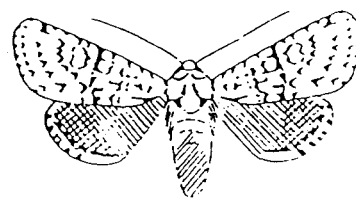


The Glamorgan Moth Recording Group

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FIELD MEETING, SATURDAY 11th JULY

Due to adverse weather conditions that prevailed all day, both the daytime and evening sessions in South Gower were unfortunately cancelled.

FIELD MEETING, FRIDAY 24th JULY

Thirty one members, guests and friends attended the meeting at Crymlyn Bog NNR, Swansea on a slightly cool evening following a rare period of warmer weather. Five MV lights were run from 21.30 until 01.00 following the very good slide show given by Dave Painter at the reserve centre. Two lights were run at the centre, one within some Willow scrub closeby , one on a raised grass tump 200 metres from the centre and one within the marsh itself so as to cover as many habitats as possible. Those attending were Paul Alton, Martin Bevan, Mike Clark, Kevin Dupe, Mark Evans, Marilyn Garcia, Dave Gilmore, Stefan Golaszewski, Kerry Howell, Martin Hnatiuk, Roy Jones, Christina & Samantha Lewis, Paul Mock, Steve Moon, Jo Mullett, Linda & Rob Nottage, Dave Painter, Paul Parsons, Dominic & Mike Powell, Richard Smith, Barry Stewart, Rob Taylor, Geri & Rhys Thomas, Simon Warmington, Martin White, Andrew Whitehouse and Neil Young. 94 species were recorded, of which three were new for the site namely Haworth's Minor, Browntail and Oak Nycteoline. Other notable species were Southern and Bullrush Wainscots, Devon Carpet, Crescent, Scarce Burnished Brass, Dingy Shell and Grass Emerald.

Species recorded;

Ghost Moth

Bactra lancealana

Chilo phragmitella

Crambus perlella

Agriphila tristella

Pyrausta purpuralis

Ebulea crocealis

Lackey

Pandemis heparana

Cydia splendana

Crambus pascuella

Agriphila straminella

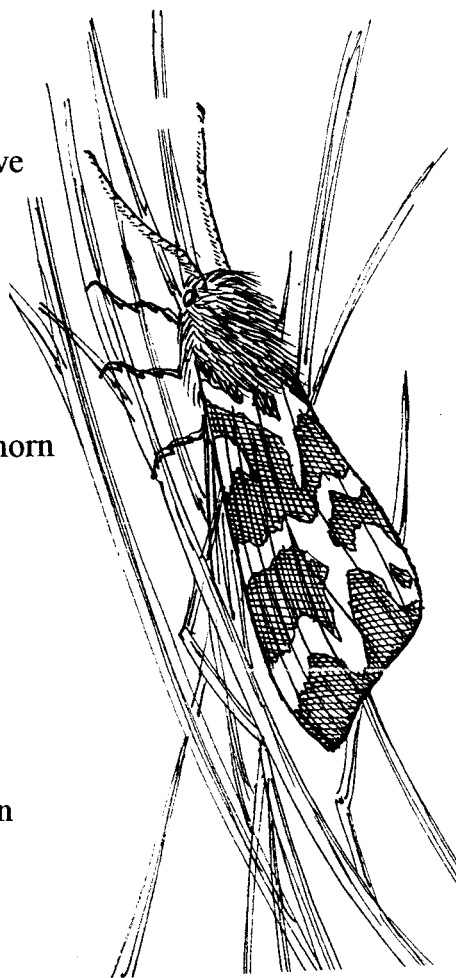
Catoptria pinella

Pyrausta cespitalis

Endotricha flammealis

Drinker

Scalloped Hook-tip
 Buff Arches
 Small Fan-footed Wave
 Riband Wave
 Shaded Broad-bar
 Devon Carpet
 Small Phoenix
 Triple-spotted Pug
 Clouded Border
 Canary-shouldered Thorn
 Scalloped Oak
 Peppered Moth
 Engrailed
 Common Wave
 Elephant Hawkmoth
 Iron Prominent
 Coxcomb Prominent
 Yellowtail
 Round-winged Muslin
 Scarce Footman
 Buff Ermine
 Cinnabar
 Flame
 Large Yellow Underwing
 Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing
 Small Square-spot
 Double Square-spot
 Dot Moth
 The Clay
 Smoky Wainscot
 Small Angle Shades
 Light Arches
 [Lesser] Common Rustic
 Haworth's Minor
 Bullrush Wainscot
 Oak Nycteoline
 Scarce Burnished Brass
 Spectacle
 Straw Dot



Pebble Hook-tip
 Grass Emerald
 Single-dotted Wave
 Dark-banded Twin-spot Carpet
 Common Carpet
 Chevron
 July Highflyer
 Dingy Shell
 Bordered Beauty
 Early Thorn
 Swallow-tailed Moth
 Willow Beauty
 Common White Wave
 Eyed Hawkmoth
 Bufftip
 Pebble Prominent
 Pale Prominent
 Browntail
 Dingy Footman
 Garden Tiger
 Ruby Tiger
 Shuttle-shaped Dart
 Flame Shoulder
 Lesser Yellow Underwing
 True Lovers Knot
 Triple-spotted Clay
 Dotted Clay
 Bright-line Brown-eye
 Southern Wainscot
 Knotgrass
 Dark Arches
 Slender Brindle
 Ear Moth
 Crescent
 Uncertain
 Burnished Brass
 Silver Y
 Herald
 Snout

FIELD MEETING, SATURDAY 7th AUGUST

Our next field meeting takes place at Parc Cwm Darran near the village of Deri which is approx. three miles north west of Bargoed, on Saturday 7th August at 8.00pm to be led by Geri Thomas. If approaching from the south take the A469 north out of Bargoed toward Rhymney. On the sharp bend, shortly after the railway viaduct, take the minor road signposted to Deri & Fochriw. The carpark is signposted off this road, on the right, just after Deri at approx. SO 122 030.

If approaching from the Heads of the Valleys road, A465, take the minor road signposted to Fochriw at the Dowlais Top roundabout at Merthyr. To find this road head toward Asda at the roundabout, then bear right on the road that runs parallel to the Heads of the Valleys. After less than a mile is a turning right that goes under the A465 and on towards Fochriw and Deri. The carpark is on the left between Fochriw and Deri.

BRISTOL MOTH GROUP

The BMG have a field meeting to Kings Wood Nr. Congresbury, on Friday 21st August. Meet at 8.00pm at the carpark of The Star Inn, Cleve, on the A370 just north of Congresbury, ST 446 650.

Full details appeared in our Newsletter No.17, Feb.98.

RECENT REPORTS-JULY 1998

Mike Powell trapped twice at Llanwonno during the month recording Foxglove Pug, Red-necked Footman and Smoky Wave on 1st, then Barred Red and Smoky Wave on 7th. The survey at Draethen produced Waved Carpet, Satin Lutestring, Blomers Rivulet, Clouded Magpie, Pretty Chalk and Scorched Carpets on 13th.

On 10th Mark Evans (ME) and Mike Powell (MCP) recorded Small Argemone and Sable at a forestry site above Cefnpennar then on the 16th, Martin Bevan, Phil Bristow, ME, Dave Gilmore (DG) and MCP recorded over 40 species at the same site including Cloaked Pug (a species new for Glamorgan-more details next month), Welsh Wave, Barred Red and Beautiful Snout.

At Mynydd-y-Glew, Hensol on 21st DG, Stefan Golasewski (SG) and MCP recorded Large & Small Emeralds, Blue-bordered and Waved Carpets, Dingy Shell, Slender Brindle and Minor Shoulder-knot. During the month MCP took Golden Plusia on 15th, Marbled Green on 20th & Blomers Rivulet and Gem on 27th at light in his Llanishen garden. SG at his Llanishen garden recorded Dingy Shell on 13th, Slender Brindle on 15th, Large Emerald on 19th and August Thorn on 24th.

Barry and Sandra Stewart visited the Overton/Overton Mere area several times during July recording Silky Wave on 1st, 6th and 11th, Wood Carpet and Brussels Lace on 2nd, Madder Pearl, Annulet and Mullein Wave on 6th. At Britton Ferry, White Colon on 2nd and 15th & at Mynydd Aberdar, Ling Pug on 9th were seen. At Manselfield on 13th, Golden Plusia and on 15th Haworths Pug and Waved Carpet were taken. Graig-y-Pal produced Plain Wave and Lead-coloured Pug on 16th and Penyrheol, Scarce Silver-lines next day. On the 18th they recorded Lesser Cream Wave and Small Rufous at Llanridian and finally at Oxwich Hotel on 19th, Archers and Crescent Darts, Striped and Devonshire Wainscots and Scarce Burnished Brass were all seen. The Delicate was recorded by Steve and Sarah Walmsley at Pilton on 20th.

OVER THE BORDER

Chris Renshaw photographed a female Lunar Hornet Moth in his garden in Newport on 17th June and Mike Powell recorded over a dozen Oblique Striped at Berrow Golfcourse, Somerset on 2nd July.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1998/99

Thank you to all those members who have sent their subscriptions in so promptly, a reminder is enclosed for those members who have yet to reply. Please use the enclosed renewal form and return the slip with your cheque in the pre-addressed envelope to Mike Powell. Please re-subscribe now to ensure you continue to enjoy future newsletters, without your membership the group will not continue to grow.

GLAMORGAN RECORDS

Enclosed with this mailing is a sheet of pre-addressed labels to enable you to submit your West Glamorgan records to Barry Stewart. Please send in your records for inclusion in **your** newsletter by the last day of the month to either Barry or Dave using the labels provided. Your records, even of common species, do add to the distribution picture of Glamorgan.

SPECIES NEW FOR 10KM SQUARES IN EAST GLAMORGAN

Dave Gilmore has provided an update on species new for 8, 10km squares from records received during June and July from Martin Bevan, Paul Parsons, ME, SG, Jeff Williams, MCP, Geri Thomas, Steve Moon and himself.

ST 07 Leopard Moth, Common Lutestring, Large Emerald, Common Emerald, Small Fan-footed Wave, Blue-bordered Carpet, Dingy Shell, Scalloped Oak, Swallowtail, Satin Beauty, Common White Wave, Common Wave, Dingy Footman, Yellowtail, Double Square-spot, Dot Moth, Minor Shoulder-knot, Slender Brindle, Mottled Rustic, Rufous Minor [Prov.] and Snout.

ST 09 Gold Swift, Clay Triple-lines, Northern Spinach, Green Carpet, Foxglove Pug, Lilac Beauty, True Lovers Knot, Beautiful Brocade & Middle-barred Minor.

ST 18 Round-winged Muslin & Small Clouded Brindle.

ST 19 Ghost Moth, Orange Swift, Large Emerald, Small Fan-footed Wave, Yellowshell, Scallop Shell, Small Rivulet, Triple-spotted Pug, Green Pug, Mottled Beauty, Light Emerald, Common Footman, Square-spot Rustic, Rufous Minor [Prov.] and Pale Mottled Willow.

ST 28 Common Lutestring, Clouded Magpie, Swallowtail, Clouded Brindle and Uncertain.

SO 00 Cream Wave, Satin Wave, Welsh Wave, Cloaked Pug, Satin Beauty, Mottled Beauty, Bordered White, Barred Red, Red-necked Footman, Double Square-spot, Marbled White Spot & Beautiful Snout.

SN 90 Common Carpet, Yellowshell and Heart & Dart.

SS 89 Common Swift, Scalloped Hook-tip, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Devon Carpet, Spruce Carpet, Dusky Brocade and Beautiful Snout.

Detailed below are records of species recorded for the first time post 1980 but **not** new for the 10km square.

ST 07 Buff Arches and The Clay.

ST 18 Peacock Moth.

SO 00 Common Swift, Garden Carpet, Silver-ground Carpet, Small Argent & Sable, Common Wave, Larch Pug, Ingrailed Clay, Setaceous Hebrew Character, True Lovers Knot, Grey Arches, Bright-line Brown-eye, Smoky Wainscot, Brown Rustic, Small Angle Shades, Dark Arches, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Spectacle, Snout and Small Fan-foot.

GLAMORGAN BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP: WORKING FOR WILDLIFE

The planning department of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council sent the following press release to us, which I am sure most of you will find interesting.

The Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group* was set up in October 1997 to help Local Authorities begin preparing Local Biodiversity Action Plans. Glamorgan is an important area for wildlife, and information about plants and animals is recorded for the old Glamorgan area (called Vice County 41). There are now eight Local Authorities covering this area and they work with the same government agencies, voluntary groups and land owning organisations. Working together will help everyone and avoid duplicated effort.

The Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group has two aims: firstly to gather information about locally important wildlife and secondly, to help achieve UK targets for wildlife protection. UK Action Plans have already been drawn up for some of the particular plants and animals which are nationally important. The Group will look at how local Action Plans can help to protect these species. About 30 of the nationally important species, tackled so far, occur in Glamorgan including the fen orchid, the dormouse, marsh fritillary butterfly, the great crested newt and the medicinal leech.

Individual plant or animal species can only survive if their habitat or home territory is protected. So, UK Action Plans for fourteen nationally important habitats have also been drawn up. The Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group is looking at eight of these habitats, which occur across the Glamorgan area:

- Upland oak woods
- Lowland heathland
- Ancient and/or species rich hedgerows
- Cereal field margins
- Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh
- Lowland purple moor grass and rush pasture
- Fens
- Reedbeds

The Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group will also investigate locally important habitats and species. Local Biodiversity Action Plans should reflect local wildlife interest as well as the national priorities. Old railways, coal tips and docks may be important local wildlife havens. Working in partnership is an important part of the process. The Group is helping by pooling expertise, energy and resources. The Group hopes to develop a strategic overview which will provide a framework for local action and encourage the active participation of the whole community.

Local wildlife will benefit from the joint approach and Glamorgan can fulfil its part of the obligation made at the Earth Summit in Rio back in 1992, when the government signed the 'Biodiversity Convention', to help save the world's wildlife.

*The Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group brings together ecologists, countryside managers and planners from the Local Authorities (Bridgend, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Neath and Port Talbot, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda-Cynon-Taff, Swansea and the Vale of Glamorgan), the Brecon Beacons National Park, the Countryside Council for Wales, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, the Environment Agency, the Farming and Rural Conservation Agency, the Forestry Authority, Forest Enterprise, the Glamorgan Wildlife Trust, the National Museum of Wales and the Welsh Development Agency.