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Field meeting report:

Saturday 19th September 2009 (National Moth Night) Leigh Woods NNR (North Somerset, Vice-county 6)

Two lights run by Mike Bailey and one by Ray Barnett. Moth group attendees: Andy Pym and Michael Pocock, plus c.25 members of the public as part of the programme of walks organised by the Avon Gorge & Downs Project via Mandy Livers (Bristol Zoo) and Bill Morris (National Trust). After a warm and sunny day, the cloud retained the warmth during the evening. Lights run from 7.30 to 10.30pm.

Species recorded

0460	<i>Ypsolopha parenthesesella</i> (L.)	
0464	<i>Plutella xylostella</i> (L.)	Diamond-back Moth
0658	<i>Carcina quercana</i> (Fabr.)	
0688	<i>Agonopterix heracliana</i> (L.)	
0873	<i>Blastobasis lignea</i> Wals.	
0970	<i>Pandemis cerasana</i> (Hb.)	Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix
0972	<i>Pandemis heparana</i> (D. & S.)	Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix
1039	<i>Acleris comariana</i> (Lien. & Zell.)	Strawberry Tortrix
1722	Flame Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe designata</i> (Hufn.)
1728	Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata fluctuata</i> (L.)
1764	Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta truncata</i> (Hufn.)
1776	Green Carpet	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i> (Knoch)
1855	Cypress Pug	<i>Eupithecia phoeniceata</i> (Ram.)
1906	Brimstone Moth	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i> (L.)
1937	Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i> (D. & S.)
1961	Light Emerald	<i>Campaea margaritata</i> (L.)
2107	Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i> (L.)
2110	Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i> (Schr.)
2134	Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i> (D. & S.)
2272	Barred Sallow	<i>Xanthia aurago</i> (D. & S.)
2274	Sallow	<i>Xanthia ictertia</i> (Hufn.)
2297	Copper Underwing	<i>Amphipyra pyramidea</i> (L.)
2474	Straw Dot	<i>Rivula sericealis</i> (Scop.)
2477	Snout	<i>Hypena proboscidalis</i> (L.)

Hornet *Vespa crabro* L. (x16)

Forest Bug *Pentatoma rufipes* (L.)

Orange Ladybird *Halyzia 16-guttata* (L.)

Meadow Grasshopper *Chorthippus parallelus* (Zett.)

To many attending the meeting the sight of 16 hornets in one trap was the highlight of the evening rather than the moths!

Forthcoming indoor meeting:

Sunday 7th February 2010

A joint meeting with the British Entomological & Natural History Society at Bristol City Museum & Art Gallery, 10.00-16.00. A series of short talks and demos on the Lepidoptera of the Bristol region. See attached flyer. Non-members of the BENHS are very welcome and it would be great to get a good turn out. Please let me know if you intend on coming.

Forthcoming field meetings:

See attached provisional list. This year's programme has been designed to look for species which are very localised and which have perhaps not been recorded very recently. Further details of meetings, additional meetings and any changes to the programme will be notified in future newsletters.

Still available!:

Moths of the Bristol Region has been selling well and received very good reviews. Copies can be obtained direct from Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre (BRERC), Third Floor, Bristol Central Library, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TL Tel: 0117-9349833 E-mail: info@brerc.org.uk Website: www.brerc.org.uk

2009 records:

The publication of the moth atlas does not mean that moth records are no longer of interest, on the contrary, we should be building on the base-line knowledge we now have to monitor changes in occurrence and abundance. Changes are happening fast to much of our insect fauna and such data plays an important role in providing evidence for the impact of climate change let alone attempts to conserve species. Therefore, please submit your moth records for the 'Avon' area direct to me or direct to BRERC (on-line data entry is possible on their website or by contacting them directly by phone to discuss formats).

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