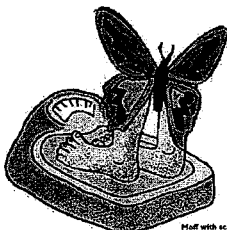


It's been another busy and productive season so far. Records received have for the first time well and truly swamped me and I am behind with data-crunching, but who wants to be inside when the sun shines? Consequently the species list below may be missing a few records.

Identifying specimens brought by visitors, or sent as digital photographs, has made me feel less guilty about not running my own trap. Inevitably some of these moths have been very worn and hard to do where images are concerned. My complaint to Bryon Pateman over one such photo he'd sent resulted in an amusing response:



'Moth with Scales' Bryon Pateman

These specimens have yielded much of interest so far as micros are concerned, and thanks to Volume 4 progress has been made with the gelechids and allies. My thanks to those who have taken the time to get their specimens and photos identified.

In the last newsletter the coastal recorders were being overshadowed by those living inland, but things have changed somewhat. As Chris Gibson wrote to the newsgroup:

"At long last July is looking up. For the first three weeks of the month, I was catching an average of 250 - 300 moths of 65 species, well below normal July averages of 400 - 500 moths of 80 - 90 species. Then with warmer nights from 25th, totals grew to 850 moths of 134 species (both good/very good totals for me). Perhaps not surprising given that the temperature did not fall below 22°C (one of the warmest nights I have recorded here in seven years), and here in Dovercourt we had next to no rain. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been getting a few macros which I don't normally see, or only in small numbers, including Garden Tiger (10 records), Oak Eggar (3), Fen Wainscot (3), Pine Hawk-moth (2), Pebble Hook-tip (2), Blackneck (1), and True Lover's Knot (1). Not many migrants, though."

Migrants become more prevalent in August and September, with rarities such as Dusky Hook-tip, Striped and Bedstraw Hawk-moths, Ni Moth and Golden Twin-spot. The highlight of the year has to be the appearance of the White-spotted Pinion at Langenhoe and near Earls Colne. This pretty noctuid feeds on elm and is nationally scarce, though possibly staging a comeback. These records hopefully indicate that it is still resident in Essex and both sites will be checked again. In the north-west, the Square-spotted Clay continues to turn up and records suggest it is resident to the west of Saffron Walden in the Langley and Elmdon districts.

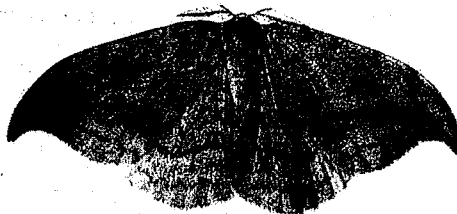


Striped hawk-moth *Lawford*, 2 September

Highlights since the last newsletter:

- 175 *Narycia monilifera* Oak Hill Farm, Epping, 15 June (Tim Green, BG). Third post-1990 record
- 313 *Acrocercops brongniardella* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Became abundant in 1991 but vanished as fast as it had appeared. A record in 1996 at Stour Wood and last year at Friar's Grove near Colchester are the only intervening records
- 374 **Yellow-legged Clearwing** Thorpe-le-Soken, 7 August (Jerry Bowdrey). Adult and empty pupa on an oak tree damaged by a storm several years ago and now producing a sap run.
- 379 **Red-belted Clearwing** Basildon, 24 July (Paul Harris). Breeding in garden
- 409b *Argyresthia cupressella* Layer-de-la-Haye, June (Dave Allen). Sixth Essex site
- 430 *Yponomeuta plumbella* Stanway, 26 July (Dave Owen). Fourth post-1990 record
- 497 *Coleophora badiipennella* Friday Wood, Colchester, 16 July (BG). Second post-1990 site
- 499 *Coleophora limosipennella* Pods Wood, Tiptree, 4 July (Dave Owen et al); Friday Wood area, Colchester, 16 July (BG); Abbots Hall, Tollesbury, case on elm, 7 August (Neil Harvey).
- 515 *Coleophora albitarsella* Layer-de-la-Haye, 27 July (Peter Pyke, BG). Fifth post-1990 site
- 553 *Coleophora striatipennella* Great Horkesley, 15 June (Basil Harley, BG). Second post-1990 record
- 573 *Coleophora atriplicis* Goldhanger, sea wall, 12 June (Andy Cook, BG). Second post 1990 record
- 587 *Coleophora caespitiella* Great Horkesley, 15 June (Basil Harley). Second post-1990 record
- 668 *Luquetia lobella* Stanway, 15 June (Dave Owen, BG). First post-1990 record
- 671 *Depressaria ultimella* Boreham, May (Graham Ekins, BG). **Third county record** and the first since 1987
- 719 *Ethmia quadrillella* Dovercourt, 29 July, 11 August and two on 13 August (Chris Gibson). First records since 1986
- 726 *Metzneria metzneriella* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Second post-1990, the other was at Saffron Walden in 1994
- 729 *Isophrictis striatella* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Third post-1990 record
- 733 *Eulamprotes wilkella* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). First record since 1982
- 758 *Recurvaria leucatella* North Chingford, July (Bryon Pateman), Stanway, 19 July (Dave Owen); Basildon, 8 August (Martin Albertini). First records since 1988
- 782 *Bryotropha senectella* Stanway, 26 July (Dave Owen, BG); Layer-de-la-Haye, 14 August (Peter Pyke, BG). Third and fourth post-1990 record
- 796 *Aroga velocella* Layer-de-la-Haye, 6 August (Peter Pyke, BG). Sixth post-1990 record
- 808 *Platyedra subcinerea* Layer-de-la-Haye, fifteen adults from May to July (Peter Pyke, BG).

- Nationally uncommon, this is the fourth post-1990 site
- 830 *Caryocolum fraternella* Layer-de-la-Haye 27 July (Peter Pyke, BG). Second post-1990 site
- 832 *Caryocolum blandella* Stanway, Dale Close, 12 August (Dave Owen, BG). Third post-1990 record
- 844 *Synopacma larseniella* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Fourth post-1990 record
- 854 *Anacamptis blattariella* Stanway, 26 July (Dave Owen, BG). First post-1990 record
- 856 *Anarsia spartiella* Stanway, 6 and 14 July (Dave Owen). Fourth post-1990 record
- 903 *Chrysoclista linneella* Boreham, 2 June (Graham Ekins, BG). Fourth recent Essex site
- 921 *Phtheochroa inopiana* Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Fourth post-1990 record
- 951 *Aethes beatricella* Jaywick, 17 June (Jon Young). Sixth post-1990 record
- 957 *Cochylidia heydeniana* Layer-de-la-Haye, 21 August (Peter Pyke, BG). Third post-1990 site
- 959 *Cochylidia rupicola* Colchester, 29 July, ten adults around hemp agrimony (Marion Goodey); Fourth Essex site and the first record since 1978. Following this, also reported from Frinton-on-Sea on the same date (Barbara Lock) and Dovercourt on 31 July (Chris Gibson)
- 979 *Archips crataegana* Langdon Hills CP, 22 June (Paul Harris, Don Down). Second post-1990 record
- 1043 *Acleris aspersana* - Dovercourt, July (Chris Gibson). Fourth post-1990 record
- 1095 *Apotomis sporculana* Zett. Oak Hill Farm, Epping, 15 June (Tim Green, BG). Second post-1990 record
- 1120 *Ancylis mitterbacheriana* Oak Hill Farm, Epping, 15 June (Tim Green, BG). Fourth post-1990 record
- 1157 *Crociosema plebejana* Jaywick, 17 June, 24 (two) to 25 August (Jon Young, BG); Layer-de-la-Haye, 21 August (Peter Pyke, BG). **Second and third Essex records. New to VC19**
- 1246 *Grapholita tenebrosana* Dovercourt, 17 June (Chris Gibson). Second post-1990 record
- 1357 *Evergestis extimalis* Kirby-le-Soken, 29 July (Paul Bergdahl)
- 1382 *Anania verbascalis* Layer-de-la-Haye, 2 August (Peter Pyke, BG). Fourth post-1990 record
- 1465 *Nephoterix angustella* Boreham, 4 June (Graham Ekins); Kirby-le-Soken, 28 August (Paul Bergdahl). Sixth and seventh post-1990 record
- 1474 *Ephestia parasitella* Boreham, June (Graham Ekins, BG); North Chingford, June (Bryon Pateman, BG); Stanway, 10 June (Dave Owen, BG); Mistley, 28 June (Peter Pyke, BG)
- 1523 *Oidaematophorus lithodactyla* Dovercourt, 12 July (Chris Gibson). Second post-1990 site - the other was at Jaywick in 1998
- 1584 **White Admiral** Friday Wood area, several dates in July, evidence of spreading (BG et al)
- 1594 **Large Tortoiseshell** Mistley, 19 July, adult entered house (Ian Rose)
- 1649 **Dusky Hook-tip** Kirby-le-Soken, 11 August (Paul Bergdahl). **Third Essex record and new to VC19.** The other two, both from Bradwell-on-Sea, were on 8 August 1992 and 6 August 1997 (A.J. Dewick)



Dusky Hook-tip Kirby-le-Soken, 11 August

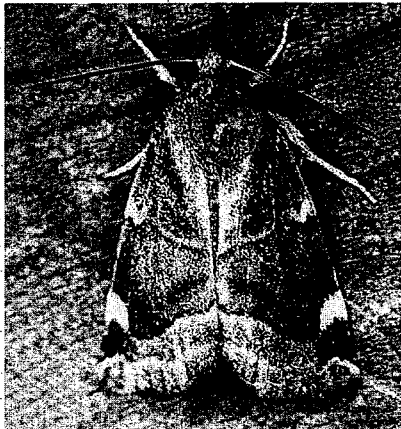
- 1688 **Tawny Wave** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 30 July (Reg Arthur). Seventh post-1990 record

- 1716 **Vestal** Langdon Hills CP, two on 22 August (Paul Harris)
- 1720 **Gem** Kirby-le-Soken, 28 August (Paul Bergdahl); Magdalen Laver, 3 September (Tim Green).
- 1767 **Pine Carpet** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 25 July (Reg Arthur). Third post-1990 record
- 1807 **Grass Rivulet** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 18 June (Reg Arthur). Second post-1990 record
- 1855 **Cypress Pug** Kirby-le-Soken, recorded on eight nights between 27 July and 24 August (Paul Bergdahl); Landermere, 19 August, two (Ben Fisher); Langenhoe, 19 August (Hugh Owen et al); St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 15 and 22 August (Reg Arthur)
- 1868 **Lesser Treble-bar** Jaywick, Midway, 20 August (Jon Young)
- 1945 **Brussels Lace** undisclosed locality in north-east Essex, 14 July (recorder's name withheld). First record since 1960
- 1978 **Pine Hawk-moth** Reported from a number of localities this year
- 1885 **Clouded Magpie** Langenhoe, 19 August (Hugh Owen, Ian Rose, Joe Firmin)
- 1972 **Convolvulus Hawk-moth** Abbots Hall Farm, 24 August (Dave Smart)
- 1984 **Humming-bird Hawk-moth** Hadleigh C.P., 1 June (Don Down); Mistley, 15 June (Ian Rose); Barnfield, Epping, 20 June (Iris Newbery); Lawford, 25 June (Anne Lansdown); Brentwood, 28 June (M. Long); Jaywick, 29 June, 4 July and 23 August (Jon Young); Rowhedge, 6 July (Neil Harvey); Danbury, 2 August (John Dobson); Magdalen Laver, 1 September (Tim Green); Langley Upper Green, 3 September (Ted Ponting); Abbots Hall, 5 September (Neil Harvey)
- 1987 **Bedstraw Hawk-moth** Dovercourt, Oakley Road, 19 August (Chris Gibson); Bentwood, 24 August (Neil Adams)
- 1990 **Striped hawk-moth** Lawford, 2 September (Anne Lansdown). Fourth post-1990 record, the others being North Chingford in 1996, Saffron Walden and Bradwell-on-Sea both in 1992. Anne's capture led to a disgraceful twitch by the bird-watching fraternity but luckily I got there early before the crowds (!).
- 2041 **Dotted Footman** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 19 July (Reg Arthur). Fourth post-1990 site
- [2108 **Lunar Yellow Underwing** A record from Beaumont-cum-Moze last year on 14 August was an error and is retracted]
- 2131 **Square-spotted Clay** Freewood, 9 August (John Chainey, Jenny Spence) two adults feeding on teasel flowers at TL475395; Langley, Upper Green, 14 August (Ted Ponting). These bring the total to fourteen adults from this 10km square since 2001
- 2165 **Small Ranunculus** Basildon, 7 and 26 July (Paul Harris)
- 2194 **White-point** Landermere, 6 June and 19 August (Ben Fisher); Langley, Upper Green, 29 June (Ted Ponting); Kirby-le-Soken, 11 August (Paul Bergdahl); Dovercourt 18 August (Chris Gibson); Lawford, 2 September (Anne Lansdown)
- 2223 **Toadflax Brocade** Dovercourt, 28 and 30 July (D.M. Anthoney, Peter Smith). Second and third from site, the first being on 30 May 2001. (There are also two records from nearby Chris Gibson' Oakley Road garden, on 30 May 2000 and 26 May 2001.)
- 2295 **Marbled Green** Kirby-le-Soken, 17 August (Paul Bergdahl); Dovercourt, 18 August (Chris Gibson)
- 2317 **White-spotted Pinion** Chalkney Wood, Earls Colne, 17 August (Dave Warner, Joe Firmin, Ian Rose); Langenhoe, 19 August (Hugh Owen, Ian Rose, Joe Firmin). A nationally scarce moth, possibly because of Dutch elm disease, but which may be showing signs of recovery. Other recent Essex records include singles from Saffron Walden in 1997 (Maitland Emmet) and Aubrey Buxton NR, Elsenham, in 1995 (Charles Watson, Colin Plant)
- 2403 **Bordered Straw** Lawford, 5 July (Anne Lansdown); Salcott, 26 July (George Catchpole); Loughton, 21 August (Robin Barfoot); Jaywick, 22 August (Jon Young); Langley Upper Green, 18 August (Ted Ponting)
- 2428 **Golden Twin-spot** Kirby-le-Soken, 4 September (Paul Bergdahl). Fourteenth post-1990 record and eighth site. Recorded in 1990, 1991, 1997, 1999 and 2000.
- 2432 **Ni Moth** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 28 August (Reg Arthur). Third post-1990 site
- 2480 **Buttoned Snout** Great Horkesley (Basil Harley). New site, recorded most years from c.1991 to 2002 at TL9632, there being a large growth of hop nearby. East Ham, 25 June

(Howard Vaughan), larvae reared and adults photographed. A survey by Robin Field and Butterfly Conservation has revealed larvae at forty-three sites across Essex, around 90% of those sampled. This at first seems very high however light-trap records strongly suggest the species is as widespread as this survey suggests

2484 **Pinion-streaked Snout** St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 15 August (Reg Arthur)

2475 **Waved Black Epping**, Oak Hill Farm, 23 July (Dave Perry, Tim Green); St Osyth, Daltes Lane, 1 August (Reg Arthur)



White-spotted Pinion Langenhoe, 19 August

Volume 4 and the pug book

The paperback versions of the above are almost ready and you can order them directly from Basil (tel. 01206 271216). The cost is £44.00 per volume or £82.50 for both. The new and eagerly awaited pug book may be ready by the end of this year, but the beginning of next year is probably more realistic. Find out more at www.harleybooks.com

Essex Field Club show

We've been invited to participate in this important event, due to take place in December in Chelmsford, essentially to fill a 2-metre table with displays, information etc. If you'd like to take this on, please get in touch.

Hungry ducklings Joe Firmin

Five bustling (and very vocal) mallard ducklings created a hilarious interlude when myself and Ian Rose ran a mercury-vapour lamp on a pole (with sheet) at Thorpe Hall, Thorpe-le-Soken on the night of 18 June. We ran the light in the gardens near the big lake and a Skinner trap near to some of the buildings. Much to the amusement of the Thorpe Hall Health and Garden Spa owner Martin Wootton, who came to look at the lakeside lamp, the duckling invaders scurried all over the sheet, snapping up lots of caddis flies and grass moths before being caught and removed to safer quarters. Luckily they failed to catch any significant moths which were just beginning to arrive! The final tally of species was 39 species (some 60 moths) and we'll return to the site later in the season.

CD Project

As computer users will know, we've started gathering images and data for a CD which will essentially focus on those hard-to-separate groups of moths plus all the micros we can get images for, larvae and leaf-mines.

Interest has spread outside the county and includes people supplying material from Suffolk, Norfolk and Oxfordshire. A long-term project, this year we've concentrated on pugs (150 examples of 20 species) thanks to Paul Bergdahl and Perry Hampson, and the *Eudonia/Scoparia* pyralids (45 examples of eight species), the two groups so far generating more than 530 images.

Next year we're hoping to cover more groups, with *Cnephasia*, *Acleris*, the minors, and the rustic/uncertain pair as possible targets. The idea is to try and provide an aid to help in the identification of tricky species without the need to harm the specimen, by focusing on characters that persist even in worn examples, so images will be of moths in natural resting posture, mimicking what you'd see in your trap.

As well as this Jon Clifton, Jeff Higgott and myself will be working on leaf-miners, photographing mines and resulting adults. Images from Graham Ekins, Tim Green, Bryon Pateman, Peter Pyke (and anyone else we can bully) will help to give an introduction to the smaller moths. Our own Ian Rose has sewn up the macros, now it's the turn of the smaller fry!

An ambitious idea perhaps, and one that will have mixed success in some cases.

National Moth Night, 2002

This year's event (held on 15 June) generated 1,469 records of 267 species from 38 sites, 33 people taking part. The cool conditions gave an average of around 30 species per site, awful given the time of year. Only Dovercourt (92), Epping Forest (87) and Stour Wood (77) got anywhere near the 100 species mark.

Highlights were thin on the ground but among the macros were, in no particular order, **Pine Hawk-moth** (Lawford), **Clay Triple-lines** (Epping Forest), **Great Oak Beauty** (Epping Forest), **Lobster Moth** (Langley Upper Green, Shut heath Wood, Epping Forest), **Orange Footman** (Mistley, Stour Wood, Wivenhoe, Sunnymead Farm, Epping Forest), **Cream-spot Tiger** (Jaywick, Abberton, Maldon), **Water Ermine** (Maldon), **White Colon** (Dovercourt), **Mathew's Wainscot** (Dovercourt). There were a few micros of note and these can be found in the systematic list.

National Moth Night, 2003

The date of National Moth Night in 2003 is **12 April**, and the two species targeted are **Orange Upperwing** (*Jodia croceago*) and **Sword-grass** (*Xylena exsoleta*). There are old records for these at Epping and elsewhere, so once again Tim Green has agreed to host the event at Oak Hill Farm, Epping, and perhaps combine it with a search for the weird Brindled Pug.

Corrections to Razowski's Die Tortriciden Mitteleuropas

For those who have brought this useful but flawed book the following corrections have been suggested, courtesy of John Langmaid and others

Misidentification of *Loxoterma siderana* as *Loxoterma lacunana* on the back cover.

Both male and female genitalia of *Acleris notana* and *A. ferrugana* are transposed.

Plate 2, the figures of *A. notana* and *A. ferrugana* are the wrong way round i.e. figs. 28, 28a - 28d are *A. notana* and figs. 29, 29a-29c are *A. ferrugana*.

On p136 the figures of the male genitalia for *Pseudhermenias abietana* and *Piniphila bifasciana* are transposed.

Plate 2, figs 30 and 30a (*A. querecinana*) are actually *A. ferrugana*.

Plate 4, the identity of fig. 65 (*Gynnidomorpha luridana*) is in doubt.

Plate 4, fig 67 (*G. minimana*) is *G. manniana*.

Plate 4, fig 69 (*G. alimana*) is *G. minimana*.

Plate 8, fig 171a does not show the form *sauberiana* of *Archips podana*.

Plate 8, again, fig 171b is a male.

Plate 10, fig 212 *Isotrias rectifasciana* is a female.

Plate 12, fig 257 (*Apotomis semifasciana*) is *A. infida*.

Plate 12, fig 258 (*A. infida*) is *A. semifasciana*.

Plate 12, fig 259 (*A. lineana*) is *A. semifasciana*.

Plate 12, fig 264 (*A. sororculana*) is *A. turbidana*.
 Plate 12, fig 278 (*Celypha rosaceana*) is *C. rufana*.
 Plate 15, fig 344 (*Epinotia sordidana*) is not an *Epinotia* and is probably a form of *Epiblema sticticana*. fig 344a is correct.
 Plate 17, fig 405 (*Eucosma balatonana*) is *E. obumbratana*.
 Plate 19, fig 436 (*Epiblema cnicicolana*) is *E. obscurana*.
 Plate 19, fig 439 (*E. costipunctana*) is *E. cnicicolana*.
 Plate 19, fig 442 (*E. confusanum*) is *E. costipunctana*.
 Plate 20, fig 474 (*Cydia succedana*) is *C. intexta*, fig 474a is correct.
 Plate 21, fig 512 (*Grapholita difficilana*) is *G. internana*.
 Plate 21, fig 513 (*G. internana*) is *G. difficilana*.
 Plate 21, fig 513a (*G. internana*) is *G. nigrostriana*.
 Plate 21, figs 516 and 516a (*G. lunulana*) are both *G. orobana*.
 Plate 22, fig 522 (*G. nigrostriana*) is *G. internana*.
 Plate 22, fig 526 (*G. molesta*) is *G. herrichiana*.
 Plate 22, fig 537 (*Pammene insulana*) is *P. ignorata*.
 Plate 22, fig 538 (*P. suspectana*) is probably *P. albuginana*.
 Plate 23, fig 558 (*P. albuginana*) is *P. suspectana*.
 Plate 23, fig 559 (*Strophedra nitidana*) is *S. weirana*.
 Plate 23, fig 560 (*S. weirana*) is *S. nitidana*.
 Plate 24, fig 589 (*Dichrorampha flavidorsana*) is *D. alpinana*.
 Plate 24, figs 590 and 590a (*D. alpinana*) are both *D. flavidorsana*.

I understand more errors are being found. One I noticed, figure 214 and 217 on pages 206 and 207 are identical.

Las Dascargues - Gorses, France. July 2002. Jon Clifton, ALS, Norfolk

A superb week was spent with Robin Howard and his family at Gorses, which nestles just inside the Midi-Pyrenees almost bordering the Dordogne, and has the Lot and Cele valley just to the south. Anyone who knows Robin will recognise him as the Cornwall moth recorder (still!) and joint recorder of National Moth Night. He moved out to France last October and now runs a very friendly B&B and self-catering Gite, with incredible views looking down into the valley 2,500 feet below with the very traditional small village of Terrou.

With two traps run in the garden each night, and the chance of running others amongst the various nearby habitats of broad-leaved woodland or on heather clad hillsides, and with Robin's extensive personal library at hand, there is little need to take out any equipment of your own.

A nine-hour drive from Calais, or a flight to Limoges are the easiest ways of travel. Lovely walks, taking in the French countryside or visiting wonderful little villages, tasting the local cheeses or red wine and seeing such good numbers of butterflies such as Spotted, Marsh and Knapweed Fritillary, two species of Swallowtail, Large Blue and White Admiral, or large numbers of Marbles White. Or if days out with the family are wanted there are the wonderful caves at Padirac, or boat trips on the Lot.

Of course if you have simply come for the moths then you are in for a good time. During our week's stay we saw well over 100 species that would make your mouth water just by looking at them in Mr Skinner's book, and oh no, not forgetting the micros, some of which only have a toe-hold in the south of Britain. Day fliers such as Speckled Yellow, Frosted Orange and the very beautiful *Oecophora bractella* and *Esperia oliviella*.

Migrants to this country, of which you may only see once in a life time, such as The Latin, Orache Moth, Toadflax Brocade, Passenger, Black V Moth, Dewick's Plusia, The Alchymist, Four Spotted (shall I go on!!), well then there's the scarce species you would have to travel to see, mainly to the south of England, like Kent Black Arches, Least Carpet, Red-necked Footman, Festoon, Coronet, Horse Chestnut, Clay Fan-foot, and Clay Triple Lines. If it's the micros you're wanting, then how about *Nothris verbascella* (now thought to be extinct in

Britain), *Stathmopoda pedella*, *Epicallima formosella*, *Epinotia festivana*, *Caryocolum blandulella*, or for the pyralid fans there was *Agrotera nemoralis*, *Diasemia reticularis*, *Oncocera semirubella*, *Elegia similella* and *Acrobasis glaucella*, plus some lovely little crambids still awaiting identification.

What about leaf mines? Well there are the hornbeam species confined to the south, such as *Phyllonorycter quinnata* and *P. tenerella* (yes, this is recorded from VC69 but elsewhere usually only found in the south), and while on the leaves we noted large cases of *Coleophora currucipennella* on oak. Then there is the batch I bought home for further examination, like some of the *Cucullia* species (the shark-type noctuid's, of which there are many) and quite a few micros! It made a lovely change to rainy England and counting Shuttle-shaped Dart's!

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Mechanical Pooter

Finally, for microlepidopterists, Bryon Pateman has tested a small battery-operated suction device sold for safely removing spiders from the house. Useless for this, Bryon describes its effectiveness for catching evasive micros as excellent. The catch is sucked into a clear 20cm plastic tube for identification. If you'd like to more about the Fito *Spider & Bug Buster* (*sigh*), get in touch. The cost is around the £10 mark.

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