

ARCHIVED WHAT'S ABOUT JANUARY-MARCH 2008

(Please note records are in reverse date order)

31st March

Common Quaker (26), Small Quaker (64), Hebrew Character (27), Twin-spotted Quaker (12), Clouded Drab (25), Chestnut (14), Early Grey (2), Brindled Pug(5), Oak Beauty (7), Red Chestnut, Early Tooth-striped (2), Purple Thorn, Mottled Grey; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Yellow Horned (8), Clouded Drab (10), Small Quaker (3), Common Quaker (38), Hebrew Character (12), March Moth, Oak Beauty (2), Early Tooth-striped (3), Blossom Underwing, Early Thorn, Twin-spotted Quaker (6), *Diurnea fagella* (3), Early Grey (2), Engrailed, Brindled Pug (2); Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones)

Double-striped Pug; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Early Thorn; Worsley (I Walker)

Very unusual looking Double-striped Pug Torrisholme (A Draper)

Orange Underwing (7), *Amphisbatis incongruella* (2), *Acleris hyemana*, Engrailed, Norther Eggar larvae (6); Winmarleigh Moss (S Palmer)

30th March

Small Quaker; Bay Horse (N Rogers)

Diurnea fagella, Engrailed, Mottled Grey; Brinscall (E Langrish)

Shoulder Stripe; Silverdale (P Bromilow per E Langrish)

Thirteen members of the Lancashire Moth Group met on a windy Sunday morning to search for Belted Beauty. A couple of hours search produced six males and one female, suggesting that the season is a bit delayed in its start this year.

Larvae of Early Moth from Hutton area early 2008 (A Barker)

28th March

Belted Beauty (2m, 1f); Potts Corner (B Lambert)
Clouded Drab, Small Quaker; German Lane (E Langrish)

Early Grey; Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

27th March

Oak Beauty (2), March Moth (2), Early Grey (2), Clouded Drab (3); Hale (C Cockbain)

25th March

Endothenia marginana, bred from Teasel collected in January. The greyish larva emerged into the container on Feb 25th and spun a frail silky cocoon in which it pupated on Feb 27th; Swinton (C Darbyshire)

24th March

Amphisbatis incongruella, Drinker larva, *Glyphipterix haworthana* larva, Astley Moss (K McCabe, B Smart)

23rd March

Agonopterix heracliiana (2); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

21st March

Blossom Underwing emerged - reared by Roy Leverton from eggs laid by female light trapped at Gait Barrows in 2007.

18th March

Small Quaker (new to this tetrad); Morecambe (J Girdley)

16th March

Stigmella hybnerella bred from leaf mine; Chorlton (B Smart)

Belted Beauty (male) Sunderland Point (P and V Gilchrist)
Plodia interpunctella (Indian Meal Moth); Wigan (G & B Wynn)

15th March

Light-brown Apple Moth; *Emmelina monodactyla*, Early Grey;
Morecambe (J Girdley)

Nine species including: Oak Beauty, Small Quaker, Dotted Border and
Agonopterix heracliana; Bay Horse (N Rogers)

Yellow Horned, Oak Beauty, Mottled Grey, Twin-spotted Quaker,
Brindled Pug, *Ypsolopha ustella*; Silverdale (E Langrish)

14th March

Yellow Horned; Rainford (A Cheney)

Chestnut, Oak Beauty, Small Quaker; Wigan (G & B Wynn)

Eleven moths of four sp. including Dotted Border (6), March Moth;
Worsley (I Walker)

Common Quaker, Hebrew Character, Chestnut, March Moth; Rochdale
(P Stevens)

One hundred and three moths and fourteen sp. including Yellow
Horned (5), Brindled Pug (5), Twin-spot Quaker (3), Oak Beauty (20),
Red Chestnut (3), Mottled Grey; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Depressaria daucella, *Caloptilia stigmatella* (2), *Caloptilia elongella*
(2), Pale Pinion; Preston (S Palmer)

Nearly Ninety six moths of 15 sp. including *Agonopterix ocellana*,
March Moth (29), Brindled Pug (2), Oak Beauty (10), Early Thorn (2),
Oak Nycteoline; Worden Park (A Barker, E Langrish)

60 moths of ten sp. including Yellow Horned, Oak Beauty (5); Lower

Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Shoulder Stripe; Leighton Moss (K Briggs)

Yellow Horned, Oak Beauty, Pale Pinion, *Caloptilia elongella*, *Caloptilia*
stigmatella; Flixton (K McCabe)

13th March

Satellite; Cuerden Valley Park (A Barker, E Langrish)

Swammerdamia caesiella (bred); Chorlton (B Smart)

11th March

Phyllonorycter salictella bred from mine on *Salix* sp; Chorlton Water
Park (B Smart)

Psychoides filicivora (mines on Hart's-tongue and Soft Shield Fern);
Highfield (C Darbyshire)

8th March

Twin-spotted Quaker; Preston (A Powell)

Twin-spotted Quaker, Satellite (7), Red-green Carpet - all to sugar;
Hutton (A Barker)

7th March

Twin-spotted Quaker; Worsley (I Walker)

Yellow Horned (4), Mottled Grey, Pine Beauty, Oak Beauty; Brinscall
(A Barker, E Langrish)

Oak Beauty, Small Quaker; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

6th March

Oak Beauty; Pennington (P Pugh)

Diurnea fagella (2), Early Grey; Fulwood (A Powell)

Agonopterix heracliana, Clouded Drab (2); Preston (S Palmer)

5th March

Satellite (5), Chestnut; Hutton (A Barker)

4th March

Early Grey; Morecambe (J Girdley)

2nd March

Incurvaria masculella (bred from larva in case found crawling up Oak trunk in late January 2008); Bretherton (A Barker)

1st March

Dotted Border, Satellite & Chestnut; Brinscal (A Barker, E Langrish)

Chestnut (7), Hebrew Character, Dotted Border, *T. alternella* (2), Common Quaker; German Lane (E Langrish)

Satellite (4), Common Quaker, Shoulder Stripe, *T. alternella* (2); Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Hebrew Character; Preston (S Palmer)

29th February

Common Quaker; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Satellite (6); German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

28th February

March Moth (4), Oak Beauty (4), Small Brindled Beauty (2), Clouded Drab, Satellite, Common Quaker; Wray (G Jones)

March Moth; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

27th February

Satellite, Common Quaker, Hebrew Character; Penwortham (E Langrish)

Dotted Border; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Oak Beauty (4), March Moth (14), Dotted Border (2), Pale Brindled Beauty (5), Chestnut (2); Brock Bottom (A Barker, E Langrish)

24th February

Dotted Border, Brinscall (E Langrish)

23rd February

T. alternella (10), *Ypsolopha ustella*, Dotted Border (3), March Moth (2), Pale Brindled Beauty (9, one of which melanic), Oak Beauty, Satellite, Common Quaker; Hutton (A Barker)

Chestnut (4), Dotted Border (3 one of which f. *fuscata*), Engrailed, Light Brown Apple Moth, White-shouldered House Moth; Worsley (I Walker)

Pale Brindled Beauty (10), Satellite (3), March Moth (6), *T. alternella* (6); Mill Leat (E Langrish)

Clouded Drab, Pale Brindled Beauty, Chestnut; White Coppice (E Langrish)

Dotted Border (5), March Moth (14), Pale Brindled Beauty, *T. alternella*, Common Quaker; Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Hebrew Character (3), Common Quaker (5), Dotted Border; Preston (S Palmer)

22nd February

Pale Brindled Beauty (10), March Moth (8), Satellite (19), Chestnut (4), Red-green Carpet, *T. alternella* (9), Spring Usher, Dotted Border

(8), Shoulder Stripe (2), Hebrew Character; German Lane, Euxton (A Barker, E Langrish)

Pale Brindled Beauty; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Chestnut (3), Dotted Border (2), Pale Brindled Beauty, *Agonopterix heracliana*; Worsley (I Walker)

Larval searches at this time of year can be really worthwhile. Two recent finds are what are believed to be *Psychoides filicivora* cases on Hart's-tongue Fern in Swinton (C Darbyshire) and an *Endothenia nigracostana* larva in the stem of Hedge Woundwort in Rixton (B Smart)

13th February

Agonopterix heracliana; Hale (C Cockbain)

12th February

Pale Brindled Beauty; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Dotted Border (3), Early Moth; Longton (A Barker)

10th February

Light Brown Apple Moth; Bispham (D McGrath)

Hebrew Character; Worsley (I Walker)

9th February

Chestnut, Common Quaker (Orrell) P Alker

Narycia duplicella (larval case); Chorlton (B Smart). (These can be found on lichen covered tree trunks.)

Light Brown Apple Moth; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

Pale Brindled Beauty, Dotted Border, Chestnut; White Coppice (EL)

Pale Brindled Beauty; Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

8th February

Pale Brindled Beauty(16), Satellite (4), Spring Usher (14), *T. alternella* (16), Dotted border, Chestnut (4), March Moth; German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

7th February

Oak Beauty (2), Chestnut (3), *Acleris notana/ferrugana*, Light Brown Apple Moth; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Engrailed, Angle Shades; Boothstown (I Walker)

Hebrew Character; Wigan (G & B Wynn)

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

Small Brindled Beauty, Chestnut, Dark Chestnut, March Moth (2), Dotted Border (2); High Tatham (P Marsh)

Chestnut (40), Pale Brindled Beauty, Brindled Pug, Oak Beauty, Spring Usher, Early Moth, Hebrew Character (6), March Moth (2), Dark Chestnut; east of Wray (P Marsh, S Palmer)

Common Quaker, Light Brown Apple Moth; Euxton (E Langrish)

Clouded Drab; Adlington (E Langrish)

Hebrew Character (2), Pale Brindled Beauty; Preston (S Palmer)

Clouded Drab; Heysham (P Marsh)

6th February

Early Grey; Euxton (E Langrish)

Clouded Drab; Rochdale (P Stevens)

5th February

Plodia interpunctella - indian meal moth (7); Bretherton (A Barker)
Hebrew Character, *T alternella*; Mill Leat (E Langrish)

T alternella; Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

4th February

Chestnut, Dotted Border, Satellite; Worsley; (I Walker)

3rd February

Dotted Border (2); Worsley (I Walker)

1st February

Dotted Border; Wray area (P Marsh) flying in sub zero temps

29th January

Pale Brindled Beauty; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Chestnut (6), Common Quaker, Dotted Border; Worsley (I Walker)

28th January

Chestnut (2); Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones)

Dotted Border; UpHolland (C Darbyshire)

27th January

Pale Brindled Beauty, Chestnut (5), Hebrew Character; Fulwood (A Powell)

Chestnut, Dark Chestnut; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Pale Brindled Beauty (3), Spring Usher (6), *T. alternella* (6), Chestnut, Satellite; Mill Leat (E Langrish)

Spring Usher (6), Pale Brindle Beauty (3), *T. alternella* (5), Dotted Border; Bretherton (A Barker)

Chestnut (2); Wigan (G & B Wynn)

26th January

Spring Usher (2); Bretherton (A Barker, E Langrish)

Dotted Border; Chestnut (2); Fulwood (A Powell)

Tortricodes alternella; Parbold (J Kilgour)

25th January

Epiphyas postvittana (Light Brown Apple Moth); Fulwood (A Powell)

Brindled Beauty, Red-green Carpet; Orrell (P Alker)

Spring Usher (12) *T alternella* (3); Howick (A Barker)

Satellite; Worsley (I Walker)

Satellite, *Tortricodes alternella* (2), Early Moth (2), Chestnut (2), Spring Usher (7); German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

24th January

Dark Chestnut, Chestnut, Early Moth; High Tatham (P Marsh)

23rd January

Spring Usher, Chestnut, Hebrew Character, *Tortricodes alternella*, *Agonopterix arenella*; Parbold (J Kilgour)

22nd January

Double-striped Pug; Morecambe (A Draper) - emerged indoors from pot plant

20th January

Chestnut; Brock (A Barker, E Langrish)

Spring Usher (3), *Tortricodes alternella* (A Barker, E Langrish)

19th January

Dotted Border, Early Moth (several), Spring Usher (many), Pale Brindled Beauty (6), Chestnut, Dark Chestnut; High Tatham and surrounding area (P Marsh)

Tortricodes alternella (6), Pale Brindled Beauty, Spring Usher (49), Chestnut (3), Early moth, Satellite; Euxton (E Langrish)

Red-green Carpet, Dark Chestnut; White Coppice (E Langrish)
Pale Brindled Beauty; Preston (S Palmer)

18th January

Spring Usher (10), Satellite (2), Early Moth, Chestnut; German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

17th January

Early Moth (2), Spring Usher; High Tatham (P Marsh)

16th January

Angle Shades; Southport (S Jackson)

14th January

Dotted Border; Heysham NR (P Marsh)

13th January

Pale Brindled Beauty (3), Chestnut; Preston (S Palmer)

12th January

Spring Usher (28), Early Moth (2), Chestnut (2), *Tortricodes alternella*; German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

Dotted Border; Worsley (I Walker)

5th January (emergence date)

Phyllonorycter strigulatella bred ex Grey Alder; Chorlton Water Park (B Smart)

4th January

Satellite; German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish)

1st January

Spring Usher (3); Mottled Umber (4), Winter Moth (2); German Lane, Euxton (E Langrish) - [the earliest record of Spring Usher in Lancashire](#).

Mottled Umber; Higher Tatham (P Marsh) - on window at one minute past midnight!

Mottled Umber; Egerton (S Martin)

Mottled Umber; Preston (S Palmer)