

ARCHIVED WHAT'S ABOUT (January-April 2007)

(Please note records appear in reverse date order)

30th April

Poplar Hawk, Lime Hawk; Parbold (JK)

26th April

Plutella porrectella, *Grapholita jungiella*, *Elachista apicipunctella*, Streamer (3rd Flixton record), Garden Carpet, Common Pug, White-spotted Pug, Muslin Moth (9); Flixton (KMCC)

Endothenia marginana (emerged) bred from larva in Teasel head Prescott Reservoirs (ST)

Yellow-barred Brindley; Warton (ME)

25th April

Adela reaumurella; Birkbank (C Kaighin)

Emperor Moth; Millhouses (PM)

Pebble Hook-tip, Waved Umber, Chinese Character; North Lancs (PM)

Muslin Moth, Pale Tussock; Euxton (EL)

Small Phoenix, Powdered Quaker; Huyton (ST)

Grapholita janthinana (emerged) bred from larva on Hawthorn; Chorlton Water Park (BS)

24th April

May Highflyer (emerged) bred from larva on Alder; Chorlton Water Park (BS)

Peach Blossom, Common Carpet (4), V-Pug; (KMCC)

Chinese Character, Lime Hawk-moth; Orrell (PA)

23rd April

Pebble Hook-tip; Flixton (KMCC)

Barred Tooth-striped; Pointer Wood, Silverdale (RG)

22nd April

Esperia sulphurella, *Elachista canapennella*, Small Phoenix (3), Ruby Tiger, Currant Pug; Flixton (KMCC)

21st April

Argyresthia trifasciata; Boothstown (IW) - **earliest county record by over a week.**

White Pinion-spotted, Currant Pug; Flixton (KMCC)

Common Heath; Wilton Quarries (KMCC, S. Hind)

Brindled Beauty; Orrell (PA)

Lunar Marbled Brown, Water Carpet, Early Tooth-Striped, Pine Beauty; White Coppice (EL)

Seraphim, Least Black Arches, *Cochylis atricapitana*; Huyton (ST)

Pebble prominent, Early tooth-striped; German Lane, Euxton (EL)

Lime Hawk-moth; Preston (SPa)

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla, Muslin Moth; Hale (CC)

20th April

78 moths of 21 sp. including Lunar Marbled Brown (4), White-pinion Spotted, Powdered Quaker, Early Tooth-striped (2), Oak Nycteoline, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Purple Thorn, Oak-tree Pug and Diamond-back Moth; Dalton VC59 (CD)

Adela reaumurella over a hundred swarming around top of Birch tree and *Coleophora serratella* case; Prescott Reservoir (ST)

Elachista rufocinerea (300) Dalton observed flying at dusk (CD)

Emperor Moth, White Coppice (EL)

Great Prominent(2), Scorched Carpet(2), Barred Tooth-striped(3), Blossom Underwing, Barred Umber(2), Waved Umber(4), Grey Shoulder-knot, Purple Thorn(4) Gait Barrows (S&CAP)

19th April

Common Carpet, Preston (AP)

Plutella xylostella (diamond-back moth), *Elachista apicipunctella* (2), Flame Carpet, Oak Tree Pug; Flixton (KMCC)

Larval cases - *Coleophora lusciniaepennella* on willow, *Coleophora laricella* on larch; Ashton-under-Lyne (KMCC)

Metzneria lappella emerged from burdock seed heads collected in February along Bridgewater Canal nr Worsley (KMCC)

Lunar Marbled Brown; Parbold (JK)

Angle Shades (Worsley) and Muslin Moth (Boothstown) (IW)

17th April

Grey Birch, Meresands Wood (R Boydell)

Powdered Quaker, Boothstown (IW)

15th April

Barred Tooth-striped(19), Great Prominent, Scarce Prominent, Barred Umber; Gait Barrows (GJ)

Bee moth, Spruce Carpet, Powdered Quaker, Pine Beauty; Parbold (JK)

Esperia sulphurella; Up Holland (CD)

14th April

Emperor Moth; Trough of Bowland (P Morris)

Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Small Phoenix, Pale Prominent; Flixton (KMCC)

Agonopterix alstroemeriana Hale (C Cockbain)

Garden Carpet, Pine Beauty, Purple Thorn; Billinge (CD)

Oak-tree Pug; Worsley (IW)

Oak Tree Pug (5); Preston (SP)

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Yellow-barred Brindle; Warton (M Elsworth)

Broom Moth, Pine Beauty; Bay Horse, nr. Dolphinholme (N A J Rogers)

Least Black Arches, Flame Carpet, Lesser Swallow Prominent; Silverdale (T Riden)

Eriocrania subpurpurella (51), Flame Shoulder, Pine Beauty; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Lime Hawk Moth, Heysham (J Holding)

Barred Tooth-striped (4), Waved Umber, White Pinion-spotted, Lunar Marbled Brown (12); Silverdale Moss (P Marsh, G Jones)

Grey Shoulder Knot (**1st record for site**), Waved Umber; High Tatham (P Marsh)

Poplar Grey; Preston (SP) - **earliest county record by two weeks**

Oak Nycteoline, Purple Thorn, Water Carpet (few), Spruce Carpet, Currant Pug (**earliest county record by a couple of days**); White Coppice (EL)

Cochylis atricapitana; another early one from Heysham Nature Reserve (A Draper)

13th April

Pine Beauty; Rochdale (P Stevens)

Cochylis atricapitana Heysham (J Holding) - **earliest ever county record by two weeks.**

Lunar Marbled Brown, Wray (PM)

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Meal Bank, nr Wray (PM)

Red Sword Grass and Pine Beauty out of 190+ moths, Lower Green Bank Farm, Thrusgill (PM)

Barred Tooth-striped - I thought I was doing well with three singletons (at Silverdale) through the week, but my son Richard put the trap along the lane opposite the pond on The Row, last night and came up with six. It's a thicket of ash saplings, but I haven't seen any privet. (RG)

V Pug, Twenty Plume Moth (10) Billinge (CD)

Larvae beaten from Blackthorn blossom - presumably Sloe Pug; Chorlton (BS)

Narycia duplicella from pupal cases found on hawthorn tree trunk, Flixton (KMCC)

12th April

Shuttle-shaped Dart, Muslin Moth; Flixton (KMCC)

Elachista maculicerusella bred from reed canary grass at Flixton (KMCC)

Glyphipterix haworthana bred from cotton grass at Astley Moss (KMCC)

Garden Carpet; Wigan (P Alker)

Acleris hyemana, Bowland (PA)

Grey Birch, Glazebury (DW)

Ruby Tiger, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet; Leigh (DW)

An excellent catch at the upper Hindburndale site at Botton Mill last night showed just how a few hundred metres up a valley can alter the composition of the catch. The Hebrew Character were all pristine new emergents. Mottled Grey was very worn reflecting the considerable (up here) temporal difference between early-spring Mottled Grey and the very fresh mid-spring Early Tooth-striped also Purple Thorn. (PM)

EarlyTooth-striped (IW)

Acrocercops brongniardella (2nd adult record here), *Caloptilia rufipennella*; Billinge (CD)

Belted Beauty (22m : 20f); Potts Corner (B Snell)

Humming-bird Hawk Moth; Heysham NR (PM)

Emperor moth (male); near Botton Head upper Hindburndale (PM)

Flame Shoulder, Euxton (EL)

11th April

Muslin Moth; Leigh (D Wilson)

10th April

Barred Tooth-striped; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Flame Carpet; Warton (M Elsworth)

Pebble Prominent (2); Leigh (DW)

Waved Umber; Hale (CC)

Grey Shoulder Knot; Newton Hall in the Lune valley (PM)

9th April

Pine Beauty; Euxton (EL)

Shuttle-shaped Dart; Leigh (DW)

Early Thorn, Herald; Worsley (IW)

Early Tooth-striped, *Agonopterix scopariella*; Flixton (KMCC)

Agonopterix arenella, Preston (SP)

Brindled Pug, Shoulder stripe; White Coppice (EL)

Angle Shades at Sallow; Euxton (EL)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Clitheroe (M Wilcox)

8th April

Orange Underwing (2) nectaring on Sallow; Burnley (G Gavaghan)

Shoulder Stripe; Warton (ME)

7th April

Blossom Underwing Leighton Moss (T Hutchinson, K Briggs, K Kellet)

Agonopterix ocellana, Worsley (IW)

Belted Beauty (3m) Sunderland village end (G Mortimore)

Coleophora discordella (larval case on Bird's-foot Trefoil); Flixton (KMCC)

6th April

Oak Beauty Rochdale (PS)

Barred Tooth-striped Silverdale (R Griffiths). The first record this year in Lancs of this nationally rare moth. Please could all recorders in the north of the county keep a good look out for this species.

Pine Beauty, Warton (ME)

Orange Underwing in flight in sunshine; Kings Moss (C D) and another at Leigh (DW)

5th April

Powdered Quaker; Millhouses (PM)

Brindled Pug; Worsley (IW)

Small Quaker; Boothstown (IW)

4th April

Humming Bird Hawk-moth; Heysham North harbour wall Lou Cross (per P Marsh)

Visits over the last few days indicate we are in for a bumper year for the Belted Beauty. Counts made by Brian Hancock, Eddie Langrish and Steve Palmer on different parts of the Sunderland Point to Potts Corner site have produced significant numbers. It is a case of taking great care as the numbers are such that you will need to keep your eyes peeled to ensure you don't tread on any!

2nd April

Eriocrania subpurpurella (app.10) flying around oak tree and *Coleophora paripennella* (6) larval cases on knapweed; Flixton (KMCC)

Orange Underwing in Birch woodland; Worsley (IW)

Streamer; Silverdale (TR)

170 or so moths at Millhouses - Highlights: Pale Pinion, 32 Twin-spotted Quaker, 2 Early Tooth - striped, March Moth (PM)

1st April

Powdered Quaker; Flixton (KMCC)

Humming Bird Hawk, Silverdale (P Thompson per D Bunn)

Comment from Dave Wilson in Leigh - Here March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. Common Quaker numbers were fairly low until the second weekend when they rocketed to 119: on the 28th they reached zero, but on the same night Hebrew Characters were in double figures for the first time. The clear highlights were three Red Chestnuts at Glazebury on the 28th and a Tawny Pinion at home next night. Both places appear to have been declared micro-free zones.

31st March

Eriocrania unimaculella, *Argyresthia goedartella* (larva), *Coleophora serratella* (cases), *Amphisbatis incongruella*, Orange Underwing; Astley Moss (KMCC, B S)

Early Grey, Hebrew Character, Common Quaker; Lytham (A & D Wright)

Clouded Drab, Early Grey, Hebrew Character, Common Quaker; Euxton (R Houlst)

Early Grey, Hebrew Character, Common Quaker; Lancaster (C Barnes)

30th March

Clouded Drab, Common Quaker, Hebrew Character; Bay Horse (N A J Rogers)

Early Tooth-striped; Worsley (IW)

Pammene argyrana; Haydock (D & G Atherton)

29th March

Tawny Pinion; Leigh (D Wilson)

Common Pug; Kirkham (M Myerscough)

Double Striped Pug; Euxton (EL)

28th March

Red Chestnut (3); Glazebury (DW)

Hebrew Character on Sloe blossom near Chorley (E Langrish)

27th March

Orange Underwing; Bickershaw, Leigh (5) and Pennington Flash (8+) (DW)

Twenty Plume Moth, Billinge (CD)

Clouded Drab (8), Common Quaker (8), Small Quaker (5), Hebrew character (2), Early Thorn, Brindled Pug, Grey Shoulder-knot; Parbold (JK)

Small Quaker, Boothstown (IW)

25th March

Oak Beauty, Early Grey, Common Quaker, Clouded Drab; Warton (M Elsworth)

Coleophora juncicolella (case swept from Heather) and *Lampronia fuscata* (larval galls on Birch); Astley Moss (K McCabe)

Tawny Pinion; Flixton (KMCC)

Oak Beauty; Silverdale (TR)

Pale Pinion; (picture) Worsley (IW)

Oak Beauty, Dotted Border (still about), Engrailed, Tawny Pinion (less common than formerly); Flixton (KMCC)

24th March

Brindled Pug; Yealand Conyers (BH)

Ian Walker tried out his new Robinson 30w Actinic trap last night in his father's garden in Boothstown which produced Clouded Drab (2), Hebrew Character and Early Grey

Orange Underwing (4) (flying around Birch during day), Rainford (C Davies)

Amongst other species: Brindled Pug, Twin-spotted Quaker; German Lane , Euxton (EL)

March Moth, Small Quaker (4) White Coppice (EL)

Twin-spotted Quaker, *Diurnea fagella*, Pale Pinion Fulwood (AP)

Yellow Horned (9), Oak Beauty, Twin-spotted Quaker (8) Sidings Lane , St Helens (R Banks, C Davies, D Owen)

23rd March

Red Sword-grass, Chestnut; German Lane , Euxton (EL)

Angle Shades, Up Holland (CD)

21st March

Orange Underwing (14) flying around Birch during day; Bold Moss, St Helens (R Banks)

21st March

Common Quaker (4), Small Quaker (2), Clouded Drab, Satellite (2); near Chorley (EL)

Psychooides filicivora emerged, bred from leaf of Harts-tongue Fern, Flixton (KMCC)

17th March

Double-striped Pug; Fulwood (AP)

Engrailed, Brindled Pug; Chorley (EL)

Early Thorn, Red Chestnut; Flixton (KMCC)

16th March

Brindled Pug; Mill Leat, Euxton (EL)

Twin-spotted Quaker; White Coppice (EL)

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla; Carnforth (L Lyon)

14th March

Diurnea fagella, Small Brindled Beauty; Mill Houses, Wray (PM)

Yellow Horned, Flixton (KMCC)

13th March

Pale Brindled Beauty, Common Quaker, March Moth, Hebrew Character, Small Quaker, Clouded Drab Hale (CC)

Yellow Horned Dalton (VC59) (CD)

Depressaria daucella, Billinge (A Fairhurst)

11th March

Common Quaker (12), Hebrew Character (4), Small Quaker, Satellite, Clouded Drab (2); Dalton (VC59) (R Charles)

An amazing 190 moths of 16 species caught last night at Millhouses, Wray. Highlights: 3 Small Brindled Beauty (unexpected and a **new 1km record**), 97 Small Quaker, 17 Oak Beauty, 3 Brindled Pug (**first of the year**), 9 Yellow Horned, Shoulder Stripe (one of these at Heysham Nature Reserve as well) Small Brindled Beauty (3) (J Roberts and PM)

Early Grey, Twin-spot Quaker; Worsley (IWr)

Herald; Flixton (KMCC)

10th March

Engrailed, Pale Pinion, *Diurnea fagella*; Worsley (IW)

Agonopterix ocellana, *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*, *Emmelina monodactyla*, Small Quaker, Angle Shades; Flixton (KMCC)

Yellow Horned; White Coppice (EL)

Small Quaker, Early Grey; Preston (SP)

Small Quaker (38), Yellow Horned (2), Twin-spot Quaker, Red Chestnut, Oak Beauty (8), Early Grey (5), Red Sword Grass, Pale Pinion; Mill Houses, Wray (PM)

9th March

Small Quaker (2); Mill Leat, Euxton (EL)

8th March

Shoulder Stripe, Euxton (EL)

Twin-spotted Quaker; Flixton (KMCC)

Emmelina monodactyla; Lostock Hall, Preston (R Hall)

Early Grey; Fulwood, Preston (AP)

7th March

Oak Beauty; Pennington (D Wilson)

Oak Beauty; Light Brown Apple Moth Billinge (CD)

March Moth (5), Oak Beauty (10), Clouded Drab (3), *Tortricodes alternella* (2), Hebrew Character (2), Small Quaker (7), Chestnut (2), Satellite (6), Yellow Horned, Common Quaker, Early Grey; Millhouses, Wray (G Jones)

Common Quaker (3); Norden, Rochdale (P Stevens)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Lancaster University Campus (L. Blades)
[This surely must have overwintered in the area.]

6th March

Caloptilia elongella, *Agonopterix heracliana* (6), *M.sturnipennella*, Yellow Horned, March Moth (2), Dotted Border (2), Engrailed, Common Quaker, Hebrew Character (9); Flixton (KMCC)

Oak Beauty; Euxton (EL)

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla; Hale (CC)

4th March

Oak Beauty, March Moth, Hebrew Character, Clouded Drab; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Hebrew Character, Euxton (EL)

Big contrast between the lower Hindburn valley (Millhouses) and the upper Hindburn (Botton Mill) over the last two nights. The composition of the Millhouses catch was quite a shock and shows

just how advanced this season is at the lower levels with the hoped-for species, Small BB, perhaps long gone? (PM)

3rd March

Hebrew Character (2), Small Quaker, Oak Beauty (3), *Tortricodes alternella*, Satellite; Millhouses (PM)

Common Quaker Hebrew Character; Parbold (JK)

Agonopterix heracliana, *Endrosis sarcitrella* (white-shouldered house moth), Billinge (CD)

2nd March

Tortricodes alternella (4), Spring Usher, Pale Brindled Beauty (3), March Moth (2), Chestnut Botton Mill (P Marsh)

Common Quaker, Euxton (EL)

1st March

Early Grey, Billinge. *Phyllonorycter strigulatella* bred from Grey Alder (CD)

26th February

As an example of what can be achieved even in late winter when little is on the wing, fifteen species of micromoth were recorded by larvae or larval feeding signs on Bridgewater Canal towpath, south Manchester (KMCC)

Endothenia gentianaeana, Worsley (KMCC) - two larvae in seedhead of Teasel (checked against the larval pictures in UK Moths as there are a few other species that use Teasel heads as a foodplant).

Hebrew Character, Worsley (IW)

25th February

Early Tooth-striped, Double-striped Pug; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

24th February

Early Moth, Satellite; Worsley (IW)

Clouded Drab, Leigh (D Wilson)

Larval cases of *Narycia duplicella (monilifera)* on a hawthorn trunk, Flixton (K McCabe)

March Moth, Dotted Border (2), Pale Brindled Beauty, Common Quaker (3), Clouded Drab, Hebrew Character (8), Satellite (2), Red Sword-grass; Lightfoot Green (SP). But no micros at all

- I would have expected *Tortricodes alternella* on a night like this in February.

23rd February

Dotted Border (2), Chestnut Churn Clough torch search (A Barker)

Dotted Border, March Moth; White Coppice (EL)

Oak Beauty, Pale Brindled Beauty (3), Dotted Border; High Tatham (P Marsh)

Chestnut (3), Worsley (IW)

Oak Beauty and Hebrew Character; Leigh (DW)

22nd February

Tortricodes alternella, Pennington; (IW)

Clouded Drab, Hutton (AB)

Dotted Border, Chestnut; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Chestnut, Pale Brindled Beauty; Worsley (IW)

21st February

Satellite, Euxton (EL)

Engrailed, Worsley (IW)

20th February

Dotted Border, Howick Brook torch search (AB)

Pale Brindle Beauty, Hebrew Character, Common Quaker; Hutton (AB)

19th February

Small Brindled Beauty (2) at its only known 10km square in Lancs and one of only 2 in NW England, Pale Brindled Beauty (2), Chestnut, March Moth; High Tatham (PM)

18th February

March Moth, Euxton (EL)

Chestnut, Worsley (IW)

17th February

Dotted Border. Worsley (IW)

16th February

Pale Brindled Beauty (3), Spring Usher, March Moth, Chestnut, Common Quaker (3), Hebrew Character, Dotted Border; Lightfoot Green (SP)

15th February

Tawny Pinion, Heysham (J Holding)

Satellite, Light-brown Apple Moth; Euxton (EL)

Pale Brindled Beauty, Spring Usher, March Moth, Chestnut (2); Parbold (JK)

13th February

Pale Brindled Beauty, Silverdale (RG)

12th February

Hebrew Character, Fulwood (AP)

Plodia interpunctella, Southport (AB)

5th February

Emmelina monodactyla sitting on Juniper bush in daytime, Yealand Conyers (B H)

2nd February

Light-brown Apple Moth (2), Spring Usher (2), Dark Chestnut; Hale (C Cockbain)

Chestnut, Dotted Border ;Worsley Hall Garden Centre (IW)

Glasson Dock area: I was somewhat amazed to see a half grown Drinker caterpillar wandering about. According to the reference books they don't normally resume feeding until mid-April. (B Dyson)

1st February

Early moth (2), Chestnut, Brimstone Moth larva torch search on Blackthorn, Hoole (AB)

Red-green Carpet, Lightfoot Green (SP)

31st January

Grey Birch, March Moth, Pale Brindle Beauty (melanic), Hebrew Character, Satellite and Chestnut (2); Flixton (KMCC)

Light brown apple moth (2), Chestnut (2), Pale brindle beauty; Euxton (EL)

Chestnut (12), Satellite, Pale Brindled Beauty (6), Small Brindled Beauty, Early Moth; Old Moor Road, nr Wennington (PM)

Small Brindled Beauty, Pale Brindled Beauty, Chestnut; Ashley's Farm, nr Wray (PM)

Dotted Border; Heysham Nature reserve (PM)

Dark Chestnut, Chestnut, Pale Brindled Beauty (2); Leighton Moss overnight (PM)

30th January

Mompha subistrigella, Birkdale (AB)

29th January

Chestnut, *Acleris hastiana* (3), Oak Beauty (earliest known Lancs record); Flixton (KMCC)

Early Moth, Euxton (EL)

Oak Beauty, Mere Sands Wood (R Boydell)

27th January

Chestnut, Preston (AP)

18th January

Plodia interpunctella; B&Q store, Preston (AB)

15th January

Light Brown Apple Moth, Satellite, Chestnut; Euxton (EL)

11th January

Spring Usher, Wray area (PM)

10th January

Hebrew Character, Flixton (KMCC)

9th January

Hebrew Character, Yealand Conyers (BH)

Mottled Umber, Flixton (KMCC)

Tortricodes alternella seen flying by Hawthorn hedge in Dalton (VC59) (CD)

6th January

Several Early Moths were found by torchlight emerging in Hawthorn hedge about 9pm at Barnoldswick (K Briggs)

2nd January

Herald (7) hibernating in a shed and an active *Mompha subbistrigella*, Golborne (C D)
Red Admiral fluttering about in porch at Billinge which then settled down again in a slightly darker corner (CD)

1st January

Acleris hastiana at light, Flixton (KMCC)