

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

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30th September

Dark Chestnut, Rush Veneer, Gold Spot, Large Wainscot (11); Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

28th September

Pale mottled Willow; Boothstown (I Walker)

Lunar Underwing; Flixton (K McCabe)

Yellow-line Quaker; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)

Autumn-green Carpet, Satellite, November Moth agg.; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Red Underwing; Morecambe (J Girdley)

27th September

Red-line Quaker, Square-spot Rustic, Feathered Thorn; Whittle-le-Woods (J Nelson)

Pale Mottled Willow; Hale (C Cockbain)

Blastobasis adustella - a late one, Golden-rod Pug, Yellow-lined Quaker; Preston (A Powell)

Feathered Ranunculus; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Cameraria ohridella (mines on Horse Chestnut); Bickerstaffe and Billinge (C Darbyshire) - spreading rapidly

Roeslerstammia erxlebelli (mines on limes); Bickerstaffe (C Darbyshire) - becoming more widespread

Merveille du Jour, Figure of Eight; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Acleris variegana (garden rose tortrix), two *Epirrita* species; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)

26th September

An *Epirrita* species (november moth aggregate - not currently possible to identify to species without dissection); White Coppice (E Langrish)

Merveille du Jour, Dusky Thorn, Brimstone Moth, Black Rustic; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Brimstone Moth; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Merveille du Jour, Dusky Thorn (2); Dalton VC59 (R Charles)

25th September

Golden-rod Pug; Hale (C Cockbain)

Calybites phasianipennella larval feeding on Sheep's Sorrel; Clock Face Colliery Country Park (K McCabe, S Palmer)

24th September

Juniper Carpet; Morecambe

Orange Sallow (14), Barred Sallow, Red-green Carpet (3), Satellite; Bretherton (A Barker, E Langrish)

23rd September

Lunar Underwing, Turnip, Pink-barred Sallow (new to this site); Hale (C Cockbain)

Green Carpet, July Highflyer, Pinion-streaked Snout (2), Large Wainscot (2); Leighton Moss (S Palmer et al)

Ten Bedstraw Hawk-moth larvae on Fuchsia; Bispham (A Eaves)

22nd September

Hedya salicella; Leigh (D Wilson)

Feathered Ranunculus (3); Silverdale (T Riden)

21st September

Treble Bar, Pine Carpet; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Common Marbled Carpet (25); Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Red-green Carpet, Black Rustic; Silverdale (T Riden)

Barred Sallow, Lime-speck Pug, Brown-spot Pinion; Hale (C Cockbain)

Brick, Spruce Carpet, Brimstone, Merveille du Jour, Gold Spot (2), Red Underwing; Preston (S Palmer)

Golden-rod Pug; Preston (A Powell) - Alan also got buzzed by a very large Hawk-moth which didn't hang around.

Gem, Dusky Thorn; Sunderland (J Girdley)

Large Ear, Yellow Line Quaker, Red Line Quaker, Merveille du Jour, Green-brindled Crescent, Feathered Thorn, Haworth's Minor, Autumnal Rustic; Roeburndale (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Pandemis cinnamomeana; Heysham (J Holding) - a late record in atypical habitat, although there have been a couple of September records in the last seven years or so.

Vapourer; Coppull (E Langrish)

20th September

Burnished Brass; Leigh (D Wilson)

Celypha striana; Silverdale (T Riden)

Merveille du Jour; Whittle-le-woods (J Nelson)

Green-brindled Crescent; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Single-dotted Wave; Flixton (K McCabe) - a late one

Feathered Ranunculus, *Acleris rhombana*; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Merveille du Jour; Euxton (R Hoult)

19th September

Rush Veneer; Gregson Lane (G Dixon) - although usually quite regular, this has been an uncommon migrant so far this year

Merveille du Jour; White Coppice (E Langrish)

Small Autumnal Moth; Beacon Fell (A Barker, E Langrish)

Dusky Thorn (7) Mottled Umber, Chestnut; German Lane (E Langrish)

Pink-barred Sallow (17), Red-lined Quaker; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Agonopterix propinquella, *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Feathered Thorn, Red-green Carpet; Worsley (I Walker)

Large Wainscot, Oblique Carpet, Brimstone; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

18th September

Silver Y (342 nectaring on Clover) Fleetwood; B Dyson

Convolvulus Hawk-moth; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Engrailed, Red-line Quaker; Flixton (K McCabe)

17th September

Mottled Umber; German Lane (E Langrish)

16th September

Treble Bar, Feathered Ranunculus; Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones)

Large Wainscot; Leighton Moss (K Briggs, S Palmer)

Brindled Green (2); near Leigh (D Wilson)

Blood-vein, Pinion-streaked Snout; Flixton (K McCabe)

15th September

Depressaria badiella (3), Orange Sallow, Anomalous, Juniper Pug (12), Pine Carpet (4); Gait Barrows (S Palmer, R Petley-Jones)

Burnished Brass; Flixton (K McCabe)

White Ermine (a rare second brood individual); Bay Horse (N Rogers)

Blair's Shoulder-knot, Common Wainscot Croston (E Langrish)

14th September

Blair's Shoulder-knot; Leigh (D Wilson)

Two new leaf-miners for Flixton, *Cameraria ohridella* on horse chestnut and *Phyllonorycter tristrigella* on elm (K McCabe)

13th September

Red-green Carpet, July Highflyer, Pine Carpet, Grey Pine Carpet (5) Lord's Lot Wood (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Mouse Moth, Dusky Thorn, Brimstone (2); Hale (C Cockbain)

Pink-barred Sallow; Fulwood (A Powell)

12th September

Orange Sallow (new to site), Dark Sword-grass; High Tatham (P Marsh)

Golden-rod Pug; Warton (M Elsworth)

Blair's Shoulder-knot; Boothstown (I Walker)

Pink-barred Sallow; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Pink-barred Sallow; Rainford (A Cheney)

Silver Y (14), Lunar Underwing; Euxton (E Langrish)

11th September

Phyllonorycter geniculella; Blackrod (P Pugh)

Peach Blossom (latest ever county record by about a week), Green Carpet; Worsley (I Walker)

Vestal; Heysham (J Girdley)

Common Wainscot, Lunar Underwing, Pale Mottled Willow; Hale (C Cockbain)

Black Rustic, Frosted Orange; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Red Underwing, *Acleris rhombana* (2); Preston (S Palmer)

Frosted Orange, Setaceous Hebrew Character (55), Black Rustic, Brindled Green, Green-brindled Crescent, Pink-barred Sallow; Beaded Chestnut, Small Dusty Wave; Croston (E Langrish)

10th September

Pink-barred Sallow, Green-brindled Crescent; Leigh (D Wilson)

Rosy Rustic, Setaceous Hebrew Character (41), Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (7), Angle Shades (16), Lunar Underwing; Rainford (A Cheney)

Deep Brown Dart; Feniscowles (W C Aspin)

9th September

Pale Pinion; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Large Wainscot; Leighton Moss (K Briggs, S Palmer)

8th September

Flounced Chestnut (2), Large Ear (15), Small Wainscot (7), Autumnal Rustic (3), Haworth's Minor (2), Small Autumnal Moth (2), Antler; Lythe Fell (P Marsh)

Orange Sallow, Black Rustic, Frosted Orange, Mouse moth; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Black Rustic, Silver Y (11), Setaceous Hebrew Character (26); Vapourer; Preston (S Palmer)

7th September

Setaceous Hebrew Character; Mallowdale (P Marsh) - rare up this high

6th September

Blue-bordered Carpet; Worsley (I Walker)

Poplar Hawk-moth, Pink-barred Sallow (2), Brindled Green (3), Frosted Orange, Green Brindled Crescent; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Black Rustic, Turnip Moth; Hale (C Cockbain)

3rd September

Clouded Magpie and Green silver-lines larvae; Dalton VC60 (S Palmer) Late entry:

In the last few days of August, two Vine's Rustic were found in the county. The first was in Preston by Dave Rumley on the 28th and the other, in an area where this species was also seen in 2007, came to light in Formby (Mary Dean and Rod Hill). These are the fifth and sixth county records. Thanks to Chris Darbyshire and Paul Pugh for sorting the out the identification of the Formby moth

31st August

Lime-speck Pug; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

30th August

Peach Blossom, Red-green Carpet; Leigh (D Wilson)

August Thorn; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

Ypsolopha sylvella; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Heath Rustic; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Old Lady to sugar; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Blood-vein, August Thorn; Preston (S Palmer) - **both new to garden**

Bordered Beauty; Centre-barred Sallow; Carleton (A Storey) - **new to garden**

Lime-speck Pug; Haweswater (A&P Palmer)

Lesser Swallow Prominent; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Pine Carpet; Heysham NR (R Neville et al) - **new to site**

29th August

Caloptilia robustella; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Straw Dot (152), Bordered Pug, Pinion-streaked Snout; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)

Gold Spot, Green Carpet (2); Worsley and Old Lady (2) at Boothstown (I Walker)

Centre-barred Sallow, Gem, *Ypsolopha sequella*; Silverdale (T Riden)

Caloptilia robustella, *Roeslerstammia erxebella*; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Coxcomb Prominent, Brown-spot Pinion, Old Lady, Black Rustic; Hale area (C Cockbain)

Heath Rustic (4), Haworth's Minor (3), Small Autumnal Moth (4); Brinscall - upper site (S Palmer, N Rogers)

Blue-bordered Carpet (2), Small Wainscot (16), Green Carpet, Purple Bar (2); Brinscall - lower site (A Barker, E Langrish)

Blood-vein (2), Pinion-streaked Snout (2), Crescent (2); Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Blood-vein; Carleton (A Storey) - **a new site and very few records of this moth in VC60**

Gold Spot (2), Pebble Hook-tip; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

Gem; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Pale Eggar, Heath Rustic; Leck Fell (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Rush Veneer; Heysham (J Holding)

Spruce Carpet; Heysham NR (R Neville et al) - **believed new to site**

Pyrausta aurata; Penketh (J Clarke)

"I was back on the Green Beach again last night with Richard Burkmar. We wanted to see how strongly Sandhill Rustic was attracted to light . We set a Skinner trap at the north end of the beach and 28 come to light in total. We had a female within seconds of switching the trap on at 21.20 and out of the 8 Sandhill's we had trapped by 23.45 all but two were female. Interestingly, the males didn't really start to show until 00:45, but were very regular after this time and were still coming in when we packed up at 03:00." Other highlights included Dingy Footman, Oblique Carpet, Magpie Moth and Howarth's Minor (G Jones)

28th August

Chevron, Red Underwing; Bispham (B Brigden)

Gold Spot (23), Straw Dot (65) Leigh and nearby 109 at Moss House Farm (D Wilson) - a dramatic increase from last year

Merveille du Jour bred from larva (E Langrish)

Gold Spot, Red Underwing; Fulwood (A Powell) - **new to garden**

Bulrush Wainscot, Old Lady; Flixton (K McCabe)

27th August

Barred Chestnut, *Pyrausta aurata* miles away from obvious food-plant, Dark

Marbled Carpet; Roeburndale (J Girdley, P Marsh). Out of c80 Marbled Carpet spp. examined this autumn, none have been ambiguous and all Dark Marbled have been very contrasty individuals with the well-marked white area near the forewing leading edge. Some Common, however, can be virtually identical and the underside hindwing feature has to be used.

Grey Chi (3); Garden Carpet (22), Silver Y (10); Lancaster (C Barnes)

Autumnal Rustic (21), a late Northern Spinach and an adventurous Setaceous Hebrew Character, well out of its normal lowland range; Botton Mill (P Marsh)

August Thorn; Billinge (C Darbyshire). This is still a real rarity in Lancashire but with a few records now in the last year or so it seems to be spreading.

Toadflax Pug; Heysham (J Girdley)

26th August

Copper Underwing - general report of 47 over 18 nights, Frosted Orange; Leigh (D Wilson)

Frosted Orange, Red Underwing; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, S Palmer)

September Thorn; Bay Horse (N Rogers)

25th August

Orange Swift; Hale (C Cockbain) - **new to garden**

24th August

Sandhill Rustic (63 - 31 female and 32 males); Birkdale (R Burkmar and G Jones) - this is the largest count in Lancs for many years and possibly ever. Also present were many Archer's Dart and fewer White-line Dart with Graham reporting - "I've noticed that the sap that runs from Cord Grass attracts many other species, especially Darts."

Red Underwing; King's Moss (C Darbyshire)

Calybites phasianipennella (3); Dalton VC59 (C Darbyshire)

Clay Triple-lines; Poulton (B Dyson)

23rd August

Waved Black; Carnforth (T Hutchinson)

Black Rustic; Boothstown (I Walker)

Agriphila latistria; Heysham (J Girdley)

Interim results received from Richard Burkmar, via Graham Jones, of superb progress in the recording of Sandhill Rustic at Green Beach, Birkdale. About 50 or so have been recorded over the month and egg laying has been observed.

Autumnal Rustic Barkin Bridge (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Waved Black (2); Carnforth Station area (T Hutchinson) - **new to VC60**

22nd August

Centre-barred Sallow (2); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Gem, Red Underwing; Morecambe (J Girdley)

21st August

Anomalous, *Eudonia truncicolella* (rare form with darkened central band), Tissue, Rusty-dot Pearl; Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones et al)

Dark Sword-grass, *Acleris variegana*; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Bordered Pug; Flixton (K McCabe)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth; Morecambe (J Wood per P Marsh)

20th August

Dark Sword-grass; Euxton (E Langrish)

Dark Sword Grass, Silver Y, Flounced Chestnut (6), Oak Lutestring (2), Neglected Rustic (3), Haworth's Minor (2), Buff Footman (2), Barred Chestnut; Baines Crag (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Red Underwing; Worsley (I Walker)

Yellow-barred Brindle; Boothstown (I Walker)

19th August

Oak Lutestring, Marsh Oblique-barred; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Dusky Brocade (2); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Neglected Rustic (2), Buff Footman (c35), Dark Sword Grass; Docker Moor (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Cosmopolitan; Heysham NR (A Draper et al) - **New to Lancashire**

Hedge Rustic, Magpie Moth; Orange Swift, Feathered Gothic; Dalton (S Palmer)

Tissue; Leighton Moss (K Briggs et al)

18th August

Silver Y (3), Dark Sword-grass (2), Gold Spot; Morecambe (J Girdley)

17th August

Eudemis profundana; Boothstown (I Walker) - photo for what's about

Brindled Green, Dark Sword-grass (2); Preston (S Palmer)

Devon Carpet (3); Lord's Lot Wood (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Sallow Kitten; Haweswater (A&P Palmer)

Bordered Pug, *Argyresthia semifusca*; Flixton (K McCabe)

16th August

Chinese Character; Preston (S Palmer)

Brown China-mark; Longridge Fell area (T Cooper)

15th August

Crescent, Chevron, Green Carpet; Haweswater (A&P Palmer)

Red Underwing (2), Dusky Thorn (2), Bulrush Wainscot, Flounced Rustic, *Eudemis profundana*, Blood-vein; Flixton (K McCabe)

Vapourer, Grey Chi; Warton (M Elsworth)

Canary-shouldered Thorn, Copper Underwing, Svensson's Copper Underwing; Rainford (A Cheney)

Purple Bar (3); White Coppice (E Langrish)

Barred Hook-tip, Buff footman; Wray (P Marsh)

Grey Chi, Dark Sword-grass; Lancaster (C Barnes)

Mouse Moth, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Lime-speck Pug; Hale (C Cockbain)

14th August

Orange Swift, Canary-shouldered Thorn; Leigh (D Wilson)

Old Lady, *Acrobasis consociella*; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Dark Sword-grass; Orrell (P Alker per C Darbyshire)

13th August

Cochylis dubitana; Billinge (C Darbyshire) - **new to garden**

Oblique Carpet; Leigh (D Wilson)

12th August

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Hale (C Cockbain)

Platyptilia ochrodactyla, Leopard Moth; Burnage (S Farrell)

Pale Eggar (3); Leck Fell (P Marsh)

11th August

Barred Chestnut; Littledale Hall (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Grey Chi; Moss Lane, Haweswater (A&P Palmer)

Udea ferrugalis (rusty-dot pearl); Bulrush Wainscot; Preston (S Palmer)

11th August (approx)

Dingy Footman; Pennington (D Wilson per C Darbyshire)

10th August

Suspected; Euxton (R Hoult)

Old Lady; Billinge (C Darbyshire) - new to garden after 25 years recording.

Dog's-tooth (2), Gold Spot (23); Hale (C Cockbain)

Six-striped Rustic; Rainford (A Cheney)

Eyed Hawk-moth larvae. Tom Morbey-Ganly has been rearing these from eggs and it looks like they are not too far off pupating. What an unusual colour they are - normally they are a greyish green colour. Tom and his family (with the help of John Girdley) have been monitoring the moths at Sunderland Point this summer and have turned up some really exciting species, including Saltern Ear. Their list of different species since April stands at 181.

Grass Emerald, Flounced Rustic, Barred Rivulet; Heysham (R Neville et al)

Gold Spangle; Wray (P Marsh)

8th August

Mirificarma mulinella, Wormwood Pug, Copper Underwing, Double Lobed; Flixton (K McCabe)

Orange Swift, Straw Underwing; Heysham (R Neville et al)

Large Emerald, Dark Marbled Carpet; Wray (P Marsh)

Bulrush Wainscot, Common Lutestring; Fishwick Bottoms (E Langrish et al)
Manchester Treble Bar - Terry Whitaker continued his search for this species in suitable habitat in north-east Lancashire and parts of west Yorkshire. Within VC60 Terry added another eight sub-colonies to the six he found on the 7th and an additional 24 Manchester Treble Bar moths were seen. [A fantastic effort Terry and very much appreciated by the Moth group.]

Barred Rivulet (3), Crescent (4), Sallow (7), Small Wainscot; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Pammene aurita; Hale (C Cockbain)

7th August

Manchester Treble Bar (8); Loftshaw Moss area (T Whitaker)

Pyrausta cingulata (128), Dingy Footman (2), Bleached Pug; Gait Barrows (C Barnes, R Petley-Jones)

6th August

Beautiful China Mark; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Oak Hook-tip; Rainford (A Cheney)

Dark Sword-grass (2); Morecambe (J Girdley)

Rusty-dot Pearl, White-line Dart; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, H&T Morbey-Ganly)

5th August

Dark Sword-grass, White Satin, *Dioryctria* sp. *; Worsthorne (G Gavaghan) -
* **see entry under 1st August**

Grey Chi, Nutmeg, Clouded Magpie; Dalton VC60 (S Palmer)

Garden Tiger, Fen Wainscot, Oblique Carpet; Leighton Moss (S Palmer, K Briggs)

Dusky Thorn; Parbold (J Kilgour)

4th August

Sallow; Orrell (P Alker per C Darbyshire)

Buff-tip; Dalton VC59 (R Charles)

Saltern Ear; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, H&T Morbey-Ganly)

Lime Hawk-moth larva; Lancaster (per J Newton)

3rd August

Old Lady; Billinge (F A Middlehurst per C Darbyshire)

Oak Hook-tip; Little Singleton (S Bedford)

2nd August

Marbled Beauty; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Batia unitella; Flixton (K McCabe) new to Kevin's garden

Buff Footman (120), Dark Umber; Dalton (P Marsh)

Bordered Beauty; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Aethes smeathmanniana; Dark Sword-grass; Hale (C Cockbain)

1st August

Yellow-tail; Warton (M Elsworth)

Rosy Minor; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Dioryctria abietella; Morecambe (J Girdley) - this strongly marked moth had some characters reminiscent of *D sylvestrella* but proved, on dissection, to be *D abietella*.

True Lover's Knot; Hale (C Cockbain)

Suspected; Orrell (P Alker per C Darbyshire)

Welsh Wave, *Eudonia truncicolella* (12), Dark Marbled Carpet (2); Turton Tower (S Palmer)

Pebble Prominent, Iron Prominent, Rosy Rustic, Least Yellow Underwing, Olive, Ruby Tiger; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)