

## **April/May 2011 ARCHIVES**

### **21st May**

Herald, Green Silver-lines; German Lane (E Langrish)

Small Yellow Wave, Purple Bar, Treble Lines, *Clepsis spectrana*,  
*Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*; Leighton Moss (I Mower, S Palmer)

*Anania funebris* (4), *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, Silver-ground Carpet; Warton  
Crag (J Girdley)

Common Swift; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Small Clouded Brindle; Knotty Ash (C Daly)

*Triaxomera fulvimitrella*, Sandy Carpet, Pale-Shouldered Brocade, Marbled White-  
Spot; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

### **20th May**

Large infestation of Mottled Umber larvae defoliating many trees, Rivington (per P  
Kirk)

Pale Tussock, Sallow Kitten; Heysham (J Girdley)

### **19th May**

Seraphim, Common Wave, Common White Wave; Preston C & S Palmer

*Adela rufimitrella* (30), Common Wainscot; Hale (C Cockbain)

*Ancylis myrtillana*, *Micropterix calthella*, *Cochylimorpha straminea*; Upper  
Coldwell (K McCabe)

Pale Tussock, Sallow Kitten; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Dusky Brocade; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Pale Tussock, Buff Ermine, Dark Sword-grass; Orrell (P Alker)

*Pseudotelphusa paripunctella*; Swinton (G Riley)

Small Yellow Underwing; Gait Barrows (B Hancock)

### **18th May**

Small Magpie, Small Clouded Brindle; Flixton (K McCabe)

Scorched Wing, Foxglove Pug; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **17th May**

Blood-vein; Widnes (P Hillyer)

Freyer's Pug, Small Rivulet; Preston (S Palmer)

Beautiful Snout; Edenfield (I Smith)

Shears, Small Elephant Hawk, Elephant Hawk, Devon Carpet; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Scalloped Hazel, Green Silver-lines; Adlington (P Pugh)

Straw Dot, Mottled Rustic, Setaceous Hebrew Character, *Clepsis spectrana*; Hale (C Cockbain)

Small Fan-foot; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **16th May**

*Anania funebris*; Yealand Hall Allotment (B Hancock)

*Pammene aurana* on hogweed head, *Acrocercops brongniardella* mine on Oak; Flixton (K McCabe)

Treble-bar, Common Swift; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Lychnis, Treble-lines, Shears; Ainsdale (J Clews, C Daly, R Moyes)

### **14th May**

*Coleophora lineolea* larval case on Hedge Woundwort; Flixton (K McCabe, R Hilton)

Buff-tip; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Dark Brocade; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

### **12th May**

*Rhyacionia pinivorana*; Formby (T Davenport)

Clouded Silver, Scalloped Hazel; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Dark Brocade; Belmont (A Bateson)

### **11th May**

*Epiblema rosaecolana*; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Gold Spot; Radcliffe (A Simpson)

Muslin Footman; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Broken-barred Carpet; Edenfield (I Smith)

Devon Carpet (4), Common wave, Green carpet, Cream wave (2); White Moss (B Hancock)

## **10th May**

*Pseudoswammerdamia combinella* (first for over a century), *Caloptilia azaleella*, Small Magpie, Light Brown Apple Moth; Rainford (S Williams)

Large Yellow Underwing, Silver Y (3); Morecambe (J Girdley)

Waved Umber, Alder Moth, Brimstone, Common Marbled Carpet, Pale Prominent; Swinton (G Riley)

Twenty Plume moth; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Small Clouded Brindle; Euxton (R Houlton)

Shark; Rainford (S Williams)

Marbled White-spot; Flixton (K McCabe)

Sandy Carpet; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Mother Shipton, Belted Beauty; Potts Corner (R Hall)

## **9th May**

*Anania funebris*, Speckled Yellow (8); Gait Barrows (G Jones)

Straw Dot; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Larch Pug; Lords Lot Wood (J Girdley)

Lunar Thorn; Leighton Moss (B Hancock)

Devon Carpet, Square Spot, Common Lutestring, Scorched Wing, Least Black Arches, *Micropterix aruncella*, *Phyllonorycter ulmifoliella*, *Semioscopis steinkellneriana*; Lord's Lot Wood (J Girdley)

*Neofaculta ericetella*, Silver-ground Carpet, Cabbage Moth, Silver Y, Diamond-back; Adlington (P Pugh)

Glaucous Shears; Rochdale (P Stevens)

## **8th May**

Clouded Silver; Tandle Hill, Oldham (Y Mynett)

## **7th May**

Middle-barred Minor; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Foxglove Pug; Calderbrook (Y Mynett, S Pinnington)

## **6th May**

Large Yellow Underwing; Heysham (J Holding)

*Adela rufimitrella* (7), *Glyphipterix simplicella*, *Elachista argentella*; Adlington (P Pugh)

Alder Moth, Pale Tussock (3), Flame, Peach Blossom, Broken-barred Carpet, Small Angle Shades, Scalloped Hazel, Seraphim; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Glaucous Shears; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Fox Moth, Brimstone, Green Carpet, White-pinion Spotted, Treble Lines, Small Purple-barred, Ochreous Pug, Scalloped Hook-tip, Grey Dagger (agg), Pale Tussock, Figure Of Eighty, Peach Blossom; Ainsdale (J Clews, C Daly, R Moyes)

Dwarf Pug, Eyed Hawk, Scorched Wing; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Marbled Coronet; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Bright-line Brown-eye, Lime Hawk Moth, Green Silver-lines; Preston (A Powell)

### **5th May**

*Phyllonorycter geniculella*; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Common Swift, Oak Hook-tip; Preston (C & S Palmer)

Silver-Y, Broken-barred Carpet, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Lime-speck Pug, Scorched Wing; Swinton (G Riley)

*Coleophora albicosta*; Denham Quarry (G Dixon)

Elephant Hawk-moth; Euxton (R Hoult)

Lime Hawk Moth; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **4th May**

*Acrolepia autumnitella*, *Pammene rhediella*, *Adela rufimitrella*; Broughton area (C & S Palmer)

Poplar Grey; Formby (T Davenport)

Mottled Pug, White-spotted Pug, May Highflyer, Peppered Moth, Poplar Hawk; (C & S Palmer)

Silver Y, Common Marbled Carpet, Grey Pine Carpet, Garden Carpet, Rustic Shoulder-knot; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Pale Pinion; Formby (R Walker)

Tawny Shears, Dog's Tooth, Belted Beauty (to light) Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Common Lutestring, Common Carpet, Purple Bar, Broken-barred Carpet, Clouded Border, Scorched Carpet, Pale-shouldered Brocade, Dark Brocade; Middlewood (G Jones)

### **3rd May**

Puss Moth; Radcliffe; A Simpson

*Esperia sulphurella*; Adlington (P Pugh)

Speckled Yellow (8); Warton Crag (C Peacock)

Clouded Border, Clouded Silver; Flixton (K McCabe)

Knot Grass, Broom Moth, Flame Shoulder, Glaucous Shears, Rustic Shoulder-knot, Brown Silver Line; Calderbrook (S Pinnington, Y Mynett)

### **2nd May**

Lime Hawk Moth; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Chamomile Shark; Formby (T Davenport)

### **1st May**

Ruby Tiger flying in garden in bright sunshine; Preston (C & S Palmer)

*Capua vulgana*; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Eyed Hawk Moth; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Glaucous Shears (2); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Figure of 80, Heart and Dart; Preston (A Powell)

Coxcomb Prominent, Currant Pug; Hornby (J Newton)

*Elachista apicipunctella*; Billinge Hill (C Darbyshire)

### **30th April**

*Grapholita compositella*; Preston (A Bunting)

Broken-barred Carpet, Green Silver-lines, Grey Birch, Pale-shouldered Brocade, Poplar Hawk-moth, Scalloped Hazel, White Ermine; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

### **29th April**

Elephant Hawk Moth; Preston (A Powell)

Coxcomb Prominent; Middlewood (G Jones)

*Anania funebris* (3), *Hysterophora maculosana* (2), *Eucosma aspidiscana*; Warton Crag (J Girdley)

Mother Shipton; Potts Corner (J Girdley)

Rustic Shoulder-knot; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Cabbage Moth; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Dark Spectacle; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Waved Umber, Barred Umber, Nut-tree Tussock, Pale Prominent; Silverdale Moss (J Girdley)

Clouded-bordered Brindle, Cabbage Moth, Heart and Dart, Grey Dagger (agg), Cinnabar; Swinton (G Riley)

### **28th April**

Garden Carpet; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

*Mother Shipton; Warton Crag (B Hancock)*

*Agonopterix ocellana*; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

### **27th April**

Mother Shipton, Speckled Yellow (2); Yealand Hall Allotment (B Hancock)

Mother Shipton; Ainsdale (J Clews)

*Grapholita internana*; Clougha (C & S Palmer)

Currant Pug, Ochreous Pug, Peppered Moth; Swinton (G Riley)

Common Wave, Flame Shoulder; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **26th April**

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Ruddy Highflyer; Mere Sands Wood; R Boydell

Peppered Moth; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Pebble Prominent; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Scalloped Hazel; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Muslin Moth; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **25th April**

Bright-line Brown-eye; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **24th April**

Knot-grass and Poplar Grey; Formby (T Davenport)

Ruddy Highflyer; Heysham (P Marsh)

### **24th April**

Poplar Hawk Moth, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Common carpet; Widnes (P Hillyer)

*Coleophora otidipennella*, *Pyrausta ostrinalis*, *Incurvaria masculella*, Silver Y; Myers Allotment (C & S Palmer)

### **23rd April**

Broken-barred Carpet, Poplar Hawk-moth, Angle Shades, Common White Wave; Rindle Wood (I Walker, G Riley)

Pebble Hook-tip; Leighton Moss (C & S Palmer)

Green Silver-lines; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

### **22nd April**

Spectacle, White-pinion Spotted, Lime Hawk Moth; Swinton (G Riley)

Pebble Prominent, Pine Beauty, Spruce Carpet, Shuttle-shaped Dart; Preston (C Palmer)

Iron Prominent, Clouded Silver, White Ermine, Ruby Tiger, Lunar Marbled Brown, Small Phoenix, White-pinion Spotted; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Brindled Pug (27), Oak-tree Pug (12), Common Pug; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

White-pinion Spotted; German Lane (E Langrish)

Grey Shoulder-knot, Lunar Marbled Brown (6); Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Lunar Marbled Brown (4), Iron Prominent, White Ermine, Small Phoenix (2); Valley Farm (E Langrish)

Bee Moth, Lime Hawk, Pale Prominent, Currant Pug, *Syndemis musculana*; Flixton (K McCabe)

Glaucous Shears; Bay, Horse, Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Lime Hawk Moth, *Caloptilia syringella*; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

Oak-tree Pug (10), Knot-grass, Shears, Barred Tooth-striped, Great Prominent; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Brindled Pug (82), Waved Umber; Silverdale Golf Course (B Hancock)

### **21st April**

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Grey Birch, *Ancylis uncella*, Narrow-winged Pug, Golden-rod Pug; Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

Spruce Carpet, Bright-line Brown-Eye, Knot-grass, Sallow Kitten; Swinton (G Riley)

Pale Prominent, Spectacle, Grey Birch, Common Pug; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Common Wave; Worsley (I Walker)

Early Thorn; German Lane (E Langrish)

Beautiful Yellow Underwing, *Glyphipterix haworthana*, Brown Silver-lines; Astley Moss (K McCabe)

### **20th April**

Dwarf Pug; Formby (A & S Parsons)

Small Angle Shades, Chamomile Shark; Swinton (G Riley)

Pale prominent, Yellow-barred Brindle, Waved Umber, Oak-tree Pug; Myers Allotment (B Hancock, M Elsworth, M Wain)

Scalloped Hazel, Muslin Moth; Worsley (I Walker)

### **19th April**

Grass Eggar larvae; Ainsdale NNR (D Mercer)

Flame Carpet, Lunar Marbled Brown; Radford (A Simpson)

Miller; Swinton (G Riley)

*Semioscopis steinkellneriana*, Mill Houses (P Marsh)

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Iron Prominent; Rindle Wood (I Walker, G Riley)

Blossom Underwing - first in VC59 for about fifty years; Parr, St Helens (R Banks)

Oak Nycteoline, White-pinion Spotted; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Belted Beauty - over the last couple of days high tides have taken their toll of males (c20) which were found dead covered in a fine muddy silt.

### **18th April**

Small Phoenix; Penwortham (R Hall)

Spectacle; Widnes (P Hillyer)

Pale Pinion; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Grey Birch; Wilpshire (T & J Davie)

White-pinion Spotted, Waved Umber; Leighton Moss (J Beattie, B Hancock et al)

Brindled Beauty, Oak-tree Pug (6), Common Pug, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Flame Carpet; Preston (S Palmer)

Purple Thorn, Barred Tooth-striped (3); Myers Allotment (S Palmer, B Hancock)

Dark Sword-grass, White Ermine, Pale Tussock, *Schreckensteinia festaliella*; Rindle Wood (I Walker, G Riley)

*Depressaria heraclej*; Fazakerly (L Ward)

Nutmeg, Lime Hawk Moth, Spruce Carpet, Muslin Moth, Shuttle-shaped Dart; Southport (R Moyes)

V-Pug (3), Water Carpet (10), Small Phoenix (4), Knot Grass (3), Flame Shoulder, Pine Beauty (21), Flame Carpet, Scalloped Hook-tip (2), Dark Sword-grass, Common Wave, Pebble Prominent, Chinese Character, Common Carpet (3), Yellow-barred Brindle, Cinnabar, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Oak-tree Pug (5), Seraphim (2), *Agonopterix scopariella*; Ainsdale (R Moyes, C Daly, J Clews)

Flame Carpet, Iron Prominent, Pebble Hook-tip, Herald; Hough Green (P Hillyer)

Purple Thorn, Herald (2), Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Oak-tree Pug, Currant Pug, Flame Carpet, White-pinion Spotted; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **17th April**

Spectacle; Preston (A Powell)

Dark Sword-grass; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Water Carpet, Small White Wave, Scorched Carpet, Barred Umber, Purple Thorn, Scarce Prominent, Red Sword-grass, Nut-tree Tussock; Gait Barrows (G Jones)

Common Heath (20+), *Neofaculta erictella*; Clougha (S & C Palmer, B Hancock et al)

### **16th April**

Iron Prominent; Sandbrook Park, Rochdale (S Allen)

Shuttle-shaped Dart; Heysham (J Holding)

Chamomile Shark; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Pebble Hook-tip; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Pale Pinion; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

### **15th April**

Water Carpet, Lunar Marbled Brown, Pebble Hook-tip, V-Pug, Streamer, Least Black Arches, Pine Beauty; Ainsdale (G Jones)

*Grapholita jungiella* (5); St Annes (B Dyson)

White-pinion-spotted; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Waved Umber; Leighton Moss (I Mower, T Hutchison)

Tissue; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Garden Tiger larvae (12); Southport (E Langrish, A Barker)

Grey Birch; German Lane (E Langrish)

### **14th April**

Garden Tiger larva; Southport (E Langrish)

*Semioscopis steinkellneriana*, Water Carpet, Striped Twin-spot Carpet, Brown Silver-line, Purple Thorn, Scalloped Hazel, Least Black Arches, Red Chestnut, Dark Chestnut; Warton Crag (G Jones, R Neville, S Ryder)

Pine Beauty, Streamer, Brindled Pug; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Small Magpie, Golden-rod Pug; Heysham (P Marsh)

Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Least Black Arches; Formby (T Davenport)

Brown Silver-line, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Emperor Moth, Flame Carpet, Golden-rod Pug (2), Grey Birch (2), Least Black Arches, Lunar Marbled Brown (3), Oak-tree Pug, Pebble Prominent, Purple Thorn (3); Rindle Wood (I Walker, G Riley)

### **13th April**

Yellow-barred Brindle (2), Muslin Moth; Preston (S Palmer)  
Tawny Pinion; Knotty Ash; C Daly

### **12th April**

Powdered Quaker; Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

### **11th April**

Early Grey; Fazakerley (L Ward)

### **10th April**

Chamomile Shark; St Annes (P Davies)

Northern Drab, Pebble Prominent; Ravenmeols (G Jones)

V-pug, Streamer, Bright-line Brown-eye; Walmer Bridge (G Jones)

*Agonopterix umbellana*; Heysham (P Marsh)

Barred Tooth-striped (8), Least Black Arches; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

**Belted Beauty:** The main count for 2011 was carried out by sixteen people and produced a total of 232 males and 334 females. Included within these figures were at least fourteen mating pairs. Ovipositing (egg-laying) was noted but perhaps of most interest was the number found well away from the rushy clumps, in open short turfed areas. Karen Lawson had observed many caterpillars wandering in these open areas last summer, perhaps as a result of the large numbers of adults found that April (over three times as many as this).

### 9th April

Eriocrannia unimaculella; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Least Black Arches; Walmer Bridge (G Jones)

Common Marbled Carpet, Emperor Moth, Golden-rod Pug, Grey Birch (2), Lunar Marbled Brown (8), Pale Prominent, Purple Thorn (4), Scalloped Hook-tip, V-Pug; Rindle Wood (I Walker, G Riley)

Barred Tooth-striped - three at west end of Eaves Wood and two in a nearby Silverdale garden together with *Semioscopis steinkellneriana* and *Acleris hyemana* (E Langrish)

Yellow-barred Brindle; Blackpool (P Barnes)

Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet; Preston (A Powell)

Barred Tooth-striped; Leighton Moss (B Hancock)

Rush Veneer; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

*Diurnea fagella*, Double-striped Pug, Herald; Burscough (C Horsfall)

*Bedellia somnulentella*; Parr (R Banks)

### 8th April

Herald, Double-striped Pug; Widnes (P Hillyer)

Dark Sword-grass (3), Pale Pinion; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Dark Sword-grass; Preston (C Palmer)

Barred Tooth-striped (2); Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Golden-rod Pug; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Muslin Moth, *Grapholita jungiella*; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 7th April

Grey Shoulder-knot, Water Carpet (11), Pine Beauty (3), Yellow Barred Brindle; Ainsdale (J Clews, C Daly, R Moyes)

Belted Beauty (13); Potts Corner (G Jones)

Light Brown Apple Moth; Preston (A Powell)

## 6th April

Oak Nycteoline; Torrisholme (A Draper)

Silver Y, Herald; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Emperor Moth; Littleborough (Y Mynett, S Pinnington)

*Schreckensteinia festaliella*; Flixton (K McCabe)

Barred Tooth-striped; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Lunar Marbled Brown (9), Oak Nycteoline, Barred Tooth-striped, Square Spot, Lunar Marbled Brown, Water Carpet (5), *Semioscopis avellanella*; Eaves Wood (B Hancock, S Palmer)

Diamond-back Moth; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Brindled Beauty; St Helens (C Davies) - **sixth county record**

## 2nd April

Powdered Quaker, Pale Pinion, Brindled Pug; Leighton Moss (C & S Palmer)

Powdered Quaker; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

## 1st April

Dark Sword-grass (2, + 1 on 2/4), Powdered Quaker, Twin-spotted Quaker; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Streamer, Early Thorn (3), Brindled Pug; Preston (C Palmer)

Yellow-barred Brindle (early record); Ellenbrook (P Mansfield)

Dark Sword-grass (plus 2 on 2/4); Heysham (J Holding)

Bright-line Brown-eye; Warton (M Elsworth)

Red Chestnut, Early Tooth-striped, Mottled Grey, *Diurnea fagella*; Brownstones Quarry (E Langrish, A Barker)

Blossom Underwing; Leighton Moss (I Mower, T Hutchinson)