

April 2010

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30th April

Great Prominent; Leighton Moss (T Hutchinson)

29th April

White Pinion-spotted; Leighton Moss (J Swift, J Beattie)

Yellow-barred Brindle; Bispham (B Brigden)

Epinotia subsequana (3); Longridge Fell (D Lambert, gen det S Palmer) - new to Lancashire

28th April

Flame Shoulder; Liverpool (J Clews)

Oak-tree Pug; Silverdale (B Hancock)

Golden-rod Pug; bred ex Ragwort; Tewitfield (B Hancock)

Emperor Moth; Caddishead Moss (K McCabe)

Glyphipterix haworthana bred ex spun seed head of Cotton-grass found on Astley Moss on 21.4 (K McCabe)

Diamond-back Moth; Orrel (P Alker)

Autumn Green Carpet; Feniscowles (W Aspin)

Currant Pug; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Golden-rod Pug; Morecambe (J Girdley) approximate date

Least Black Arches (a surprisingly scarce moth in south east VC59), Ruby Tiger; Flixton (K McCabe)

Bee Moth (*Aphomia sociella*), Oak-tree Pug; Worsley (I Walker)

27th April

Emperor moth; Scalloped Hook-tip, Mottled Grey; Freshfield Dune Heath (G Jones, D Miller) - photo of Emperor by D Miller for front page

Waved Umber; Leck Fell (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Chinese Character, Small Phoenix, Brimstone Moth, Least Black Arches, Scorched Carpet; Yealand Hall Allotments (M Tordoff, B Hancock)

Barred Umber, Pale Tussock; Gait Barrows (S Palmer)

Common Carpet; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

26th April

Brown Silver-lines; Worsley (I Walker)

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Bright-line Brown-eye; Meresands Wood (I Kippax, R Boydell)

25th April

Water Carpet, Purple Thorn; Brockholes (W Aspin)

Common Wave; Astley Moss (K McCabe, G Riley)

Purple Bar, Scarce Prominent, Square Spot, Nut-tree Tussock, *Semioscopis steinkellneriana*, *Diurnea fagella* (many); Silverdale Moss (J Girdley)

24th April

Emperor Moth (many); Adam Hill, Horwich (R Burkmar)

Grey Birch, Purple Thorn; Dolphinholme (A Powell)

[Alan had the idea of taking his trap to a friend's house and came up with plenty of new moths he had not seen before.]

Eriocrania subpurpurella; abundant in the Billinge area this year (C Darbyshire)

Grapholita jungiella; Astley Moss (G Riley)

V-pug; Bamber Bridge (S Priestley)

White Ermine; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

May Highflyer, Flame Carpet; Preston (S Palmer)

Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Glaucous Shears, Emperor Moth (2), Purple Thorn; Beacon Fell (E Langrish, A Barker)

Buff Ermine, Scalloped Hook-tip, Spectacle, Cabbage Moth, Muslin Moth, *Eriocrannia subpurpurella* (abundant); Flixton (K McCabe et al)

Lime Hawk-moth, Pine Beauty; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Pebble Prominent; Bispham (B Brigden)

Caloptilia rufipennella; Heysham (J Holding)

Early Tooth-striped; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

23rd April

Chocolate-tip (new to Lancashire), Iron Prominent, Grey Birch; Rindle Wood, Astley Moss (G Riley)

Pale Tussock bred from pupa in cocoon found earlier this year; Haresfinch, St Helens (C Darbyshire)

Drinker Moth larva; Potts Corner (K Lawson)

Belted Beauty; egg laying at Potts Corner (K Lawson)

21st April

Oak-tree Pug bred from larva on Hawthorn in Chorlton (B Smart)

19th April

Chamomile Shark; Heysham (P Marsh)

18th April

Garden Carpet; Flixton (K McCabe)

Belted Beauty - an astounding 1663 moths (with a ratio of approximately 2:1 males to females) were found by the 24 attendees to this morning event at Potts Corner. Quite a few males were seen in flight which is unusual, a couple of females were seen laying eggs, many mating pairs (c60) were observed and large congregations of males around single females were a common sight. Many of the males were freshly emerged still pumping up their wings. Not surprisingly predation levels were high, with males being found in spiders web's and also piles of their wings lying on the ground where the resident bird population had its own version of the "moth breakfast". One Meadow Pipit was seen discarding the wings of a moth as it flew past. Thanks to Peter and Veronica Gilchrist for covering the southern end of the site and walking up to pass on their results. Thanks also to Brian Hancock, Graham Jones and Martin Tordoff for coordinating their group counts and to all those attending making the count such a brilliant success. Last year's total on the 19th April was just short of 450 and we thought that was big!

17th April

Orange Underwing recorded from five (unspecified) north Lancs tetrads (P Marsh)

16th April

Powdered Quaker (31), Red Chestnut (2), Early Thorn; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

15th April

Schreckensteinia festaliella; Wigan (P Alker - det C Darbyshire)

13th April

Streamer; Preston (S Palmer)

Belted Beauty 93(m), 61(f); Potts Corner (C & S Palmer)

12th April

Barred Tooth-striped (2), Tissue; Warton Crag (G Jones, B Hancock, R Neville)

10th April

Orange Underwing; Trowbarrow Quarry (J and M Elsworth)

Red Chestnut (6); Brinscall (E Langrish)

Satellite, Herald; Feniscowles (W Aspin)

Twenty Plume Moth; Lostock Hall, Preston (R Hall)

Grey Shoulder-knot, Mottled Grey, Early Tooth-striped; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Oak Nycteoline (2); Fulwood (A Powell)

Streamer (6), Water Carpet (5), Brindled Pug (2), Double-striped Pug (2), Blossom Underwing, *Caloptilia stigmatella*, *Acleris hyemana*; Silverdale (B Hancock)

Barred Tooth-striped; Silverdale (1) and Yealand Hall Allotments (2), (R Griffiths, B Hancock)

Semioscopis avellanella (3), Lunar Marbled Brown, Water Carpet, Grey Shoulder-knot (2), Barred Tooth-striped (2); Gait Barrows (S Palmer)

9th April

Powdered Quaker; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

8th April

Pine Beauty; Hale (C Cockbain)

Eudonia angustea; Hale (C Cockbain)

Rush Veneer; Fulwood (A Powell)

7th April

Barred Tooth-striped, Twin-spotted Quaker (26), Mottled Grey (3), Early Tooth-striped (9), Red Sword Grass (2), Grey shoulder-knot; Gait Barrows (C Barnes)

Streamer; Leighton Moss (Dagmar)

6th April

Agonopterix ocellana, Shoulder Stripe, Tawny Pinion; Pennington (D Wilson)

5th April

Acrolepia autumnitella; Lancaster (C Barnes)

4th April

Eriocrania chrysolepidella bred from larva found May 2009; Warton Crag (B Smart)

3rd April

Lead-coloured Drab; Adlington (P Pugh)

Paul Pugh send the following comment with the above photograph: "*This shot highlights the respective resting positions between Clouded Drab (on the left) and Lead-coloured Drab (on the right). Also, if you look closely, observe how much more feathered the antennae is in Lead-coloured Drab. Clouded Drab has a more pointed and longer winged look. An interesting feature which is something I had not seen until I saved the image for sending... look at the feet... banded on Clouded Drab and plain on Lead-coloured Drab*".

[Paul has examined some set specimens and this feature holds true on all those checked.]

Shoulder Stripe; Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

2nd April

Red Sword-grass; Leighton Moss (T Hutchinson)

Pale Pinion;