

MAY-JULY 2010

WHAT'S ABOUT ARCHIVES

30th July

Straw Underwing; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Four-spotted Footman; Preston (S Palmer)

Pale Prominent, Scalloped Hook-tip, Crescent; Pennington; Orrell (P Alker)

Pinion-streaked Snout; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

29th July

Marsh Oblique-barred, True Lover's Knot, Scalloped Hook-tip, Crescent, Suspected, Clouded-bordered Brindle; Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

Ypsolopha scabrella; Euxton Lane (E Langrish)

28th July

Minor Shoulder-knot; Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Four-spotted Footman, Buff Footman; Longton (R Boydell)

Small Blood-vein; Southport (R Moyes)

Nutmeg, Southern Wainscot, Six-striped Rustic; Hale (C Cockbain)

26th July

Waved Umber, Barred Carpet, Twin-spotted Carpet, Phoenix, Clay Triple-lines; Warton (G Jones, A Hannan, B Hancock, S Palmer)

Exaeretia allisella, Bordered Beauty, *Metendothenia atropunctana*; Caddishead Moss (K McCabe)

Heart and Club; Ainsdale (R Walker)

24th July

Grass Eggar; Ainsdale (R Walker)

Epiblema foenella, Buff Footman; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

22nd July

Plain Wave; Formby (R Walker)

20th July

Dark Dagger (gen det); Heysham (J Girdley, P Marsh)

25th July

Marsh Pug; Chorlton (B Smart) - second brood

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Flixton (K McCabe)

24th July

Dingy Footman; Heysham (P Marsh)

Straw Underwing, Barred Red, *Eudemis profundana*; Lower Burgh Meadow (

Phlyctaenia coronata (42), *Udea prunalis* (35), Scalloped Oak (25); Heysham (J Holding)

Scallop Shell; Bispham (B Brigden)

23rd July

Blomer's Rivulet, Netted Carpet; north Lancashire (B Hancock, M & J Elsworth)

21st July

Grass Emerald, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Olive; Bispham (B Brigden)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Colne (K Singleton)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Burrow Heights, Lancaster (L Sivell)

White-line Dart, Bordered White, Knot Grass, Chevron, Suspected, Golden-rod Pug, Narrow-winged Pug; Ainsdale (J Clews, C Daly, R Moyes)

19th July

Dingy Footman; Meresands Wood (R Boydell)

Scoparia subfusca; Heysham (J Holding)

18th July

Old Lady; Lillian's Hide, Leighton (Daniel and Bradley Tabart)

17th July

Rush Veneer, Double Lobed; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

These two species can look very similar but note the difference in size, wing shape, the curved line of dots towards the tip of the Southern Wainscot's forewing and the greyish blue lines across the forehead.

V Moth, Crescent, Southern Wainscot, Least Yellow Underwing; Leighton Moss (B Hancock, S Palmer)

Dark Sword-grass; Bispham (B Brigden)

Dingy Footman (2); Ainsdale (R Walker)

16th July

Beautiful Snout (2), Satin Beauty (6) Welsh Wave (2), Common Lutestring; Brinscall (E Langrish, A Barker)

Purple Thorn; German Lane (E Langrish)

Buff Footman; Formby (T Davenport) approximate date

Bordered Pug; Warton (M Elsworth)

14th July

Rosy Rustic; Euxton (R Hoult) - **an extremely early record**

12th July

Gold Swift; Roddlesworth (S Halliwell)

Round-winged Muslin; Rosemary Wood, Formby (C Fletcher, J Donnelly)

Plain Golden Y; Fazakerley (L Ward)

11th July

Blackneck, *Pyrausta purpuralis*; Longton (A Barker)

9th July

Vapourer; Rainford (S Williams)

5th July

Brussels Lace; Formby (T Davenport)

2nd July

Scrobipalpa salinella (gen det SMP); Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

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30th June

Currant Clearwing; Blackpool (A Smith)

Large Emerald; Blackpool (P Barnes)

Eudonia pallida, *Hedya salicella* (first in VC60 since 1992), *Agriphila selasella*;

Sunderland (J Girdley)

Belted Beauty larva; Potts Corner (K Lawson)

Phoenix; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Broad-barred White; Longton (R Boydell)

Mullein Wave, Triple-spotted Clay, Brown Scallop; Leighton Moss (J Beattie, S Palmer)

Gold Spangle; Broadgate (A Hannan, G Jones)

Southern Wainscot; Hough Green (P Hillyer)

Goat Moth; Formby (R Walker)

Dun-bar; Preston (S Palmer)

Gothic, Clouded Border; Bispham (B Brigden)

Lesser Cream Wave (many), Beautiful China-mark; Haweswater area (S Palmer)

Silver Hook (many); White Moss (S Palmer)

Argyresthia cupressella, *Argyresthia curvella*, Blackneck; Heysham (J Holding)

Dark Sword-grass, *Epiblema foenella*, Bordered Sallow, Large Wainscot, Obscure Wainscot (29th); Hale (C Cockbain) Bird's Wing; Preston (A Bunting)

29th June

Red-necked footman; Bispham (B Brigden)

28th June

Ghost Moth (male); Alston (S Halliwell)

Dingy Shell; Fazakerley (L Ward)

Single-dotted Wave, Swallow-tailed Moth, Nutmeg; Heysham (J Holding)

27th June

Beautiful Carpet; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Donacaula forcicella, Marbled Beauty; Orrell (P Alker)

Archer's Dart; Formby (R Walker)

26th June

Beautiful Hook-tip, Blackneck, Blood-vein; Burnished Brass; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Light Arches, Swallow-tailed Moth, *Tortrix viridana*; Hale (C Cockbain)

Purple Clay; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Bordered Sallow, Obscure Wainscot; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Heart and Club; Heysham (J Girdley)

Trachycera marmorea, *Apotomis capreana*; Leighton Moss (J Girdley, J Beattie)

Silver Hook; Ainsdale (R Walker)

Small Dusty Wave, Short-cloaked Moth; Bispham (B Brigden)

Common Emerald, Magpie Moth, Bordered White, Common Wainscot, Smoky Wainscot; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

25th June

Dark Dagger (confirmed by dissection); Sunderland (J Girdley)

Barred Yellow; Liverpool (J Clews)

Algedonia terrealis; Chorlton (B Smart)

Epinotia bilunana; King's Moss (C Darbyshire)

Setaceous Hebrew Character, Cabbage Moth; Warton (M Elsworth)

Poplar Grey, Double Lobed; Bispham (B Brigden)

24th June

Lyme Grass; Crosby (C Fletcher, J Donnelly) - **new to Lancashire** and the first ever record from the west side of Britain. Kindly identified by Roy Leverton.

Humming-bird Hawk Moth; Warrington (J Clarke)

Plain Golden Y, Dotted Clay; Bispham (B Brigden)

23rd June

Coleophora deauratella (many) - new to VC60, Chevron, Blackneck, *Celypha cespitana*; St Annes

Clay; Leighton Moss (J Beattie)

Currant Clearwing (12), Vapourer larva; Hope Carr Allotments, Leigh (D Wilson)

Netted Pug; Adlington (P Pugh)

Crambus uliginosellus; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Sandy Carpet, Bird's Wing; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

22nd June

Coronet; Heysham (J Holding)

Large Emerald, Small Rivulet; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

21st June

Obscure Wainscot; Orrell (P Alker)

20th June

Common Lutestring; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Yponomeuta rorrella, larval web on white willow; Chorlton (B Smart)

19th June

Grey Arches, Clay Triple-lines, Green Arches, Mullein Wave; Woodwell (E Langrish, A Barker)

Triaxomera parasitella - several over a few days at its only known breeding site in Lancashire so far; Preston (A Powell)

Small Clouded Brindle; Liverpool (J Clews)

Ghost Moth; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Muslin Footman; Leighton Moss (M Myerscough)

18th June

Blackneck, Fazakerley (L Ward)

Green Arches; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

17th June

Devon Carpet (3); Northern Eggar, Fox Moth, Red Twin-spot Carpet; Roeburndale (J Girdley, P Marsh)

16th June

Dark Tussock larva; Ainsdale (P Smith)

Euzophera pinguis; Liverpool (J Clews)

Obscure Wainscot; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Peach Blossom; Fazakerley (L Ward)

Shore Wainscot; Formby (T Davenport)

Eyed Hawk Moth, Elephant Hawk Moth; Charnock Richard (K Lawson)

Lime Hawk-moth, Green Pug, Lime-speck Pug, Chinese Character; Carnforth (D Bennett)

Least Minor, Scythris fallacella; Warton Crag (S Palmer)

Wood Tiger (2), Grass Wave (60+), Smoky Wave (15+); Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

Goat Moth - two empty pupal; Freshfield (G Jones)

Double Dart; Heysham (J Girdley)

15th June

Obscure Wainscot; Heysham (P Marsh)

Donacaula mucronellus; Leighton Moss (J Beattie)

14th June

Clouded Buff; Longridge (D Lambert)

Puss Moth; Ainsdale (S Halliwell)

Valerian Pug, Common Wainscot; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

13th June

Ptycholoma lecheana; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

12th June

Fox Moth, Small Elephant Hawk, Drinker; St Annes (G Jones, A Heslop)

Grass Rivulet; St Annes (G Jones, A Smith)

Riband Wave, Small Rivulet, Clouded Border; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

Rush Veneer, Pale Prominent, Treble Lines; Sunderland (J Girdley)

Poplar Kitten; Crosby (J Donnelly)

11th June

Broom Moth; Hale (C Cockbain)

8th June

Common Footman; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Magpie Moth bred ex larva; Rochdale (B Smart)

Silver Hook, Shaded Pug (3); Middleton Industrial Estate (J Girdley)

Beautiful Snout (10+); Lord's Lot Wood (per P Marsh)

7th June

Endothenia nigricostana; Martin Mere (A Bunting) very few recent records

Marsh Pug (14); Fleetwood (B Dyson)

Garden Tiger; Preston (S Palmer)

Sallow Kitten; Wilpshire (T & J Davie)

Grass Wave (2), Small Yellow Wave, *Lampronia luzella*, *Metendothenia atropunctana*; Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

6th June

Spindle Ermine larval webs and larvae completely defoliating Spindle bush; Larkhill Heath, Formby (P Smith)

5th June

Uncertain, Pinion-streaked Snout; Rindle Wood (G Riley, I Walker)

Chimney Sweeper (350); Yarrow Valley (E Langrish, S Priestley)

Devon Carpet (3 on 3rd by BH) and 17 on 5th; White Moss (B Hancock, G Jones)

Little Emerald, Scorched Carpet, Green Arches, Oblique Carpet, Common Lutestring, Cream Wave, Shoulder-striped Wainscot, Dusky Brocade, Rivulet, Dot Moth, Lunar Thorn, Sloe Pug, Snout; Yealand Hall Allotments (B Hancock, G Jones, S Palmer, M Tordoff) - in all exactly 100 species.

Middle-barred Minor, Mottled Rustic, Dusky Brocade; Pennington (D Wilson)
Oblique Carpet, Dog' Tooth; Preston (S Palmer)

White Colon, Shears; Crosby (J Donnelly)

Light Arches bred ex larva; Chorlton (B Smart)

4th June

Silver Hook, Peppered Moth; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Netted Pug; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Satin Beauty, Broken-barred Carpet; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

Alder Kitten; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Alder Moth; Briercliffe (T Lally) - **new to this well recorded garden**

Diamond-back Moth, Yellow Shell; Heysham (J Girdley)

Small Elephant Hawk Moth and Elephant Hawk Moth; Gait Barrows (C Barnes)

Freyer's Pug, Dark Arches; Pennington (D Wilson)

Cistus Forester (6); Warton Crag (R Miller and B Hancock on 7th June)

3rd June

Eyed Hawk-moth; Treble Lines; Widnes (P Hillyer)

Alder Moth; Heysham (J Holding)

Birds Wing; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Light Knot-grass, True-lover's Knot; moors north Lincs (J Girdley)

Marsh Pug male and female (observed ovipositing); Flixton (B Hancock, K McCabe)

Coleophora striatipennella bred from Common Mouse-ear; Chorlton (B Smart)

2nd June

Beautiful Yellow Underwing (3), Mother Shipton (3), *Epinotia rubiginosana*, *Nemophora degeerella*, *Lampronia fuscata* (first in VC60 since 1887); Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

Green Carpet; Preston (S Palmer)

Marsh Pug; St Annes (S Priestley, G Jones)

Silver Hook; Rixton (B Smart)

Eyed Hawk; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Gold Spot; Euxton (E Langrish)

Oblique Carpet; Middleton Industrial Estate (J Girdley)

Middle-barred Minor; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

Plutella porrectella; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Small Elephant Hawk-moth; Adlington (P Krischkiw) -

1st June

White-spotted Pug; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

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31st May

Grey Scalloped Bar; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Figure of Eighty; Preston (S Palmer)

Brown Rustic; Rindle Wood (I Walker)

Broom Moth, Dark Brocade; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Least Black Arches; Euxton (E Langrish)

Six-spot Burnet (50+); Haslam Park (G Dixon)

30th May

Silver Y (c20 on 2nd June); Euxton (E Langrish)

Chamomile Shark; Heysham (J Holding)

Wormwood Pug; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Enarmonia formosana; Up Holland (C Darbyshire)

29th May

Devon Carpet; Lord's Lot Wood (J Girdley)

Marbled Coronet; Sunderland (J Girdley)

Knot-grass; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Shaded Pug; Heysham (J Girdley)

Ash Pug; Silverdale (B Hancock)

Broken-barred Carpet; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Silver Y; Heysham (J Girdley)

28th May

Small Yellow Underwing; Bispham Marsh (B Brigden)

Silver Y; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Grapholita internana (New to VC59), Marsh Pug; Flixton (K McCabe)

27th May

Ruddy Highflyer; Heysham (J Girdley)

Common Emerald bred from larva found on Raspberry bush; Newton-with-Scales (A Esslinger)

26th May

Slender Brindle; Flixton (K McCabe)

25th May

Heart and Club; Hale (C Cockbain)

Glaucous Shears; Prescott (M Edmundson)

24th May

Adela rufimitrella, on cuckoo flower head; Adlington (P Pugh)

Grass Rivulet, Silver Hook, *Opsibotys fuscalis*; Birkdale (J Clews, C Daly, R Moyes)

Gold Spot; Hale (C Cockbain)

Green Silver-lines; Preston (A Powell)

Knot Grass; Flixton (K McCabe)

23rd May

Sandy Carpet, Elephant Hawk-moth, White-spotted Pug, Shoulder-striped Wainscot; Martin Mere (A Bunting)

Alder Kitten; Middlewood (I Walker)

Treble Bar; Hale (C Cockbain)

Campion; Flixton (K McCabe)

22nd May

Grapholita lunulana, Small Yellow Underwing, Marsh Pug; Fleetwood Nature Park (B Dyson)

White-spotted Pug; Silverdale (S Palmer)

Coronet, Obscure Wainscot, Pale Prominent, Scorched Wing; Leighton Moss (J Girdley, S Palmer)

Ochreous Pug; Silverdale (S Palmer)

Alder Moth, Broom Moth, Foxglove Pug, Gold Swift,

Peach Blossom, Small Rivulet; Astley Moss (G Riley, I Walker)

Brown Rustic, *Scoparia ambigualis*, Buff Ermine, Common Lutestring; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Opsibotys fuscalis; Ainsdale (P Alker)

Small Elephant Hawk-moth; Botton Head Farm (P Marsh)

Oak Hook-tip; Heysham (J Holding) - photo for what's about

21st May

Coleophora alcyonipennella new to Lancashire; Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Alder Kitten, Small Angle Shades; Cadishead Moss (K McCabe)

Miller; Blackpool (P Barnes)

Blood-vein; Valley Farm (E Langrish)

Poplar Hawk; Preston (S Palmer)

Mottled Pug; Morecambe (A Draper)

Small Fan-foot; Flixton (K McCabe)

Purple Bar, *Tinea trinotella*, *Phyllonorycter stettinensis*, Sallow Kitten; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

Bordered White, *Cydia coniferana*, *Blastesthia posticana*, *Coleophora alticolella*, *Lobesia abscisana*, Mother Shipton (3); Freshfield Dune Heath (G Jones, S Palmer)

Alder Moth; Leck Valley (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Dark Sword-grass, Marbled Coronet, Common Swift; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, T & H Morbey-Ganley)

Scorched Wing, Common Lutestring, Pale-shouldered Brocade; Botton Mill (J Girdley)

Lime-speck Pug; Hale (C Cockbain)

Purple Bar; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

20th May

Yellow-barred Brindle; Blackpool (P Barnes)

Cabbage Moth; Billinge (C Darbyshire)
 Green Carpet; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)
 Dog's-tooth, Middle-barred Minor; Hale (C Cockbain)

19th May

Light Knot-grass (3), Fox Moth (3); Starkers Moor (P Marsh)
 Dark Brocade (10), Striped Twin-spot Carpet (6), Red Twin-spot Carpet (3); Starkers Moor (P Marsh)
 Freyer's Pug; Billinge (C Darbyshire)
 Cinnabar, Buff-tip; Carnforth (D Bennett)
 Snout, Silver Ground Carpet; Pennington (D Wilson)
 Lime Hawk; Bispham (B Brigden)
 Seraphim (2), Common Marbled Carpet; Preston (S Palmer)
 Dingy Shell, Clouded Border; Flixton (K McCabe)
 Marbled White Spot; Astley Moss (K McCabe)

18th May

Small Purple-barred, Mother Shipton; Woodvale (J Clews)
 Cream Wave; Silverdale Moss (J Girdley) - recorders are reminded that this moth requires a photo for verification, particularly away from its north Lancashire stronghold - see Guidelines to Recorders on the moth group website

15th May National Moth Night (NMN)

Below is a list of the species found and recorders who have contributed so far to NMN in Lancashire. An excel file with some more details has been placed in the Lancashire Moth Yahoo Group files area and, when more results are in, the final list will be placed in the NMN section on the group website. Thanks to all of the below for battling yet another atrocious NMN, probably the worst since it started. Many recorders found only a handful of moths in their traps if they were lucky and a few had no moths at all. Even those running a series of traps struggled with many species represented by just a single moth. The best part of the night was that with so many stalwarts running their light traps regardless of the cold, the combined list for the county comes to 85 different types of moth which is pretty impressive - well done to all.

<i>Micropterix tunbergella</i>	Pete Alker
<i>Nematopogon swammerdamella</i>	Bill Aspin
<i>Nematopogon schwarziellus</i>	Andy Barker
<i>Adela reaumurella</i>	Colin Barnes
<i>Caloptilia syringella</i>	Mike Bloomfield
<i>Aspilapteryx tringipennella</i>	Roy Boydell
<i>Hofmannophila pseudospretella</i>	Barry Brigden
<i>Endrosis sarcitrella</i>	Chris Darbyshire
<i>Agonopterix arenella</i>	Tim and Janet Davie
<i>Scrobipalpa acuminatella</i>	John Donnelly
<i>Mompha subbistrigella</i>	Graham Gavaghan

Cochylis atricapitana
Syndemis musculana
Epiphyas postvittana
Cydia ulicetana
Alucita hexadactyla
Aphomia sociella
Emmelina monodactyla
 Emperor Moth
 Pebble Hook-tip
 Flame Carpet
 Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet
 Garden Carpet
 Shoulder Stripe
 Water Carpet
 Small Phoenix
 Red-green Carpet
 Grey Pine Carpet
 Spruce Carpet
 Broken-barred Carpet
 May Highflyer
 Currant Pug
 Common Pug
 Brindled Pug
 Oak-tree Pug
 Dwarf Pug
 Double-striped Pug
 Small White Wave
 Early Tooth-striped
 Brown Silver-line
 Barred Umber
 Early Thorn
 Scalloped Hazel
 Peppered Moth
 Engrailed
 Square Spot
 Grey Birch
 Common Heath
 Common White Wave
 Common Wave
 White-pinion Spotted
 Clouded Silver
 Poplar Hawk-moth
 Iron Prominent
 Pebble Prominent
 Great Prominent
 Lesser Swallow Prominent
 Swallow Prominent
 Coxcomb Prominent
 Pale Prominent
 Lunar Marbled Brown
 Pale Tussock
 White Ermine
 Muslin Moth
 Least Black Arches
 Heart and Dart
 Shuttle-shaped Dart
 Flame Shoulder
 Small Square-spot
 Setaceous Hebrew Character
 Red Chestnut
 Bright-line Brown-eye
 Glaucous Shears
 Tawny Shears
 Powdered Quaker
 Common Quaker
 Clouded Drab
 Twin-spotted Quaker
 Hebrew Character
 Early Grey
 Dark Brocade
 Miller

John Girdley
 Rick Hall
 Brian Hancock
 Graham Jones
 Peter Krischkiw
 Dennis Lambert
 Eddie Langrish
 Phil Mansfield
 Pete Marsh
 Kevin McCabe
 Steve Palmer
 Alan Powell
 Steve Priestley
 Geoff Riley
 Geoff Riley Snr.
 Nigel Rogers
 Archie Simpson
 Anne Smith
 Mike Sutcliffe
 Keith Taylor
 Ian Walker
 Richard Walker

Rustic Shoulder-knot
Nut-tree Tussock
Spectacle

11th May

Prolita sexpunctella, *Olethreutes schulziana*, *Epinotia tetraquetrana*, *Elachista kilmunella*, *Argyrotaenia ljugiana*, *Argyresthia conjugella* (form *aerariella* - all brown); Cockerham Moss (S Palmer)

10th May

Sloe Pug, bred ex larva beat from Blackthorn;
Pennington Flash (P Pugh, D Wilson)

9th May

Anania funebris (2), *Epiblema costipunctana*, *Epiblema scutulana*, *Eucosma aspidiscana*, *Incurvaria masculella*; Warton Crag (J Girdley)

Small White Wave, Pale Prominent; Silverdale Moss (J Girdley)

6th May

Scalloped Hazel;

5th May

Speckled Yellow (2); Warton Crag (R Miller)

Peppered Moth; Preston (S Palmer)

Common White Wave; Botton Mill (J Girdley, P Marsh)

Small Square-spot; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, H & T Morbey Ganley)

Dark Brocade, Glaucous Shears, Striped Twin-spot Carpet; Cross of Greet (P Marsh)

Syndemis musculana; Roeburndale (J Girdley, P Marsh)

2nd May

Belted Beauty larva (first instar); Potts Corner (K Lawson)

1st May

Dark Sword-grass; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Nut-tree Tussock; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

Shuttle-shaped Dart; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Tawny Shears, Silver Y, Dog's-tooth; Sunderland Point (J Girdley, T & H Morbey Ganley)