

## ARCHIVED WHAT'S ABOUT RECORDS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009

### 30th October

Mottled Umber (16), Scarce Umber (15); German Lane (E Langrish)  
- large counts for these moths which rarely reach these sorts of numbers in gardens

Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Yellow Underwing, *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, Large Wainscot; Hale (C Cockbain) - getting very late now for all these species

### 29th October

Light Emerald; Hale (C Cockbain) - and still they keep coming!

*Caloptilia azaleella*; Heysham (J Holding) - only the **second record** for VC60.

*Orthopygia glaucinalis*; Wigan (G & B Wynne) - **second latest date for** this species in Lancashire

### 28th October

Vestal; Wray (T Whitaker) - the only notable migrant that turned up in the end

### 26th October

Juniper Carpet (11); Carnforth (D Bennett) - found resting in a garden Juniper bush in the daytime

*Exapate congelatella*; Yealand Conyers (B Hancock)

70+ November Moth (agg.) and one confirmed Autumnal Moth, Red-green Carpet (24), *Diurnea lipsiella*, Flounced Chestnut, Black Rustic (4); Gait Barrows (R Petley-Jones).

### 24th October

*Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, Sprawler (14); Millhouses (T Whitaker) - a very late record for the micro and a record catch of the Sprawler, a rare Lancashire moth

### 21st October

*Exapate congelatella* (12); Rochdale (P Stevens)

### 19th October

Grey Shoulder-knot; Silverdale (B Hancock) - another was recorded at Pennington on the 15th by D Wilson. This beautifully demonstrates the distribution of this moth in the county with large areas of central and eastern Lancashire being apparently unsuitable for this species.

### 18th October

Light Emerald; Preston (S Palmer) - a late date for this moth although it has been noted on two occasions almost to the end of the month.

### 17th October

*Cameraria ohridella*; Winkley Hall, near Clitheroe (K McCabe) - **new to VC60** a few tenanted mines were found on Horse Chestnut.

### 15th October

*Acleris holmiana*; Sunderland (J Girdley) - a very late specimen over a month after the previous latest for this species.

Dark Sword-grass; Bispham (B Brigden) - there have also been recent records of these from Houghton, Preston, Swinton etc some looking really quite fresh. It seems unlikely with the weather we've had of late that these are primary migrants but its very difficult to be sure.

*Eudonia mercurella*; Heysham (J Girdley) - another species flying well beyond its normal flight period

*Exapete congelatella*, Golden-rod Pug; Preston (S Palmer)

### **14th October**

Angle Shades (133) at Botton Head Farm (north east Lancs) (T Whitaker) - an incredible number in amongst an impressive catch of 16 species and 223 moths. Amongst these was an early December Moth.

*Argyresthia goedartella*; Hale (C Cockbain) - second latest county record

*Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*; Bispham (B Brigden) - latest date in the county by some margin.

Red Sword-grass (13) Lythe Fell; (J Girdley, P Marsh) - a large count for this spectacular species

Barred Sallow; Huyton (S Tomlinson)

### **13th October**

Barred Sallow; Hale (C Cockbain) - still the only site in the county where this moth is a regular - photo for what's about

### **10th October**

Common White Wave; Swinton (G Riley) - previous latest record for the county was 11th September on two occasions.

### **9th October**

Ingrailed Clay; Worsley (I Walker)

### **7th October**

*Phylloporia bistrigella* case and leaf mine on birch; Todmorden (K McCabe)

### **30th September**

Larch Pug Yealand; Conyers (B Hancock) - a very late or possible second brood moth. The previous latest date was 11th Aug 2000 in St Helens.

### **28th September**

Deep Brown Dart, Hale (C Cockbain) and again on 30th.

Death's-head Hawk-moth; Heywood, Rochdale (P Kilduff per G Jones)

### **27th September**

Treble Bar; Hale (C Cockbain) - first record of this species in 24 years of recording at this garden.

### **25th September**

Hebrew Character; near Goosnargh (J Shaw) - there have been five November records of this moth in Lancashire since 1998 and none in December. This is by far the earliest emergence noted and the first in October.

### **19th September**

Green Carpet; Swinton (S Christmas) - first record of this moth in over 25 years recording at this garden site.

### **23rd August**

Dark Spinach; Poulton le Fylde (B Dyson) - has become an extremely local species in the county