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July-May 2007

(Please note records are in reverse date order)

31st July

Old Lady, Stretford (D Stenhouse per K McCabe)

Scarce Silver-lines; Hale (C Cockbain)

Beautiful Yellow Underwing, *Hypatima rhomboidella*; Astley Moss (K McCabe)

Bordered Beauty, Six-striped Rustic, Rosy Rustic; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Canary-shouldered Thorn; Dalton (R Charles) – autumn's here!

29th July

Drinker, Large Emerald; Flixton (K McCabe)

28th July

Ruby Tiger; Coppull (E Langrish)

Annulet, Satin Beauty, *Monopis cytisella* (**new to VC60**), *Ancylis apicella*, Barred Rivulet, Dark Umber, Buff Footman, Common Lutestring, Beech Green Carpet, Bleached Pug; Gait Barrows (K McCabe, S Palmer) over one hundred species recorded.

Rosy Minor, Bulrush Wainscot; White Coppice (E Langrish)

Nutmeg; Inskip (H Barton)

26th July

Currant Clearwing; Highfield Allotments (Morecambe?); (E Bayton per P Marsh)

Dark Dagger larva on hawthorn: Rixton nr. Warrington (B Smart)

Cydia splendana; Euxton (E Langrish)

Cnephasia longana, *Ephestia elutella*; Flixton (K McCabe)

Phyllonorycter quinqueguttella bred from creeping willow; Freshfield (K McCabe)

24th July

Single-dotted Wave; Heysham (A Draper, B Hancock)

Magpie Moth; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Red Underwing; Lancaster (P Bromilow per E

Langrish)

Brown-line Bright-eye; Flixton (K McCabe)

23rd July

Barred Rivulet; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

The first adult from the mines of Cameraria ohridella (Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner) emerged on 23rd July 2007. Although this moth may be a huge pest in years to come it's definitely a very photogenic micro!
Ben Smart

[Ben found the mines of this moth, **new to Lancashire**, and has bred them through.]

Barred Carpet; Warton (M Elsworth)

Straw Underwing; Worsley (I Walker)

Square-spot Rustic, Rosy Rustic; Flixton (K McCabe) - autumn arrives early!

Crescent, *Spilonota ocellana* (bud moth); Inskip (H Barton)

22nd July

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Bare, Morecambe (E Bayton per P Marsh)

Bedstraw Hawk-moth; Heysham (J Holding)

Slender Pug, Scallop Shell; Billinge (C Darbyshire) - "186 moths of 60 species at last"

Blackneck; Poulton Le Fylde (A Smith)

Cochylidia implicitana; Bispham (B Brigden) - **second record for VC60**

Cream Wave; Crosby (J Donnelly)

Lunar Hornet Moth, Scarce Silver-lines, Olive, Dotted Clay; Preston (S Palmer)

Agapeta zoegana, *Oegoconia quadripuncta*, Crescent; Flixton (K McCabe)

19th July - late record

Ray Banks from St Helens sent an unusual geometrid moth for identification which he had to light in his back garden on 19th July 2007. Following dissection, it has been confirmed as the first record for Lancashire of the Large Twin-spot Carpet. The moth has a very broad dark grey-brown cross band with a prominent central projection on the outer edge of the band. This followed a record from Cheshire in 2006.

16th July

Epinotia immundana bred from Birch; Chorlton Water Park (B Smart)

Acleris rhombana bred from blackthorn; Sale Water Park (B Smart)

Southern Wainscot, Grass Emerald, Gothic; Heysham (P Marsh, R Neville)

Fen Wainscot; Burrows Marsh (S Palmer)
Peppered Moth (melanic); Parbold (J Kilgour)
Rustic; Flixton (K McCabe)
(approx date) Double Dart; High Tatham (P Marsh)
Crescent; Boothstown (I Walker)
Humming Bird Hawk Moth, Longton (J Park)

Heart and Club (7); Southport (A Forrest) - **its only known regular site in Lancashire**

Narrow-winged Pug, Shark; Bispham (D McGrath)

Juniper Pug; Worsthorne (G Gavaghan)

Least Yellow Underwing, *Catoptria margaritella*;
Lower Burgh Meadow, Euxton (E Langrish)

Short Cloaked Moth, Pale Mottled willow;
Coppull (E Langrish)

Old lady; Flixton - found in a neighbour's house
(K McCabe)

Eudemis profunda; Flixton (K McCabe)

Plain Wave; Astley Moss (K McCabe)

11th July

Barred Carpet; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Small Rivulet; Rochdale (P Stevens)

Agonopterix conterminella, *Orthopygia glaucinalis*, *Acrobasis consociella*, *Platyptilia ochrodactyla*, Plain Pug, Suspected ; Flixton (K McCabe)

10th July

Bird's Wing; Orrell (P Alker)

Buff Footman; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Choreutis pariana, *Pammene aurita*; Prescott Reservoir (S Tomlinson)

9th July

Larch Pug; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

8th July

Marbled White Spot; Crosby (J Donnelly) - **only the fourth time this moth has ever been seen in Lancs and at the same location as the first record.**

7th July

Heliozella resplendella bred from Alder; Chorlton (B Smart)

Mother of Pearl, Centre-barred Sallow; Hale (C Cockbain)

Early Thorn; Worsley (I Walker)

Cameraria ohridella (horse chestnut leaf-miner) mines; Chorlton (B Smart) - **new to Lancashire**

6th July

Ectoedemia sericopeza, Flixton (KMcCabe) - **Second County record**

Narrow-winged Pug, Burnished Brass, The Clay, *Zeiraphera isertana*, *Eudonia truncicolella*, *Endothenia quadrimaculana*, *Yponomeuta evonymella* (bird-cherry ermine); Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Eidophasia messingiella; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish det SMP)

Ebulea crocealis, Pennington (D Wilson)

Vapourer Moth larva, Carnforth (D Bennett)

Blackneck (2), Slender Brindle, Double Lobed, Green Arches (3), Pinion-streaked Snout; Lower Burgh Meadows, Euxton (E Langrish, A Barke)

Plain Golden Y; White Coppice (E Langrish)

5th July

Rhyacionia buoliana; Heysham (J Holding)

Argyresthia sorbiella; Gait Barrows NNR (B Hugo per J Holding) - **new to VC60**

4th July

Ypsolopha parenthesesella, Pennington (D Wilson)

3rd July

Recently emerged moths: *P. blancardella* from Apple and *Phycitodes saxicola* from Ragwort (larva and moth); Chorlton (B Smart)

Dichrorampha flavidorsana, *Dichrorampha petiverella*, *Dichrorampha vancouverana*; Flixton (K McCabe)

2nd July

Recently emerged: *Phyllonorycter messaniella* from Oak (B Smart)

Common Rustic, Shaded Broad-bar and Eyed Hawkmoth; Boothstown (I Walker)

Eyed Hawk-moths (4), Blackpool - all freshly emerged and close together (S Eustace and J Ball)

Blackneck; Oakenbank Wood, Rochdale (D Winnard)

1st July

Little Emerald; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

30th June

Blackneck, Orrell (PA)

Pinion-streaked Snout, *Stathmopoda pedella* (6 tapped from Alder tree); Flixton (KMCC)

Blackneck; Altcar (P Smith, S Cross) - a significant extension of the known range in Lancashire .

29th June

Amblyptilia acanthadactyla, *Yponomeuta malinellus* (Apple Ermine); Lancaster (TR)

27th June

Chamomile Shark larva; Solaris Centre, Blackpool (DMcG)

26th June

Buff Arches; Boothstown (IW)

24th June

Dingy Shell, Euxton (EL)

23rd June

Pterophorus pentadactyla, Blackneck; Lower Burgh Meadows, Coppull (E L)

22nd June

Algedonia terrealis; (Flixton) (K McCabe) - This really scarce pyralid moth turns up annually at this site. What is its food plant here and where is it breeding? Really fascinating!

Blackneck (8); Atherton (K Brides)

Large Emerald, Broom, Marsh Oblique-barred, Buff Footman; Astley Moss (K McC)

Blackneck, Spinach, Scalloped Oak, Pinion Streaked Snout, Short Cloaked Moth; Flixton (KMCC)

21st June

Common Footman; Worsley (IW)

Bordered Sallow; Heysham (JH)

Coronet; Carnforth (L Lyon per JH)

20th June

Cochylys dubitana, Flixton (KMCC) - [Notice the white head which helps to separate it from the common *Cochylys atris*

(Date Approx) Dog's Tooth; Warton (ME)

19th June

Trachycera advenella (bred from Hawthorn berries found Sept 2006); Chorlton (BS)

Latticed Heath; Warton (MM)

Satin Wave (different one from below), White Satin; (JH)

17th June

Small Elephant Hawk Moth (**first for this site**), Satin Wave; Heysham (JH)

Tachystola acroxantha; Prestwich (D Johnston)

Dark Spectacle; Leyland (EL)

Map-winged Swift; Euxton (EL)

Anacamptis temerella; Star Hills, St Annes (J Steeden) - **last VC60 prior to 1940**

Light Arches; Boothstown (IW)

Blackneck; Huyton (ST)

16th June

Riband Wave (2), Brimstone Moth (2), Heart & Dart (19), Light Emerald (7), Green Pug, Common Emerald (2), Scalloped Hazel; organised public event at Stanley Park, Blackpool (D McGraCommon Emerald; Boothstown (IW)

Epiblema costipunctana; Prescot Reservoir (ST)

15th June

Map-winged Swift; Euxton (EL)

Small Clouded Brindle; Worsley (IW)

14th June

Dark Spectacle; Leyland (EL)

13th June

Diamond-back Moth (50); Heysham (J H) - a strong influx of this migratory species

12th June

Pammene regiana; Carnforth (L Lyon per JH)

Chamomile Shark larvae showing well on Scentless Mayweed; at several south Lancs locations (C Darbyshire). [Well worth searching for this larva]

Figure of Eighty; Boothstown (IW)

11th June

Bird's Wing, *Lozotaeniodes formosanus*; Huyton (ST)

Grass Wave, Purple-bordered Gold; Winmarleigh Moss (SP)

Beautiful Snout; Mere Sand Wood (R Boydell, I Kippax)

Grass Rivulet; Dalton (CD)

Anacampsis populella bred from larval spinning on willow; Chorlton Water Park (BS)

Tinea semifulvella; **Hornby** (M Broomfield per JH)

10th June

Grapholita funebrana; Dolphinholme (N Rogers) - **Second county record - first was prior to 1890**

Treble Lines; Bispham (D McGrath)

Small Elephant Hawk-moth; Huyton (CC)

Bordered White; Boothstown (IW)

Phlyctaenia perlucidalis; Glazebury (DW per PP)

Pyralis farinalis (meal moth); Euxton (RH)

Dot Moth, Marbled Beauty; Chorley (EL)

Beautiful China Mark (10); Canal at Rufford (A Barker) - worth looking for during the evening on a canal near you?

Treble Bar; Yealand Conyers (BH)

9th June

Poplar Kitten; Prestwich, Manchester (D Johnston)

Acrobasis consociella bred from larva found last autumn on an oak sapling; Chorlton (BS)

Smoky Wainscot, Uncertain, Lime-speck Pug; Hale (C Cockbain)

Dog's-tooth; Carnforth (LL)

Small Clouded Brindle; Worsley (IW)

Green Silver-lines, Spectacle, Elephant Hawkmoth; Boothstown (IW)

Barred Yellow; Preston (Z Hinchcliffe)

8th June

Alder Moth (first for this site), *Epinotia bilunana*; Heysham (J Holding)

Ghost Swift, White Coppice (E Langrish)

Thistle Ermine; Lancaster (A Draper)

7th June

Green Pug and probable Sloe Pug; Gait Barrows (B Hancock)

[**Brian comments:** I have a bit of a passion for the pugs, but still find them very difficult. My recent target was sloe pug. I have beaten the best patch of blackthorn blossom at Gait Barrows for larvae with no luck, but on the 7th June went netting around the same bushes and early picked up 8 Green/Sloe pugs around 11pm. I think 5 were sloe pugs nice and fresh. Photos attached for comparison. All the distinguishing features described in Waring fit, I think the black band on the abdomen just below the thorax in the Green Pug is a good feature not present in the Sloe Pug. The cross band outside the small central spot is less wavy in the Sloe Pug. It confirms my experience that netting is a very good way to catch pugs. Still time to have a go on your local patch. Its probably much more widespread.]

Carpatolechia alburnella bred from larva on birch in April; Chorlton Water Park (M Ealham, BS)

Caryocolum fraternella bred from larva on wood stitchwort in May; outflow stream from River Mersey to Sale Water Park (BS)

Caryocolum viscariaella bred from larva on red campion in May; Broughton (S Palmer)

Silver Y, Diamond-back Moth, Gem (to be confirmed); Worsthorne (G Gavaghan) - Migrant species, linking in with the daytime arrival of Painted Ladies all over the place.

Little Emerald; Longridge (DL)

6th June

Satin Wave, Shaded Pug; Heysham (PM)

Knot-grass; Boothstown (IW)

Mother Shipton; Goodber Common (B Hugo per JH)

5th June

Pammene aurana; Worsley (IW)

4th June

Ghost Swift; Worsley (IW)

Small Magpie; Worsley (IW)

Campion; Gait Barrows (D Bennett)

Clouded Brindle; Ashton-in-Makerfield (C Higson) (*recorders should look out for this species as records of Common Rustic in early June often turn out to be this moth*)

Mullein Moth larva on Buddleia; Carnforth (DB)

Beautiful Carpet, Green Arches; Mere Sands Wood (R Boydell)

3rd June

Scalloped Hazel; Worsley (IW)

Green Silver-lines; Preston (A Bunting)

Puss Moth; Coppull (EL)

Epinotia abbreviana, bred from larva on Elm; Stretford (BS)

Currant Clearwing; Worsley (IW) on Blackcurrant bush

Eyed Hawk-moth; Rochdale (P Stevens)

Silver Hook; Longridge (D Lambert)

Oblique Carpet (3), Beautiful China Mark; Ellell (SP)

2nd June

Blood Vein; Hale (CC)

Mullein Wave; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Cistus Forester (2); Warton Crag (S Ellis)

Depressaria ultimella; Dolphinholme (N Rogers) - **second county record**, (gen det female)

Peach Blossom, Silver Hook, Dark Brocade; White Coppice (AB, EL)

Alder Kitten; Longridge (DL)

1st June

Silver Hook; Royton (R Hart) - most easterly record in the county

Mullein Wave, Brown Rustic, Green Carpet; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

31st May

Rush Veneer (2), Shears; (A and D Wright)

30th May

Blood Vein; Worsley (IW)

Elephant Hawk-moth; Euxton (EL)

28th May

Acrocercops brongniardella (7 big mines on oak leaves); King's Moss, Rainford (CD)

Neofaculta ericetella; Leck (B Hugo per JH)

26th May

Anania funebris, *Nemophora degeerella*; Gait Barrows (JH)

25th May

Small Elephant Hawk-moth; Brinscall (EL)

Red Twin-spot Carpet, Common Heath; Leck (B Hugo per JH and PM)

24th May

White Colon ; Crosby (J Donnelly)

Glaucous Shears; Bay Horse, Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Small Angle Shades, *Platyptilia gonodactyla*, Small Magpie, Rivulet, Mottled Rustic; Billinge (CD)

Straw Dot, Alder Moth; Chorley (EL)

23rd May

Orange Footman; Billinge (C Darbyshire) - **the first county record**

Barred Hooked-tip, Fox Moth, Dark Brocade, Small Elephant Hawk-moth 98), Least Black Arches, Green Silver-lines, Pine Beauty; Churnclough (AB)

Cydia fagiglandana; Huyton (S Tomlinson) **fifth county record**

Pseudotelphusa paripunctella (5); Astley Moss (KMCC)

Olethreutes arcuella (several); Gait Barrows (per R Petley-Jones)

Shaded Pug; Heysham NR (JH)

Dog's Tooth, Blood Vein; Hale (CC)

Silver Hook, Seraphim; Parbold (J Kilgour)

Common Lutestring, V-Pug; Worsley (IW)

Flame; Boothstown (I Walker)

22nd May

Chamomile Shark, Green Silver-lines, Thistle Ermine; Parbold (JK)

Marbled Beauty, Miller, Oak Hook-tip; Boothstown (IW)

Dwarf Pug; Heysham (JH)

Small Magpie, Smoky Wainscot; Hale (CC)

21st May

Eyed Hawk-moth, Pebble Prominent; Chorley (EL)

Eyed Hawk-moth, Green Pug; Hale (CC)

Buff-tip; Warton (M Elsworth)

Clouded Border; Bickershaw (D Wilson)

Alder moth; Parbold (JK)

Glyphipterix thrasonella; Lamberts Meadow, Silverdale (BH)

Cistus Forester; Warton Crag (BH)

20th May

Yellow Shell; Prescott Reservoirs (ST)

Barred Hook-tip; Royton, Oldham (R Hart)

Cream Wave; Clougha (JH)

Marsh Pug; Flixton (KMCC)

Endothenia gentianaeana; Bridgewater Canal at Worsley (KMCC) emerged from teasel seed heads

Common Wainscot; Boothstown (IW)

19th May

Lime-speck Pug; Worsley (IWa)

Willow Beauty; Longton (RB)

18th May

Common Swift; Worsley (IW)

Golden Plusia (larva and cocoon on Delphinium); Preston (AP)

Turnip; Flixton (KMCC)

Lime Hawk-moth; Yealand Conyers (BH) first for Brian's garden - **spreading north?**

17th May

Nycteoline (2); Huyton (ST)

Ruby Tiger; Flixton (KMCC)

Pleurota bicostella, Astley moss (KMCC)

Silky Wainscot, May Highflyer; Preston (SP)

Reports of Silver Y are now coming in from quite a few localities. It appears unlikely these are genuine new arrivals from outside the UK, as the weather has not been conducive for migration. The most likely explanation seems to be that the moth has bred locally in reasonable numbers.

Monochroa suffusella; Astley Moss (KMCC) - **New to Lancashire**

15th May

Great Prominent, Cream Wave, Mottled Pug, Ochreous Pug, Lunar Thorn, Coronet, Brown Rustic; Gait Barrows (KMCC, SP)

Argyresthia cupressella; Huyton (ST) - **New to Lancashire**

Oak Hook-tip; Boothstown (IW)

Ingrailed Clay; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Bordered White, Pebble Hook-tip, Clouded Silver, May Highflyer; Euxton (E L)

14th May

Pale Prominent, Freyer's Pug; Spruce Carpet; Boothstown (IW)

Grey Birch, Silver ground Carpet; Worsley (IW)

Eyed Hawk-moth, Swallow Prominent, Scalloped Hazel; Parbold (JK)

12th May

Cinnabar; Gait Barrows (DB)

Ground Carpet; Silverdale (TR)

Marbled Minor; Boothstown (IW)

Adela rufimitrella, *Pammene aurana*; Flixton (KMCC)

Pale-shouldered Brocade White Coppice (EL)

11th May

Spectacle; White Coppice (EL)

White-pinion Spotted; German Lane , Euxton (EL)

Cochylis atricapitana; Worsley (I Walker)

Small Square-spot, Mother Shipton, Ruby Tiger; Flixton (KMCC)

10th May

White-pinion Spotted; north bank of R. Lune, Caton (L Renshaw per J Newton)

Common Swift, Setaceous Hebrew Character; Flixton (KMCC)

9th May

Teleiodes vulgella (bred from larva on hawthorn); Ashton-under-Lyne (KMCC)

Sandy Carpet, Lychnis; Flixton (KMCC)

8th May

Common Pug; Carleton (A Storey)

Pale Tussock, Swallow Prominent, Large Yellow Underwing - yes, it's not a typo error!! Crosby (J Donnelly)

Muslin Moth (male and female), Small Square-spot (2), Rustic Shoulder Knot; Flixton (K McC)

Cabbage Moth, Heart and Dart, Iron Prominent; Boothstown (IW)

7th May

Eudonia angustea; Huyton (ST) **only the 3rd spring record of this species in Lancashire**

Argyresthia pygmaeella, bred from willow; Flixton (KMCC)

6th May

Light Knot Grass; Clitheroe (P Morris)

Common Wainscot; Parbold (JK) - **a really early record for this species**

Red Sword-grass, Pine Beauty, Common Quaker, Clouded Drab, Shuttle-shaped Dart, *Agonopterix propinquella*, Angle Shades; Lostock Hall (R Hall)

Light Knot-grass; Clitheroe (PM)

Glaucous Shears; White Coppice (EL)

Poplar Hawk-moth; Brinscal (EL)

5th May

Dingy Shell, Eyed Hawk-moth, Marbled Minor, Small Fan-foot; Flixton (KMCC)

Scorched Carpet; Silverdale (RG)

Alder moth; Yealand Conyers (BH) - **the earliest county record by four days**

Mullein Moth; Silverdale (RG)

Small Elephant Hawk-moth; White Coppice (EL)

Clouded-bordered Brindle, Bright-line Brown-eye; Euxton (EL)

4th May

Eucosma aspidiscana Gait Barrows NNR (C Barnes)

Common Swift, Heart and Dart; Flixton (KMCC)

Pale Tussock; Boothstown (IW)

Foxglove Pug, May Highflyer, Common Marbled Carpet, Silver Y, Spruce Carpet, Flame Carpet, Garden Carpet, Streamer; Preston (SP)

Clouded Silver, Brown Silver-lines; German Lane, Euxton (EL)

3rd May

Argyresthia trifasciata; Huyton (ST)

Foxglove Pug; Warton (ME)

Powdered Quaker; Billinge (CD) - **first in garden since 1999**

2nd May

Small Yellow Underwing; Broughton (SP)

Buff Ermine; Euxton (EL)

Iron Prominent, Lesser Swallow Prominent, Flame Carpet; Parbold (JK)

1st May

Brindled Beauty; Rochdale (P Stevens)

White Pinion-spotted, Lunar Marbled Brown (3), Shuttle-shaped Dart, Oak-tree Pug, Tawny Pinion; Rochdale (D Winnard)

Silver Ground Carpet, Clouded Border, Spectacle; Flixton (KMCC)

Silver Y; Gait Barrows (GG)