

The Glamorgan Moth Recording Group

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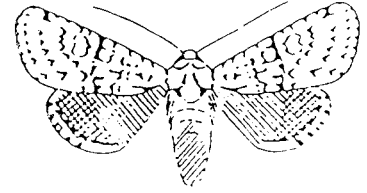
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FIELD MEETING, FRIDAY 7th AUGUST

Ten members attended the meeting at Parc Cwm Darran, Deri on 7th August. Those attending were Paul Alton, Martin Anthoney, Martin Bevan, Mark Evans, Dave Gilmore, Stefan Golaszewski, Dave Slade, Rob Taylor, Geri & Rhys Thomas. 75 species were recorded, of which **every** macro species was new for the square. Species recorded;

Orange Swift

Phyllonorycter harisella

Olethreutes lacunana

Chrysoteuchia culmella

Agriphila straminella

Catoptria pinella

Pyrausta purpuralis

Gold Triangle

Pebble Hook-tip

Buff Arches

Riband Wave

Yellow Shell

Barred Straw

Blue-bordered Carpet

Small Rivulet

Foxglove Pug

Clouded Border

Early Thorn

Swallowtail

Common White Wave

Iron Prominent

Coxcomb Prominent

Shuttle-shaped Dart

Large Yellow Underwing

True Lovers Knot

Purple Clay

Common Swift

Eana osseana

Endothenia marginana

Crambus perlella

Agriphila tristella

Scoparia ambigualis

Mother of Pearl

Drinker

Chinese Character

Small Fan-footed Wave

Common Carpet

Purple Bar

Small Phoenix

Green Carpet

Twin-spot Carpet

Tawny Speckled Pug

Brimstone

Scalloped Oak

Peppered Moth

Elephant Hawkmoth

Lesser Swallow Prominent

Ruby Tiger

Flame Shoulder

Lesser Brd-bord. Yellow u/w

Ingrailed Clay

Triple-spotted Clay

Double Square-spot
Square-spot Rustic
Bright-line Brown-eye
Brown-line Bright-eye
Smoky Wainscot
Dark Arches
Cloaked Minor
Small Wainscot
Uncertain
Gold Spot
Gold Spangle
Snout

Dotted Clay
The Gothic
Antler Moth
The Clay
Small Angle Shades
Light Arches
Common Rustic
Ear Moth
Burnished Brass
Plain Golden Y
Straw Dot

FIELD MEETING, SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Our final field meeting of 1998 takes place at Coed-y-Wenallt between Cardiff and Caerphilly this coming Saturday, 5th September.

Take the minor road opposite the Travellers Rest public house at ST 158 843, off the A469 Cardiff to Caerphilly road. After approx. one mile there is a carpark on the right hand side, ST 153 837. Meet here at 7.30pm.

With the evenings becoming cooler, a hot drink would be advisable.

BRISTOL MOTH GROUP

The BMG have a field meeting to Ashton Hill Plantation Nr. Long Ashton, North Somerset, on Friday 18th September, meeting at 7.30pm.

The wood is south of Failand on the south side of the B3129 (which runs from Abbots Leigh/Bower Ashton to Flax Bourton). The carpark is at the entrance to the wood at ST 519 710.

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

SPECIES NEW FOR 10KM SQUARES IN EAST GLAMORGAN

Dave Gilmore has provided another update on species new for 14, 10km squares from records received during August.

Thank you to everyone who submitted records.

ST 07 Oak Hook-tip, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Phoenix, Barred Straw, Barred Yellow, Foxglove Pug, Canary-shouldered Thorn, Waved Umber, Buff-tip, Sallow Kitten, Short-cloaked Moth, True Lovers Knot, Small Square-spot, Smoky Wainscot, The Shark, Poplar Grey, Grey Dagger[Prov.] Knotgrass, Olive, Dun-bar, Middle-barred Minor, Treble Lines, Uncertain, Small Mottled Willow, Nut-tree Tussock, Burnished Brass, Beautiful Golden Y & The Fan-foot.

ST 09 Large Emerald, Common Emerald, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Shaded Broad-bar, White-spotted Pug, Triple-spotted Pug, Garden Tiger, Ruby Tiger, Dot, Lychnis, Brown-line Bright-eye, Smoky Wainscot, Uncertain, Mottled Rustic, Straw Dot & Snout.

ST 17 Triple-spotted Pug.

ST 18 Lackey.

ST 19 Drinker, Single-dotted Wave, Chevron, V Pug, Double-striped Pug, Garden Dart, Triple-spotted Clay, Straw Dot & Beautiful Snout.

ST 28 Oak Hook-tip, Chinese Character, Flame Carpet, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Common Carpet, Purple Bar, Small Phoenix, Scallop Shell, Small Rivulet, Bleached Pug, Green Pug, Dingy Shell, Canary-shouldered Thorn, Willow Beauty, Common Wave, Sallow Kitten, Swallow Prominent, Black Arches, Dingy Footman, Scarce Footman, Large Yellow Underwing, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Pearly Underwing, Purple Clay, Square-spot Rustic & Dun-bar.

SO 00 Purple Thorn, Willow Beauty, Common Footman & Striped Wainscot.

SO 10 All the macro species recorded at the GMRG field meeting on 7th August.

SN 90 Six-spot Burnet, Chimney Sweeper, The Clay, Marbled White Spot & Beautiful Snout.

SS78 Stout Dart

SS 89 Ghost Moth, Orange Swift, Chevron, Ling Pug, Poplar Hawkmoth, Ingrailed Clay, Broad-barred White & Plain Golden Y.

SS97 Clouded Border

SS98 Leopard Moth

SS99 Buff Arches, Common Emerald, Small Yellow Wave, Common Pug, Peppered Moth, Bordered White, Light Emerald, Elephant Hawkmoth, Red-necked Footman, Heart & Dart, Flame, Flame Shoulder, Ingrailed Clay, Triple-spotted Clay, Double Square-spot, Neglected Rustic, Grey Arches, Dot Moth, Smoky Wainscot, Miller, Small Angle Shades, Dusky Brocade, Marbled White Spot, Scarce Silver-lines, Beautiful Golden Y, Spectacle & Small Fan-foot.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome three new members to the group this month namely, Emma Fry, Bridgend; Simon Warmington, Pencoed & Rhys Thomas, Gelligaer.

ATROPOS 5, JULY 1998

The latest issue of Atropos has just been published and as usual contains many moth related articles. Probably of most interest to members of the group is the county focus article by Martin Evans and Steve Preddy on The Bristol District.

In addition there are articles on moths, Vipers Bugloss & Spotted Sulphur RIP, Portland Moth - resident reinforced by immigration, Species profile - White Spot, Identification of Northern Arches & confusion species and Mothing on the Isle of Man in Summer 1997. Within News, Notes and Requests there are articles on Red-headed Chestnut in Sussex, Exceptionally early emergence of moths, *Evergestis limbata* in Dorset, Blair's Shoulder-knot, further range expansion, Pyralid & Plume recording scheme news, 2nd British record of *Duponchelia fovealis*, New edition of Skinners Moth Guide (see also below), Moths, mothing and Wicken Fen & Requests for records for Denbigh (VC 50) and Flint (VC51).

Also included were letters on Early migrants in Co.Cork in 1998, Golden Twin-spot pupa in cut flowers - possible origins & Light-trap exotics plus a review of The Moths & Butterflies of Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly.

Atropos is available by subscription of £10.00 and published twice a year.

NEW EDITION OF SKINNER'S MOTH GUIDE

Enclosed with this newsletter is an order form (plus a letter of explanation) enabling members to purchase this recently published second edition of Bernard Skinner's Colour Identification Guide to Moths of the British Isles published by Viking at a special price of £40.95 including postage instead of the normal £45.00. The second edition contains one new plate depicting 40 specimens of new resident species and migrants as well as substantially updating the text. Moths to appear in colour in this second edition are :

Purple Treble-bar	Dusky Scalloped Oak
Lydd Beauty	Irish Annulet
Rusty Wave	Channel Islands Pug
Goosefoot Pug	Cypress Carpet
Willowherb Hawkmoth	Tawny Prominent
Dusky Marbled Brown	Pine-tree Lappet
Oak Processionary	Black Collar
Pale-shouldered Cloud	Radford's Flame Shoulder
Water Betony	Oak Rustic
Cameo	Southern Chestnut
Guernsey Underwing	Tree Lichen Beauty
Dark Mottled Willow	Porter's Rustic
Pale Shoulder	Geometrician

PRIOR'S MEADOW/PRIOR'S WOOD

Rob Taylor, Kevin Dupe and myself were asked by Glamorgan Wildlife Trust to carry out a survey of Prior's Meadow/Wood, a marvellous piece of unimproved pasture (with a boggy area of Rushes and Sallow at the bottom end) surrounded by a narrow but species rich fringe of broad-leaved woodland. The site is between Dunvant and Three Crosses, on the border between Swansea and Gower. Though "rain stopped play" on one evening, a number of interesting moths were recorded, the presence of a number of Notable (Nb) and Local (L) and one Red data book (RDBk) species indicating the quality of the site. The highlights were ;

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Small Yellow Wave	<i>Perinephala lancealis</i>	Clouded Silver
Lesser Cream Wave (L)	<i>Phalonidia manniana</i> (Nb)	Snout
Coxcombe Prominent	<i>Phylctaenia stachydalis</i> (RDBk)	Common Pug
Slender Brindle (L)	<i>Apotomis betuletana</i>	Buff-tip
Poplar Hawkmoth	<i>Udea prunalis</i>	Ruby Tiger
Dingy Footman	<i>Udea olivalis</i>	Double Line (Nb)
Common Emerald	<i>Bactra furfurana</i>	Dingy Shell (L)
Antler Moth	<i>Agapeta zeogana</i>	Rufous Minor (L)
Small Fan-foot		

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Broad-bord. Yellow U/w	<i>Acleris notana</i>	Campion
Black Arches (L)	<i>Cydia splendana</i>	Drinker
Scarce Silver-lines (L)	<i>Agonepteryx heracliiana</i>	Rosy Footman (L)
Grey Shoulder-knot	<i>Agonepteryx kaekeritziana</i>	Small Rufous (L)
Pale Prominent	<i>Argyresthia geodartella</i>	Magpie Moth
Single-dotted Wave	<i>Endothenia marginana</i>	Spectacle
Straw Underwing	<i>Numonia advenella</i>	Yellowtail
Grass Rivulet (L)	<i>Ebulea crocealis</i>	Wood Carpet (L)
White-spotted Pug (L)	<i>Pammene fasciana</i>	Oak Hook-tip
Iron Prominent	<i>Spilonota ocellana</i>	Fan-foot
Small Rivulet	<i>Pleuroptya ruralis</i>	Rivulet
Triple-spotted Clay (L)	<i>Bactra lancealana</i>	Ghost Moth
Large Emerald	<i>Parornix betulae</i>	Uncertain

Martin White.

LATEST REPORTS

A full round up of August's highlights along with reports for September will appear in next months newsletter.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In the latest edition of *Atropos*, Geoff Neal has requested information on moths for two North Wales counties. He is updating the list of moths for the vice-counties of Denbigh (VC50) and Flint (VC51), previously issued as the *Moths of Clwyd* (Formstone 1989). Due to boundary changes the county of Clwyd no longer exists but the area covered by the two vice-counties covers roughly the same area, with some minor variations. If anyone has any records for this area which have not been submitted to the county recorder could they please forward them to GN. Currently he is concentrating on macro-moths but any records of micros would also be welcome for a possible future update. Please send your records to Geoff Neal, 36, The Ridgeway, Hawarden, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 3ER.

BRITISH ENTOMOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BENHS have a field meeting to Ebbor Gorge NNR, Somerset on 19th September meeting at 19.00pm at ST 521 484 in the NT carpark. Contact Keith Brown (01963 32763) for more details.

There is also a field meeting to The New Forest, Hampshire on 10th October meeting at 17.00pm at Bolton's Bench carpark, Lyndhurst, SU 308 081, to search for the Southern Chestnut. Contact Tony Pickles (01590 675366) for more details.

PHOTOGRAPHS

It is proposed to feature a selection of photographs taken during 1998 in a newsletter towards the end of this year. If you wish to submit any prints for consideration, please send them to Mike Powell before the 15th October. Please provide as much detail as possible (including the species !!) but note that prints may be damaged so *please only provide copies*.