



Bristol & District Moth Group Field Meetings 2010

Those on the Moth Group Mailing list are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings and to bring guests. Species recorded should be reported to the leader on the day/night, or as soon as possible afterwards. Please make every effort to pass around interesting specimens so all attending have a chance to see them.

If wet, meetings may be cancelled at short notice. Please contact Ray Barnett (work: 0117 – 3525896, home: 0117 – 942 5655), or Mike Bailey (home: 01761 471000) if unsure whether the meeting will go ahead.

Friday 26 March Goblin Combe
(Night) Further details to follow. Target species: Barred Tooth-striped. Leader: Rupert Higgins/Ray Barnett.

Saturday 15 May Tyntesfield (National Trust), Wraxall, N. Somerset
(Night) (National Moth Night – theme of moths and bats)
Meet at 9.00pm. Follow the signs on the B3128 (Bristol to Clevedon road). Turn into the estate at the main entrance ST501 723 and continue to follow the signs down to the main visitor car park where we will meet. Leader: Ray Barnett.

Friday 21 May Blaise Estate, Henbury, Bristol
(Night) (Part of the 2010 Bioblitz event aiming to record as many different species of fauna and flora as possible at the site in two days.)
Meet at 9.00pm at the car park for the Blaise Estate on the Kings Weston Road (B4057) ST556 785. Target: as many species as possible. Leader: Ray Barnett

Friday 25 June Sand Point, Kewstoke, N. Somerset
(Night) (National Insect Week.)
Meet at 9.00pm at the Sand Point car park (National Trust) at the end of the Beach Lane at ST330 659. Targets are Sand Dart, Lunar Yellow Underwing and Marbled Coronet. Leader: Ray Barnett.

Saturday 10 July Wetmoor/Lower Woods, S. Glos.
(Day) (Joint meeting with the Bristol Naturalists' Society Invertebrate Section)
Meet at 2.00pm at Lower Woods Lodge car park, Inglestone Common ST745 881. Target is the larva of *Coleophora albella* (in seed heads of Ragged Robin). Leader: Ray Barnett.

Sunday 18 July Chew Valley Lake Ringing Station, Bath & NE Somerset.
(Day) (Joint meeting with the Bristol Naturalists' Society)

Meet at Herriot's Bridge ST572 582 at 9.00am to inspect the light traps set the previous evening near to the Ringing Station. (Optional bird watch follows led by Ed Drewitt – bring £2.50 for hide permit if you want to stay on for this.) Leader: Mike Bailey.

Saturday 28 August Chew Valley Lake Ringing Station, Bath & NE Somerset.

(Day) (Joint meeting with the Bath Natural History Society)

Meet at Herriot's Bridge ST572 582 at 9.00am to inspect the light traps set the previous evening near to the Ringing Station. (Optional bird watch follows led by Philip Delve – bring £2.50 for hide permit if you want to stay on for this.) Leader: Mike Bailey.

Important notice:

Light-trapping meetings are potentially hazardous. Please bring a torch, warm and waterproof clothing and possibly a mobile phone and refreshment. Make your presence known to the event leader.

If you are operating electrical equipment please **ensure** that it is safe, many electrical suppliers will carry out a short test (eg A. E. Horder of Horfield, Bristol). Mercury vapour lamps can explode if rain falls on the exposed bulb, ensure you have a rain-shield in operation when necessary, or you will be asked to close down the lamp. Rain shields now available commercially eg from Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies. Please plug mercury vapour lamps into the electrical supply through a circuit breaker.

Please take great care of your own personal safety when at a meeting, take heed of the event leader, try to avoid looking directly at mercury vapour lights and do not wander off alone. Sites may contain hidden mine-shafts, or cliffs or other hazards easily missed at night. Attendance is at your own risk.

A Risk Assessment is provided to all members on the mailing list, please make yourself familiar with it. If you do not have a copy please request a copy from Ray Barnett.