Common
1839.	Bordered Pug	1	Common
1858.	The V Pug	1	Common
1862.	Double-striped Pug	9	Common
1867.	Treble-bar	4	Common
1882.	Small Seraphim	10	Local [6th Rec]
1883.	Yellow-barred Brindle	1	Local [2nd Rec]
1884.	The Magpie Moth	3	Common
1889.	Peacock Moth	5	Local [2nd Rec]
1894.	Latticed Heath	1	Common
1906.	Brimstone Moth	59	Common
1913.	Canary-shouldered Thorn	7	Common
1917.	Early Thorn	1	Common
1921.	Scalloped Oak	1	Common
1937.	Willow Beauty	13	Common
1947.	The Engrailed	1	Common [1st Rec]
1955.	Common White Wave	3	Common
1956.	Common Wave	15	Common
1968.	Yellow Belle	8	Common
1981.	Poplar Hawk-moth	1	Common
1997.	Sallow Kitten	4	Common
2000.	Iron Prominent	4	Common
2003.	Pebble Prominent	2	Common

2008.Coxcombe Prominent	2	Common
2011.Pale Prominent	2	Common
2030.Yellow-tail	4	Common
2047.Scarce Footman	9	Local
2050.CommonFootman	2	Common
2064.Ruby Tiger	1	Common
2081.White-line Dart	31	Common
2085.Archer's Dart	25	Local
2092.Shuttle-shaped Dart	5	Common
2107.Large Yellow Underwing	66	Common
2109.Lesser Yellow Underwing	8	Common
2111.Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	11	Common
2112.Least Yellow Underwing	4	Common
2123.Small Square-spot	4	Common
2126.Setaceous Hebrew Character	22	Common
2133.Six-striped Rustic	18	Common
2134.Square-spot Rustic	17	Common
2160.Bright-line Brown-eye	3	Common
2176.Antler Moth	2	Common
2177.Hedge Rustic	4	Common†
2192.Brown-line Bright-eye	1	Common
2196.Striped Wainscot	2	Local [2nd Rec]
2197.Southern Wainscot	2	Local [10th Rec]
2198.Smoky Wainscot	6	Common
2199.Common Wainscot	3	Common
2274.The Sallow	1	Common
2289.Knot Grass	1	Common
2299.Mouse Moth	2	Common
2306.Angle Shades	1	Common
2311.Double Kidney	2	Local [8th Rec]
2318.The Dun-bar	1	Common
2321.Dark Arches	7	Common
2341.Cloaked Minor	2	Common
2342.Rosy Minor	5	Common
2343.Common Rustic	30	Common
2343a.Lesser Common Rustic	16	Common
2353.Flounced Rustic	60	Common
2368.The Crescent	6	Local [5th Rec]
2370.Twin-Spotted Wainscot	1	Local [6th Rec]
2371.Brown-veined Wainscot	1	Local [2nd Rec.]
2381.The Uncertain	2	Common
2384.Vine's Rustic	1	Local [13th Rec]
2434.Burnished Brass	3	Common
2441.Silver Y	4	Migrant
2450.The Spectacle	4	Common
2469.The Herald	1	Common
2474.Straw Dot	5	Common