

# ARCHIVED WHAT'S ABOUT OCTOBER-DEC 2008

## 24th December

December Moth; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

## 23rd December

Mottled Umber (8), Chestnut, Dotted Border; German Lane (E Langrish)

## 22nd December

Mottled Umber; Euxton (E Langrish)

*Ypsolopha ustella*; Preston (S Palmer)

## 21st December

Light Brown Apple Moth; Morecambe (J Girdley)

## 20th December

Mottled Umber (3), Winter Moth (68), Satellite; Euxton area (E Langrish)

## 19th December

Winter Moth (30); German Lane (E Langrish)

## 18th December

Mottled Umber (2), Winter Moth; Worsley (I Walker)

## 14th December

Winter Moth (58), Mottled Umber; German Lane (E Langrish)

## 10th December

*Mompha epilobiella*, *Mompha subbistrigella*, indoors; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 8th December

Winter Moth; Flixton (K McCabe)

Winter Moth (57); Millhouses area (P Marsh)

## 7th December

Angle Shades at lighted window; Leigh (D Wilson)

## 6th December

Herald Moth (14) in air raid shelter; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

## 4th December

Winter Moth; Barton (S Palmer)

## 26th November

Winter Moth (c90), Mottled Umber (16), Scarce Umber (5), December Moth (3), Chestnut; German Lane and surrounding area (E Langrish)

Angle shades, Indian Meal Moth; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Scarce Umber, *Acleris hyemana* - an exceptional record for this heather feeding species; Leighton Moss (R Griffiths, B Hancock, J Swift)

## 19th November

Winter Moth (11 + 4 mating pairs), Satellite, December Moth, Mottled

Umber, Red-green Carpet, Feathered Thorn; Howich Hall Wood (A Barker, E Langrish)

## 18th November

Scarce Umber; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 17th November

Mottled Umber, Scarce Umber, *Blastobasis lacticolella*, Feathered Thorn; Flixton (K McCabe)

Winter Moth (6), *Blastobasis lacticolella*, Brick (2); Preston (S Palmer)

## 15th November

Wave sp.? found in a bag of grapes from Brazil in Morrison's - identity search hopefully underway soon; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Brick, Red-green Carpet (2), Red-line Quaker, Light Brown Apple Moth (3); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Silver Y; Morecambe (J Girdley)

Red-green Carpet, Mottled Umber, December Moth; Silverdale (E Langrish)

Silver y, Red-green Carpet; Preston (S Palmer)

## 14th November

V-pug; Flixton (K McCabe)

Tawny Pinion; Worsley (I Walker)

Red-green Carpet (10), Red-line Quaker, Yellow-line Quaker, Brick (2), Chestnut, Dark Chestnut, Northern Winter Moth; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Scarce Umber (5); German Lane (E Langrish)

Spruce Carpet; Coppull (E Langrish)

December Moth - new to garden; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

*Caloptilia elongella*; Three Sisters Country Park; P Alker per C Darbyshire)

## 13th November

Red-green Carpet (8), Brick, Chestnut, Satellite (14); Worsley (I Walker)

Hebrew Character!, Common Marbled Carpet, December Moth (21), Northern Winter Moth, Winter Moth, Mottled Umber (5), Scarce Umber, Red-green Carpet (4), Brick, *Epirrita* sp. (4); Feathered Thorn (4), Juniper Carpet, Sprawler; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Juniper Carpet (2), December Moth (3), Winter Moth, Silver Y (3), Setaceous Hebrew Character; Preston (S Palmer)

Large Wainscot; Heysham (R Neville et al)

## 10th November

*Phyllonorycter platani* - mines common on single London Plane tree; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

*Emmelina monodactyla*; Hale (C Cockbain)

## 9th November

*Ectoedemia intimella* - mine on Willow; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 8th November

Red-line Quaker, Mottled Umber (3), Angle Shades, Feathered Thorn (5), Scarce Umber; Flixton (K McCabe)

December Moth (3); Coppull (E Langrish)

*An Early Winter's Tale:* Brian Hancock and I (Eddie Langrish) had a great sheet and light session down German Lane. "We set out 4 Actinic Traps, two 15 Watt Portable Heaths, one 30 Watt single heath & one 30 Watt Twin skinner. All traps were fired up at 5.15pm about 70 yards apart.

Plenty of Winter Moths were netted as we strolled the wood and lane. Brian had the knack of finding Feathered Thorns on various plants ready to fly; Mottled Umbers were seen climbing various plants getting ready to fly and two mating pairs of Winter Moths were found. They didn't like the light from our head torches and dropped from the hazel and rowan practically as soon as the light passed over them.

Up to 7pm we had found several Mottled Umbers and a Scarce Umber on vegetation but had seen none flying near the traps. Shortly after there were five Mottled Umber on, or flying round one trap while the other traps also had various moths on or around them. I find it amazing that they all started flying at the same time.

The 25mph south-westerly was rustling the tree tops, with the odd bit of breeze getting down to the site. By 8pm light rain was upon us and no Mottled Umber had been seen for 20 minutes so we decided to pack up.

The tally of moths from 5.15pm -8pm:

Feathered Thorn (3), Common Marbled Carpet, Mottled Umber (20), Nov agg. (4), Winter Moth (20+), Chestnut on vegetation, Red-green Carpet, Scarce Umber (5)

## 5th November

Merveille du Jour; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)

Autumnal Moth; Brinscall (A Barker, E Langrish)

Northern Winter Moth; Flixton (K McCabe)

Mottled Umber, Blair's Shoulder-knot; Preston (S Palmer)

Chestnut (5), Winter Moth (2), Yellow-line Quaker (2), Red-green Carpet (4), Satellite (2), Northern Winter Moths, Mottled Umber; Brinscall (A Barker, E Langrish)

Red Sword-grass (3), Pale Pinion, Angle Shades (3), Satellite (2), Chestnut; White Coppice to Ivy (E Langrish)

Red Sword Grass, December Moth (44), November Moth agg. (13), Feathered Thorn (11), Chestnut (22), Dark Chestnut (3), Spruce Carpet, Pale Pinion, Mottled Umber (3), Red-green Carpet (7), Satellite (5), Yellow-line Quaker (4), Brick (2), Angle Shades (3), Sprawler (5); Millhouses (P Marsh)

## 4th November

Sprawler, Red-green Carpet, Satellite, Mottled Umber, Angle Shades, Chestnut, Pink-barred Sallow, Feathered Thorn, December Moth, Pale November Moth; Leighton Moss (B Hancock, S Palmer)

Grey Pine Carpet, Spruce Carpet (4), Sprawler (2), Dark Chestnut (4), Satellite (4), Common Marbled Carpet, Yellow-line Quaker (4), November Moth agg.(10), Chestnut (26), Pale Pinion, December Moth (37), Feathered Thorn (7), Northern Winter Moth, Angle Shades (2), Brick, Red-green Carpet, Mottled Umber (2), Scarce Umber; Millhouses (P Marsh)

Juniper Carpet; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

December Moth - **new to garden**; Euxton (E Langrish)

Feathered Thorn - **new to garden**; Wigan (G & B Wynn)

## 3rd November

Pink-barred Sallow, Feathered Thorn; Flixton (K McCabe)

Large Wainscot; Leighton Moss (J Beattie)

Common Marbled Carpet, Brick (2); Preston (A Powell)

December Moth (46), Sprawler (5), Dark Chestnut (5), Chestnut (6), Feathered Thorn (7), Yellow-line Quaker (2), Merveille-du-Jour, *Accleris variegana*, November Moth agg. (3), Pale Pinion; Millhouses (J Girdley)

Mottled Umber, Feathered Thorn (4), Red-green Carpet, December Moth, *Blastobasis lacticolella*, Red-line Quaker (2); Rainford (A Cheney)

Satellite; Leigh (D Wilson)

Juniper Carpet; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Brick - new to garden; Wigan (G & B Wynn)

Black Rustic, Juniper Carpet (2); Morecambe (J Girdley)

## 2nd November

Winter Moth, Mottled Umber (7), November Moth agg., Chestnut (2), Feathered Thorn (2), December Moth; German Lane (E Langrish)

Feathered Thorn (6), December Moth (20), Satellite (3), Sprawler (3), Yellow-line Quaker (2), November Moth agg (13), Chestnut (13), Dark Chestnut (4), Setaceous Hebrew Character, Angle Shades, Spruce Carpet (2), Mottled Umber (2), Red-green Carpet, Pale Pinion, Merveille-du-Jour; Millhouses, near Wray (P Marsh)

Winter Moth, Juniper Carpet (2); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Winter Moth, Feathered Thorn; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 1st November

Spruce Carpet, Chestnut, Blair's Shoulder-knot, Feathered Thorn (3); Preston (A Powell)

Mine of *Ectoedemia argyropeza*; Flixton (K McCabe, B Smart)- "the larva can be seen in the top left of the mine just above the midrib by the leaf stalk".

## 31st October

Scarce Umber; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

## 28th October

Dark Chestnut Leighton Moss (B Hancock)

## 25th October

September Thorn (almost equal to the previous latest date 26th Oct); Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

Mottled Umber; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

## 24th October

Red-line Quaker, Angle Shades (7); Silverdale (R Griffiths)

Red-green Carpet, Juniper Carpet, Common Marbled Carpet, Chestnut; Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Tawny Pinion; White Coppice and Chestnut, Mottled Umber; German Lane (E Langrish)

## 22nd October

Pebble Hook-tip; Fazackerly (son of Les Ward)

Red-green Carpet, Angle Shades; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Sprawler, December Moth; High Tatham (P Marsh)

## 18th October

*Bucculatrix thoracella* mine on fallen leaf Dale St., Lancaster (R Homan)

Black Rustic (5); Hale (C Cockbain)

Mottled Umber (7); German Lane (E Langrish)

Dark Chestnut; Morecambe - new to garden (J Girdley)

*Caloptilia azaleella*; Pennington (D Wilson)

## 17th October

Streak, Mottled Umber; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

November type moths (13), Feathered Thorn (5), Light Brown Apple Moth, Blair's Shoulder-knot (2), Red-Green Carpet (2), Red-line Quaker, Yellow-line Quaker (new to garden); Rainford (A Cheney)

Mottled Umber (6); German Lane and Feathered Thorn (10), Rosy Rustic; Lower Burgh Meadows (E Langrish)

Angle Shades (31), Brick (7), Tawny Pinion (2), Dark Chestnut (6), Merveille du Jour, Red Sword-grass (2); White Coppice - all on Ivy (E Langrish)

Red-green Carpet - new to garden; Morecambe (J Girdley)  
Vestal, Feathered Ranunculus, Large Wainscot, Large Yellow Underwing, Setaceous Hebrew Character; Sunderland Point (J Girdley)

*Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*; Rochdale (P Stevens)  
Juniper Carpet, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Brick, Blair's Shoulder Knot, Red-Green Carpet (2), Common Marbled Carpet; Adlington (P Krischkiw) -

## 15th October

Ben Smart has bred two *Acleris* species recently from Chorlton. *Acleris ferrugana* was bred from Oak and *A. hastiana* from a narrow-leaved willow species.

## 14th October

Small Square-spot, Satellite; Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

Pale November Moth (checked by dissection); Leighton Moss (S Palmer)

## 13th October

Straw Dot; Moss House Farm (D Wilson)

Red Sword-grass; Leighton Moss (J Beattie)

*Aethes smeathmanniana* - a very late date, Square-spot Rustic, *Eudonia angustea*; Hale (C Cockbain)

Figure of Eight, Pink-barred Sallow; Preston (S Palmer)

## 12th October

Small Angle Shades (latest county record by 17 days), Straw Dot, Dark Chestnut; Billinge (C Darbyshire)

*Cameraria ohridella* mines on Horse Chestnut; Victoria Park, Widnes (S McWilliam)

Green Brindled Crescent, Red-line Quaker (2), Yellow-line Quaker (2), Brick, Large Yellow Underwing, Large Wainscot (2), Feathered Ranunculus; Haweswater (A & P Palmer)

Chestnut (10), Yellow-line Quaker (3); Worsley (I Walker)

Mottled Umber; Rochdale (P Stevens)

Single Dotted Wave - a very late date; Flixton (K McCabe)

*Calybites phasianipennella*, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Yellow Underwing, Pink-barred Sallow; Hale (C Cockbain)

Golden-rod Pug, Snout, Grey Pine Carpet (2), Common Marbled Carpet (3), Treble-bar, Spruce Carpet (4), Feathered Thorn (2), Common Wainscot; Rainford (A Cheney)

Mottled Umber, November Moth aggregates - two extremes; Whittle-le-Woods (J Nelson)

## 11th October

Angle Shades, Light Brown Apple Moth (9), *Agonopterix propinquella*, Blair's Shoulder-knot (5), Straw Dot (several observers have reported how the status of this moth has changed in the last few years - becoming more frequent and flying later in the year); Adlington (P Krischkiw)

Satellite; Preston (A Powell)  
Mottled Umber, Spruce Carpet, Brick; Rochdale (P Stevens)

Figure of Eight; Warton (M Elsworth)

## 9th October

Pebble Hook-tip - a very late date; Flixton (K McCabe)

## 8th to 11th October (composite list)

Spruce Carpet (4 ), Brick, Setaceous Hebrew Character (3), Black Rustic (2), Red-green Carpet, Silver Y (2), Chestnut, Turnip Moth, Snout, Flame Carpet, Red-line Quaker, Yellow-line Quaker, Light Brown Apple Moth (10) and Large Wainscot; Silverdale (T Riden)

## 10th October

Merveille du Jour, September Thorn (a very late, worn one), Feathered Thorn; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Dusky Thorn, Satellite; Preston (S Palmer)

Grey Pine Carpet, Large Yellow Underwing, Pale Pinion; Worsley (I Walker)

Feathered Thorn (new to garden); Satellite; Rainford (A Cheney)

November Moth agg (53), Brimstone Moth; Samlesbury (A Barker, E Langrish)

Mottled Umber (6); German Lane (E Langrish)

Rosy Rustic, Lesser Yellow Underwing, *Emmelina monodactyla*; Lower Burgh Meadow (E Langrish)

## 9th October

Copper Underwing, Grey Soulder-knot, Red Sword-grass, Red-green Carpet (59 - not a misprint), Spruce Carpet; Worsley (I Walker)

Tawny Pinion on Ivy; German Lane (E Langrish)

Tawny Pinion (2), November Moth *agg.* (8); Preston (S Palmer)

## 8th October

*Phyllonorycter platani* - mines on London Plane; Flixton (K McCabe)

Merveille du Jour (3); Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Large Yellow Underwing still about; Worsley (I Walker)

## 7th October

Flame; Feniscowles (B Aspin) - equal latest date

Satellite (2); Flixton (K McCabe)  
Frosted Orange, Gold Spot, Large Yellow Underwing, Small Square-spot; Leighton Moss (S Palmer et al)

## 6th October

Dark Chestnut, Chestnut, Tawny Pinion all nectaring on Ivy; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

A 40W actinic was placed under a good sized Ivy patch with the following results - Angle Shades, Chestnut (8), Common Marbled Carpet (6), Feathered Thorn, Large Yellow Underwing, Red-green Carpet (7), Red-line Quaker (8), Setaceous Hebrew Character (2), Spruce Carpet, The Brick, Yellow-lined Quaker (3); Worsley (I Walker)

Burnished Brass (latest date), Red-line Quaker (8), Lesser Yellow Underwing, Common Wainscot, Herald, Frosted Orange, Light Brown Apple Moth (8), *Tachystola acroxantha* (3), *Clepsis consimilana*, *Acleris comariana* (2), *Agonopterix arenella*; Flixton (K McCabe)

Red Underwing (2), Yellow-line Quaker, Brick (5), Angle Shades (5), Dark

Chestnut (on Ivy blossom); Preston (S Palmer)

Figure of Eight; Gregson Lane (G Dixon)

Chestnut (15), Dark Chestnut (3), Copper Underwing; German Lane (E Langrish)

Juniper Pug (latest date in the county by almost two weeks), *Ypsolopha ustella*; Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones)

### **4th October**

Large Wainscot; Morecambe (J Girdley) - new to garden

Pale Pinion; German Lane near Euxton (E Langrish)

Merveille Du Jour( new to site), a fresh Copper Underwing, *Ypsolopha ustella*; Burgh Hall Lane near Euxton (E Langrish)

### **2nd October**

Tawny Pinion, Yellow & Red Lined Quaker, Satellite, Angle Shades, Chestnut, Pink-barred Sallow on Ivy blossom; German Lane (E Langrish)