mothnight 8-10th July 2021

Countdown to Moth Night 2021

The Moth Night team is excited to announce the dates and theme for the next Moth Night, which will take place over the three nights of **8th - 10th July 2021**.



The theme of this year's Moth Night event is reedbeds and wetlands, which provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the importance of these habitats for insects at the height of the summer.

We would like to encourage participation from as many nature reserves, country parks and wild places as possible. If you run a moth-trap we want your data! Post your records via the recording form on the <u>Moth</u> <u>Night website</u> and put a dot on the interactive map for your location.



Public events

Historically Moth Night has included public events across the country. We are monitoring the ongoing coronavirus situation very carefully and we very much hope that public events will form part of Moth Night in 2021. We will only promote public events if it is safe to do so.



In addition to the theme of reedbeds and wetlands, in 2021 we will be accepting records for day-flying moths. There are, therefore, myriad opportunities to hold events to get people into nature reserves and country parks to enjoy the wildlife. For example, evening events to see night-flying species, breakfast events to open moth-traps and daytime nature walks. Perhaps

you could consider hosting such an event if it is safe to do so.

About Moth Night

Moth Night is organised by <u>Atropos</u>, <u>Butterfly Conservation</u> and the <u>UK Centre for Ecology &</u> <u>Hydrology</u> and is the annual celebration of moth recording throughout Britain and Ireland by moth recording enthusiasts.

Prizes

We have some great prizes to give away to Moth Night participants from <u>Atropos Books</u>, <u>Bloomsbury</u>, <u>Celestron</u>, <u>Opticron</u>, <u>Richard Lewington</u> and <u>Watkins & Doncaster</u>. Some of these will be awarded to random participants, others are specific awards like the best migrant species.

Put the dates of 8th to 10th July 2021 in your diary and look out for more information coming soon.

The Moth Night Team

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