

What's About MAY Archives 2009

31st May

Silver Y (16); Euxton (E Langrish)

Small Elephant Hawk-moth, Puss Moth, Purple Bar, Knot Grass; Formby (T Davenport)

Alder Kitten, Narrow-winged Pug, Gold Spot, Middle-barred Minor; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Dark Spectacle; Bispham; (D McGrath)

Elephant Hawk, Clouded Border, Chinese Character; Adlington (P Krischkiw)
Common Heath; Warton Crag (J Girdley)

Small Clouded Brindle, Pale Mottled Willow; Lancaster (C Barnes)

Clouded Silver, Cinnabar, Small Clouded Brindle, Angle Shades, Pale Tussock, Green Pug; Pennington (D Wilson)

Glaucous Shears; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

30th May

Buff Arches; Pennington (D Wilson)

Alder Kitten; Chipping (C McWilliam)

Beautiful Golden Y; Preston (S Palmer)

Dark Brocade - a rare moth on the limestone, being more at home on the moors and in the sand-dunes; Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

Wormwood Pug, Setaceous Hebrew Character (3); Hale (C Cockbain)

Freyer's Pug, Small Phoenix; Whitefield (J Shackman)

Large Nutmeg - the first in VC59 for over a century; Swinton (G Riley)

Peppered Moth, Pale-shouldered Brocade, Small Magpie; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Pebble Prominent - new to garden; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Tawny Shears, Marbled Coronet, Dark Sword-grass, Swallow Prominent; Sunderland (J Girdley, H & T Morbey-Ganly)

29th May

Buff-tip, Seraphim, Coxcomb Prominent; Wigan (G & B Wynn)

Miller, Peach Blossom; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Mottled Beauty, Ingrailed Clay; Pennington (D Wilson)

Eyed Hawk-moth, Common White Wave, Small Angle Shades, Flame, Foxglove Pug; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Rush Veneer, Grey Pug, Green Pug, Elephant Hawk-moth, Ingrailed Clay, Dot Moth, Common Wainscot, Silver Y; Hale area (C Cockbain)

Purple Bar, *Anania funebris* (7), Speckled Yellow (19); Warton Crag (S Palmer)

Hysterophora maculosana; Slyne area (C Darbyshire)

Alder Moth, Pale-shouldered Brocade, Grass Rivulet; Lower Burgh Meadow and Green Silver-lines, Straw Dot; German Lane (E Langrish)

Lime-speck Pug; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Marsh Pug (8), Grass Rivulet, Small Yellow Underwing, Mother Shipton, *Opsibotys fuscalis*; Altcar (G Jones)

Marbled White-spot; Pebble Hook-tip, Green Carpet, Sandy Carpet, *Eulia ministrana*, Grey Birch, Miller, Angle Shades, Dark Spectacle, Middle-barred Minor; Astley Moss (K McCabe et al)

28th May

Rustic Shoulder-knot, Scalloped Hazel, Clouded Silver, Small Magpie, Heart and Dart; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Eyed Hawk-moth; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Yellow-barred Brindle, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Common Pug; Little Crosby (C Fletcher)

Pale-shouldered Brocade; Rainford (A Cheney)

Green Silver-lines, V Pug, Ruby Tiger, Clouded Silver (2), Pale Tussock, White-spotted Pug, Rivulet, Elephant Hawk, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet, Diamond-back Moth (2); Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Chinese Character, Broom Moth, Small Square-spot (98), Alder Kitten, Sallow Kitten; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Golden-rod Pug, Turnip Moth, Silver Y; Hale (C Cockbain)

Small Fan-foot, Common Lutestring, Least Black Arches; Preston (S Palmer)

Figure of Eighty, Freyer's Pug, *Aethes smeathmanniana*; Pennington (D Wilson)

Oak Hook-tip; Goosnargh (J Shaw)

Dog's-tooth; Cinnabar, Broken-barred Carpet, Mottled Rustic (25th May); Purple Clay (25th May); Silverdale (T Riden)

Scorched Wing, Clouded Silver, Willow Beauty, Marbled Minor (agg), Bee Moth (several); Formby (T Davenport)

Common Swift (3), Coxcomb Prominent, Rustic Shoulder-Knot, Brown Silver-Line (2), Bordered White - **all new for garden**: Adlington (P Krischkiw)

27th May

Straw Dot, Green Silver-lines, Scalloped Hazel; Pennington (D Wilson)

Map-winged Swift, Marbled Coronet, Silky Wainscot; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Tawny-barred Angle; Worsley and Heart and Dart, Cabbage Moth, Lime-speck Pug, Peach Blossom; Boothstown (I Walker)

Figure of Eighty, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Pale Tussock; Formby (T Davenport)

26th May

Aspilapteryx tringipennella, Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Broom Moth, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Marbled Minor (agg.) - **new to garden**; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

25th May

Mother Shipton; Birkdale (T Davenport, P Smith)

Silver-ground Carpet (50+), Coxcomb Prominent (2), Pebble Hook-tip (4), Peach Blossom (2), Brown Silver-line (10+), Clouded-bordered Brindle (3), Sandy Carpet, Common Wave, Common White Wave; Worsley (I Walker)

Pale Tussock, Early Tooth-Striped, Diamond-Back moths (2), Poplar Hawk-moth (**all new to garden**); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Freyer's Pug, Gold Spot, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Common Swift, Common Carpet, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Common Marbled Carpet, Garden Carpet, Iron Prominent, Bright-line Brown-eye, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Mottled Pug, Freyer's Pug, Spectacle, Gold Spot, Spruce Carpet; Pennington (D Wilson)

Brown Silver-lines, Buff Ermine, Peppered Moth, Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet (**all new for garden**); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Anania funebris; Gait Barrows (N Patel)

Elephant Hawk, Lesser Swallow Prom., Brimstone Moth, Common Carpet (2), Knot Grass, Small Square-spot (29); Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Campion, Oblique Carpet (3); Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Lime Hawk-moth, Buff-tip, Seraphim, Small Clouded Brindle, *Argyresthia trifasciata*; Preston (S Palmer)

Obscure Wainscot, Cream Wave, Pale-shouldered Brocade, Green Carpet, Treble Lines; Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

Grass Rivulet; St Annes (S Palmer)

Prays fraxinella (bred from ash), *Glyphipterix thrasonella*; Chorlton (B Smart)

24th May

Rustic Shoulder-knot; Bispham (D McGrath)

Blastobasis adustella; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Broken-barred Carpet, Seraphim, Scalloped Hazel, Peppered Moth, Pale Tussock; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Buff Ermine, Muslin Moth, Shears, Treble Lines, Eyed Hawk-moth; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Tachystola acroxantha - a significant expansion of range for this species; Rochdale (P Stevens)

23rd May

Cinnabar (freshly emerged); Carnforth (D Bennett)

Coxcomb Prominent; Worsley (I Walker)

Pebble Prominent, Silver Y - all new for garden; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Sallow Kitten; Boothstown (I Walker)

Sandy Carpet; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Green Silver-lines; Swinton (G Riley)

Yellow-barred Brindle; Ormskirk (E Langrish)

22nd May

Buff Ermine, Clouded Silver, White-spotted Pug, Seraphim - all new for garden; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Eyed Hawk-moth, Heart and Dart; Preston (S Palmer)

Lime Hawk-moth (3); Formby (T Davenport)

Poplar Hawk-moth, Silver-ground Carpet, Pebble Hook-tip, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Common Wave, Common White Wave, *Aphelia paleana* (Timothy tortrix - yes, that's its common english name!); Pennington (D Wilson)

Sandy Carpet, *Tinea trinotella*, *Caloptilia azaleella*; Flixton (K McCabe)

Small Phoenix (12), Green Silver-lines, Small Angle Shades, Clouded Bordered Brindle (4), Poplar Hawk (2), Small Square-spot (5), Rustic Shoulder-knot; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Small Yellow Underwing (2); near Torrisholme (C Darbyshire)

21st May

Puss Moth; Formby (T Davenport)

Stigmella oxyacanthella bred ex hawthorn; Chorlton (B Smart)

Tachystola acroxantha; Whitefield (J Shackman)

Iron Prominent; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Silver Hook, Broom moth, Foxglove Pug, Sandy Carpet, Oak Hook-tip, Pale Tussock, Grey Birch, Early Tooth-striped; Astley Moss area (K McCabe, G Riley)

Ancylis badiana, Nettle-tap Moth; Singleton (C Raby)

20th May

Esperia sulphurella; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

December Moth larvae (E Langrish)

Plutella porrectella; Euxton (E Langrish)

Common Swift; Haweswater; (A & P Palmer)

19th May

Clouded-bordered Brindle, *Agonopterix arenella*; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Sloe Pug, emerged from larva found on Sloe blossom; Warton Crag (B Hancock)

Seraphim, Rivulet, Brimstone; Little Crosby (C Fletcher)

Cochylis nana; Bury (J Shackman)

Grass Rivulet; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

Sallow Kitten, Ochreous Pug, Lesser Swallow Prominent, Spectacle, Small Angle Shades; Mere Sands Wood (R Boydell, I Kippax)

Aethes smeathmanniana, Gold Swift, Broken-barred Carpet, Clouded Silver, Peach Blossom; Astley Moss (K McCabe, G Riley)

Muslin Moth, Knot-grass, Flame Carpet (all new to garden); Formby (T Davenport)

Silver Y; Heysham (J Holding)

May 18th

Common Marbled Carpet, Grey Pine Carpet; Rainford (A Cheney)

Sand Dart, emerged from pupa; Birkdale (G Jones)

Scoparia ambigualis, *Ancylis badiana*, *Cydia pomonella*; Swinton (G Riley)

Sandy Carpet, Clouded-bordered Brindle, Poplar Hawk; Orrell (P Alker)

17th May

Swallow Prominent (new to garden); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Oblique Carpet, Shears; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Eyed Hawk-moth; Flixton (K McCabe)

Chamomile Shark (new to garden), Poplar Hawk (2), May Highflyer (5); Preston (S Palmer)

16th May

Red-green Carpet; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, Morbey-Ganlys)

Poplar Hawk; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Pale-shouldered Brocade; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Silver-ground Carpet, Common Wave; German Lane (E Langrish)

15th May

Marbled Coronet; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, Morbey-Ganlys)

Dark Sword-grass; Heysham (J Holding)

Lime Hawk-moth; Preston (A Powell)

Scalloped Hazel, Flame Shoulder, White Ermine, Swallow Prominent (2), *Ancylis myrtillana*; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Garden Carpet, Small Phoenix, Poplar Hawkmoth (Boothstown); *Scoparia ambigualis*, Currant Pug; Worsley (I Walker)

14th May

Diamond-back Moth (5); Heysham (J Holding)

Little Emerald, Mottled Pug (3), White-pinion Spotted (6), Barred Umber (5), Scorched Carpet (2), Tissue, Common White Wave; Silverdale Moss (S Palmer)

Pale Prominent, Herald (new to garden); Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Small White Wave, Cream Wave; Gait Barrows (S Palmer)

13th May

Nutmeg bred from pupa found on 19th April - emerged 13th May; Birkdale (G Jones)

12th May

Green Carpet (2); Pennington Flash (D Wilson)

Great Prominent, Common Wave, White Ermine; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Scalloped Hazel (new for garden); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Lesser Swallow Prominent, Poplar Hawk-moth; Formby (T Davenport)

Muslin Moth (19); Flixton (K McCabe)

Anania funebris, *Pancalia leuwenhoekella*; Warton Crag (J Girdley)

11th May

Poplar Grey; Formby (T Davenport)

Pale Prominent; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Muslin Moth (male) - the third record for this site; previously recorded on 15th May 1997 and 13th May 2000; Preston (S Palmer)

10th May

Lesser Swallow Prominent; Warton (M Elsworth)

Caloptilia syringella; Euxton (E Langrish)

9th May

Seven people attended Ben Smart's larval hunt around Chorlton Water Park and despite the wind, and latterly the cloud rolling in, it was a really successful walk. There were plenty of sheltered sunny spots where the occasional butterfly was seen (Green-veined White, Orange-tip, Speckled Wood and Large White) while micros encountered in flight included several *Ancylis badiana* and singles of *Glyphipterix simplicella*, *Lobesia abscisana*, *Bactra lancealana* and *Pyrausta aurata* - the latter flying near one of its larval foodplants, water mint.

The most frequently encountered moth larvae by far was Winter Moth, found on

at least six different tree types. Other macro moth larvae included Dotted Border, Satellite and Twin-spot Quaker while the larval webs of the micro *Yponomeuta evonymella* (bird cherry ermine) were everywhere on the bird cherry trees. Feeding signs, larvae or larval cases of a further 24 different micro-moth types were also found. The many white tips of larch needles showed where *Coleophora laricella* caterpillars had been feeding and several cases were found. Ben showed us the various feeding styles of several gelechiid species on birch and alder while the white blotch mines of *Eriocrania subpurpurella* were beginning to appear commonly on the more sheltered oaks. We were a bit too early for the moth larva on skullcap (our main target) as the plants were still very small and difficult to find. The total species list came to 34 different types of lepidoptera - none new for the site but all fascinating to see and store in the memory banks for visits elsewhere. I hope Ben might be willing to run a similar walk next year so we can try to catch up on the skulker in the Skullcaps.

Rivulet; Little Crosby (C Fletcher)

Adela reaumurella, *Capua vulgana*; Eaves Wood (E Langrish)

Treble Lines, Shuttled-shaped Dart (4), Scalloped Hook-tip, May Highflyer; Formby (T Davenport)

Great Prominent, Waved Umber, Barred Umber, Nut Tree Tussock, *Cochylis atricapitana*, *Syndemis musculana*, *Incurvaria masculella*; Castle Bank (E Langrish)

Small White Wave (3), Scorched Carpet, Scorched Wing, Barred Umber (6), Small Phoenix, Square Spot (2) Waver Umber, *Syndemis musculana* (3), *Capua vulgana*; Silverdale Moss (J Girdley)

Small Magpie, *Cochylis atricapitana*; Heysham (J Girdley)

8th May

Spectacle - new for garden; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

7th May

White Ermine; Pennington (D Wilson)

6th May

Scalloped Hook-tip bred from larvae found June '08; Astley Moss (B Smart)

5th May

Pale Prominent; Flixton (K McCabe)

4th May

Ectoedemia intimella bred from sallow; Appley Bridge (C Darbyshire)

Angle Shades; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

3rd May

Brown Silver-lines, Speckled Yellow, *Adela reaumurella*, *Caloptilia syringella*, *Cydia ulicetana*; Warton Crag (J Girdley)

Grey Pine Carpet; Little Crosby (C Fletcher)

Tawny Shears (ssp Pod Lover); Sunderland Point (J Girdley, Morbey-Ganlys)

2nd May

Iron Prominent; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Elachista rufocinerea; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

1st May

Golden-rod Pug; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Ectoedemia argyropeza bred ex Aspen; Flixton (B Smart)

Lime Hawk-moth, Iron Prominent; Formby (M Dean, R Hill)