



Garden Moth Scheme

Micro-moth identification guide

All GMS species 1st Edition

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This guide is intended to assist with the identification of the micro-moths included in the list of species on the 2025 GMS recording form. It is recommended that further reference is made to text books and / or websites, and a brief list of suggestions is included in the final section.

It should be pointed out that there are some species of macro-moth included in the GMS recording form that require extra care in their identification, but we believe that sufficient information is readily available for novices to successfully come to the correct diagnosis in most cases. We recommend obtaining a good field guide that gives an indication of similar species and a clear description of relevant features, along with the use of a digital camera to allow a more leisurely analysis of your catch. Photographs should be taken against a neutral background of grey, brown or green rather than white or black, and an indication of size (very important for identification) can be given by placing a ruler in the frame. These can be shared with more experienced moth recorders via the GMS Facebook Group, or emailed to your GMS coordinator for help with identification.

There are 78 species of micro-moth described below, with indications of their size, main identification features and flight period. The size given is as indicated in Sterling, Parsons & Lewington (2012), and the information on the main features was taken from Sterling, Parsons & Lewington (2012) and / or Berkshire Moth Group (2013). The flight period histograms are obtained using data from the GMS database to November 2014 – it should be noted that not all the species are on the list to be recorded during the winter scheme (November – February).

Photographs are by courtesy of Chris Knott and Mike Cook.

All of the moths recorded by the scheme, both macro- and micro-moths, can be found listed on the GMS website under 'Information > Identifying Moths'. Each is linked to the relevant page on the UKMoths website by simply clicking on the code (ABH number).

2nd Edition

The species code has been changed to the new Agassiz, Beavan and Heckford code (ABH code), although old Bradley and Fletcher code is shown in brackets after the ABH code. Entries are in the order of the ABH code. Where the generic part of the taxonomic name has changed with the publication of the ABH list, the original genus is shown in brackets after new ABH genus.

3rd Edition

All micros on the Winter GMS form have been moved from regional lists to the core list. *Torticodes alternella* added.

4th Edition

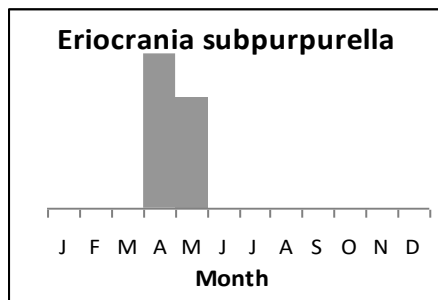
Common names updated to those used in Sterling, Parsons and Lewington (2023). Field Guide to the Micro-moths of Great Britain and Ireland. British Wildlife Publishing, Dorset – Second edition

References and resources sections on page 29 updated.

1st Consolidated Edition

Following the decision to move from 12 regional species lists to a single GMS species list, this document includes all the Micro-moth species that were originally on any the 12 regional lists or the “core” list.

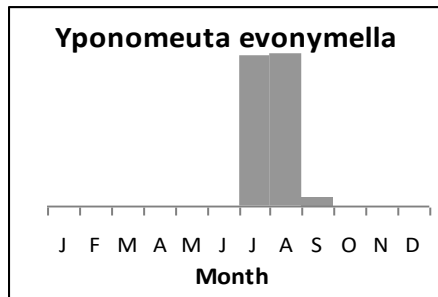
2.001 (BF 0006) Common Spring Jewel *Dyseriocrania (Eriocrania) subpurpurella*



Forewing length:
5 to 7 mm

Main features: Metallic golden wings with occasional purple and blue scales; long hairs on top of and behind head; indistinct pale patch before tornus and similar patch on costa at 3/4. Antennae 2/3 length of wing.

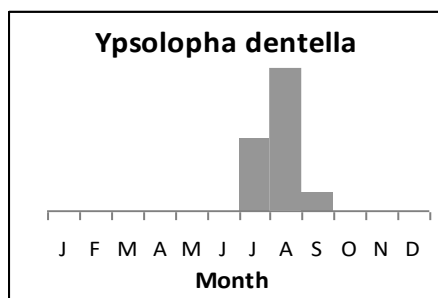
16.001 (BF 0424) Bird-cherry Ermine *Yponomeuta evonymella*



Forewing length:
9.5 to 12.5 mm

Main features: Five rows of black dots, significantly more numerous than others in the group.

17.003 (BF 0453) Honeysuckle Moth *Ypsolopha dentella*



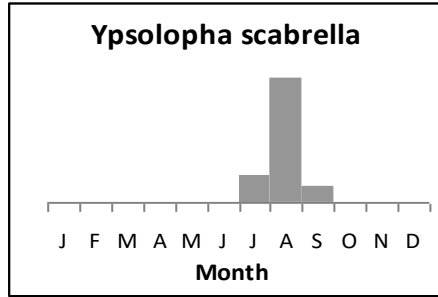
Forewing length:
10 to 11 mm

Main features: Head-down posture; forewing hooked at apex; broad pale dorsal band.

17.005 (BF 0455)

Tufted Scallop

Ypsolopha scabrella



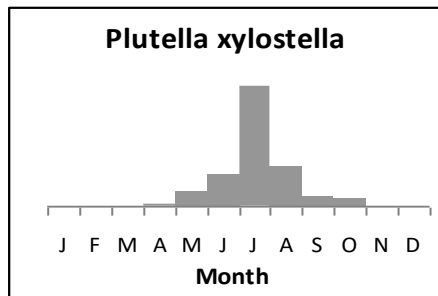
Forewing length:
7 to 11 mm

Main features: Pointed apex with termen concave on either side of point; long cilia at tornus forming erect tuft; dark brown patch along dorsum with three pairs of dark brown scale tufts. Dorsal half of wing streaked white and reddish-brown; costal half off-white streaked light brown. Antennae held forwards at rest.

18.001 (BF 0464)

Diamond-back Moth

Plutella xylostella



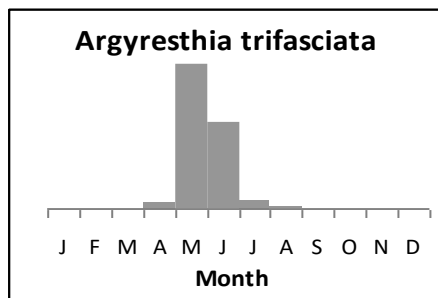
Forewing length:
6 to 8.5 mm

Main features: Pale head, thorax & dorsal band with wavy edges – ‘diamond-shaped’ markings. Antennae point forwards.

20.005 (BF 0409a)

Triple-barred Tip Moth

Argyresthia trifasciata



Forewing length:
4 to 5 mm

Main features: White head, thorax and wings golden; three pure white cross-bands with no black edging and three white marks near apex.

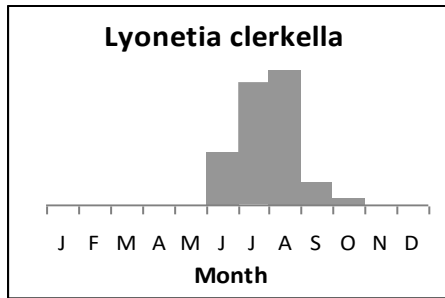
21.001 (BF 0263)

Apple Leaf Miner

Lyonetia clerkella



Forewing length:
4 to 4.5 mm

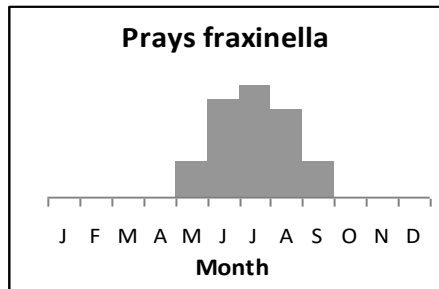


Main features: Shiny white elongated forewing with orange-brown spot towards costa at 2/3, angular grey-brown cross-band beyond and brownish blotch beyond that. Distinct black dot at apex with dark lines radiating into cilia. Melanic and intermediate forms occur.

22.002 (BF 0449)

Ash Bud Moth

Prays fraxinella

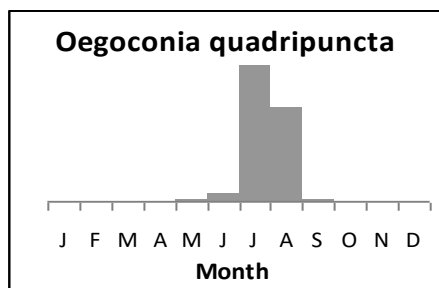


Forewing length:
7 to 8 mm

Main features: Head and thorax mostly white; forewing white with large triangular brownish-black blotch on costa almost reaching dorsum, and blackish marks along termen. Melanic form occurs.

27.001 (BF 0870)

Four-spotted Yellowneck *Oegoconia quadripuncta*



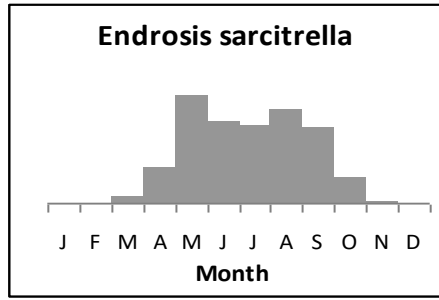
Forewing length:
5.5 to 7.5 mm

Main features: Pale yellow thorax, dark brown towards head. Forewing dark brownish with pale yellow spot near base, broad pale yellow cross-band at 1/2 and another at 2/3.

28.009 (BF 0648)

White-shouldered House Moth

Endrosis sarcitrella



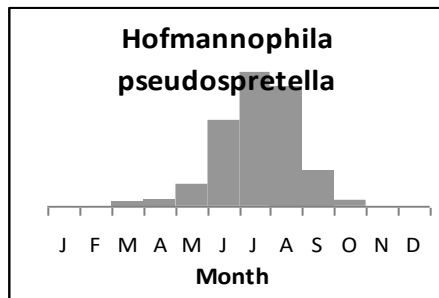
Forewing length:
6 to 9 mm

Main features: Shiny white head & shoulders. Dark spots at 1/4, 1/2 & 2/3 with dark blotch on costa at 1/2. White spots / dashes near apex and long fringe.

28.010 (BF 0647)

Brown House Moth

Hofmannophila pseudospretella



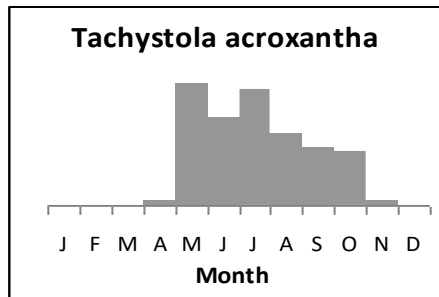
Forewing length:
7 to 11 mm

Main features: Pale brown shiny appearance with darker speckles. Two dark spots / dashes at 1/3, rounder spot at 2/3 and series of dark dashes near the apex.

28.024 (BF 0656)

Australian Orange-tip

Tachystola acroxantha



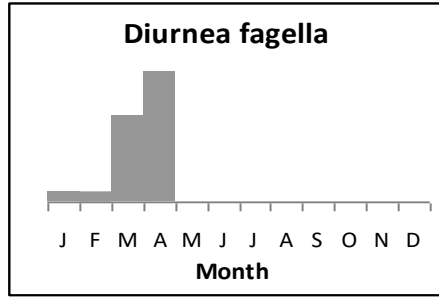
Forewing length:
6 to 9 mm

Main features: Pinkish-brown, darker towards apex with 3 indistinct brown spots. Cilia along termen pinkish-orange.

29.001 (BF 0663)

Early Reveller

Diurnea fagella



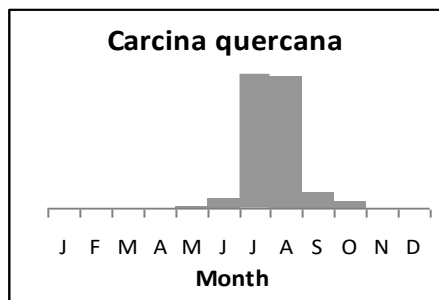
Forewing length:
13 to 14 mm
(male)

Main features: Y-shaped black mark at 1/3; tail of Y often extends towards similar black mark at 2/3. Both marks have cream edge on basal side; inner cream border with raised scale tufts on outer edge. Female flightless with stunted wings.

31.001 (BF 0658)

Oak Longhorn

Carcina quercana



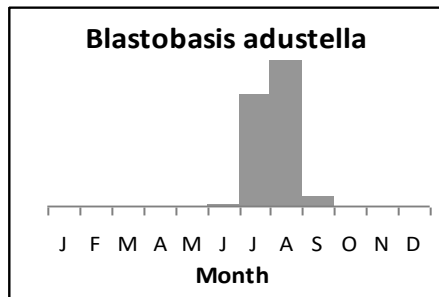
Forewing length:
8 to 10 mm

Main features: Antennae as long as wings. Narrow yellow mark at base of costa, rectangular yellow blotch on costa at 1/2. Wings with reddish-purple border and yellow fringe.

41.002 (BF 0873)

Common Masoner

Blastobasis adustella



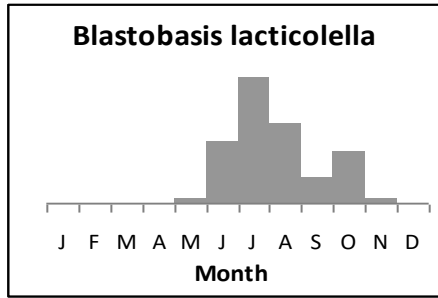
Forewing length:
6 to 9 mm

Main features: Pale oblique dorsal streak at 1/3 forming chevron mark; width at shoulders at least equal, sometimes wider than width at termen.

41.003 (BF 0874)

Large Pale Masoner

Blastobasis lacticolella



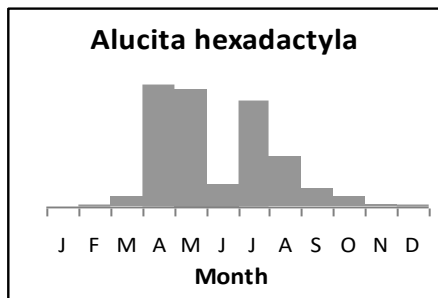
Forewing length:
6 to 11 mm

Main features: Broad pale chevron mark at 1/3 with dark dorsal blotch beyond and several small dark dots further along wing. Wing widens slightly at 2/3 then tapers towards termen.

44.001 (BF 1288)

Many-plume Moth

Alucita hexadactyla



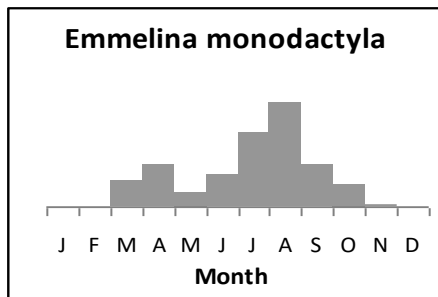
Forewing length:
7.5 to 9 mm

Main features: Each wing separated into 6 feathery plumes.

45.044 (BF 1524)

Common Plume

Emmelina monodactyla



Forewing length:
9 to 13 mm

Main features: T-shaped resting posture with tightly rolled wings.

49.004 (BF 1010)

Red-barred Tortrix

Ditula angustiorana

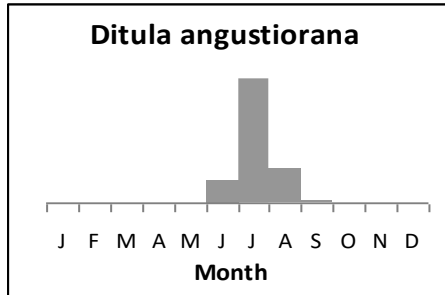


Male



Female

Forewing length:
6 to 8 mm



Main features: Pale yellowish-brown dorsal patch; middle band brown with yellow-brown edge, widening towards dorsum. Beyond this is an oblique brown or blackish-brown band, narrowing towards tornus, leaving apex light brown. Termen straight, forming acute angle with tornus. Scale tuft on thorax. Male smaller than female, with costal fold. Female larger with less prominent dorsal patch and more tawny colouration.

49.013 (BF 0977)

Large Fruit-tree Tortrix

Archips podana

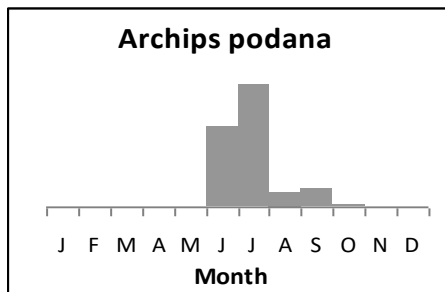


Male



Female

Forewing length:
Male 9 to 11
mm; female 9 to
14 mm

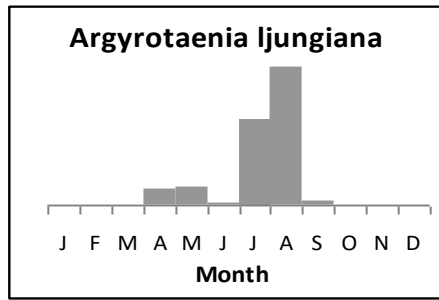


Main features: Sexually dimorphic. Bell-shaped wings with rounded apex, especially in female. Female generally larger; net-like pattern with dark patch on costa before strongly protruding apex; apical half of hindwing bright orange. Male has costal fold; dark basal patches and middle band edged off-white forming light diamond-shaped dorsal patch; inner 2/3 of wing tinged purple.

49.020 (BF 0974)

Heather Tortrix

Argyrotaenia ljugiana

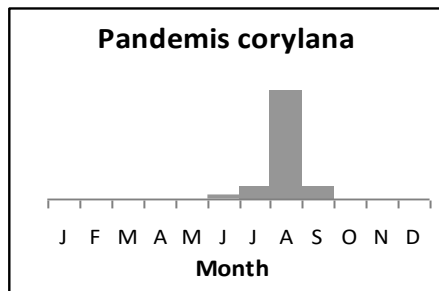


Forewing length:
6 to 8 mm

Main features: Silvery-grey forewing with reddish-brown markings including a basal patch, broad oblique cross-band at 1/2 and mark on costa just before the apex.

49.024 (BF 0969)

Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix *Pandemis corylana*

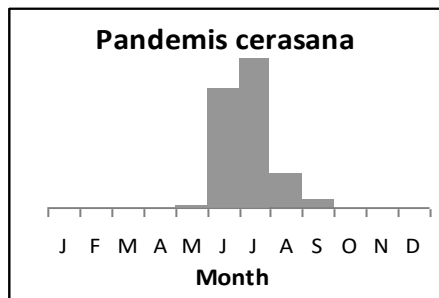


Forewing length:
9 to 12 mm

Main features: Forewings often strongly reticulated; veins and edges of cross-bands reddish-brown or dark brown; outer margin of first band oblique and roughly parallel with inner margin of second band.

49.025 (BF 0970)

Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix *Pandemis cerasana*



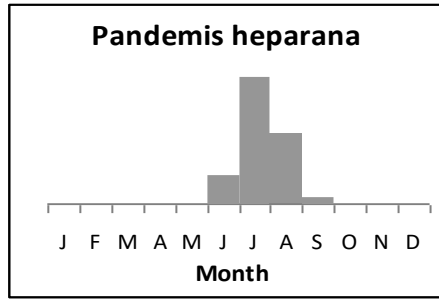
Forewing length:
8 to 11 mm

Main features: Yellowish-brown, usually some reticulation. Two brown bands edged reddish-brown, usually strongly divergent. Inner margin of second band smoothly sinuous with no angular projection.

49.026 (BF 0972)

Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix

Pandemis heparana



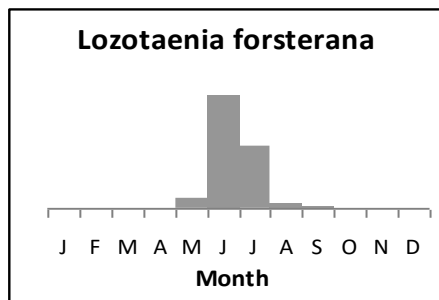
Forewing length:
8 to 12 mm

Main features: Reddish-brown with weak reticulation. Well-defined second band has sharp angular projection on inner edge near middle of wing.

49.029 (BF 1002)

Large Ivy Tortrix

Lozotaenia forsterana



Forewing length:
10 to 14 mm

Main features: Large size; faint but variable reticulation; prominent dark patches on costa at around 1/2 and 3/4; sometimes dark dorsal blotch.

49.030 (BF 0985)

Carnation Tortrix

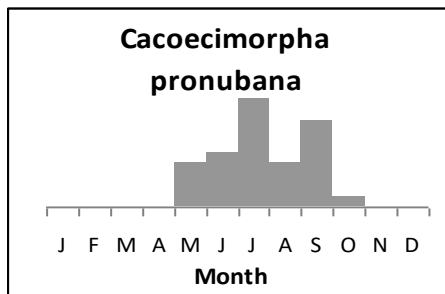
Cacoecimorpha pronubana



Forewing length:
Male 7 to 9 mm;
female 8 to 12 mm

Male

Female

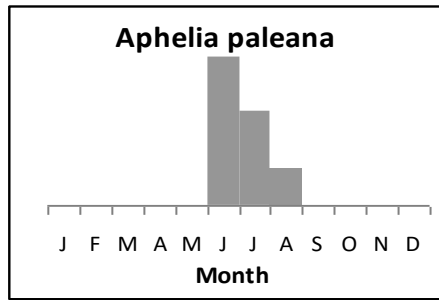


Main features: Sexually dimorphic. Inner cross-band appears as dorsal blotch only; bright orange hindwings. Male has no costal fold; middle band often merges with outer towards dorsum. Female generally larger; middle band stronger at dorsum; outer band consists of pre-apical patch and dark line extending to tornus.

49.031 (BF 0989)

Timothy Tortrix

Aphelia paleana



Forewing length:
8 to 12 mm

Main features: Plain whitish-grey to pale yellowish-brown forewing, with pointed apex in female. Base of wing, thorax and head suffused orange-yellow in male.

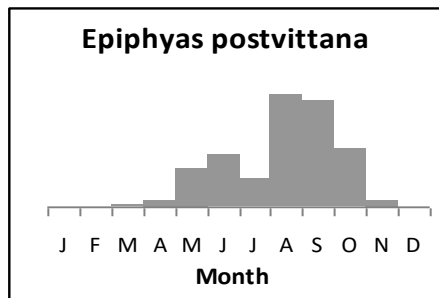
49.039 (BF 0998)

Light Brown Apple Moth

Epiphyas postvittana



Forewing length:
7 to 12 mm.
Female larger than male.



Main features: Sexually dimorphic. Very variable. Male often has more clear demarcation between light inner and dark outer half of wing. Female often has dark dorsal blotch at 1/4. Both have dark pre-apical blotch on costa, more distinct in female.

49.044 (BF 1033)

Spring Harbinger

Tortricodes alternella

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Flight season February to April (UK Moths web site).

Forewing length:
9 to 11 mm

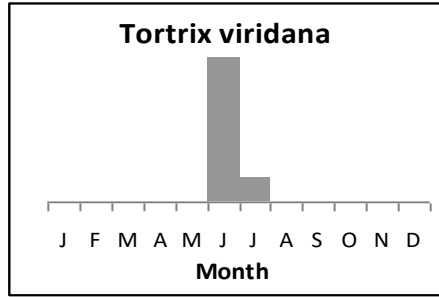
We need more data before we can get a meaningful histogram from the GMS web site.

Broad cross band at 1/2, shading darker towards inner edge. Fairly straight costa.

49.059 (BF 1033)

Green Oak Tortrix

Tortrix viridana



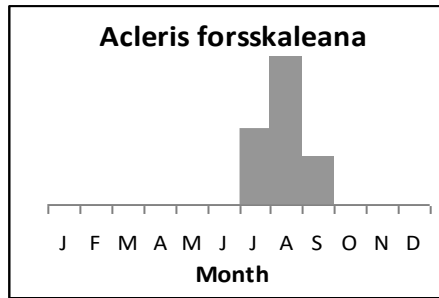
Forewing length:
9 to 12 mm

Main features: Green colouration

49.062 (BF 1036)

Netted Tortrix

Acleris forsskaleana



Forewing length:
6 to 8 mm

Main features: Net-like pattern on wings; rounded wing tip; dark cross-line angled near middle forming w-shape, often with dark dorsal blotch; dark line bordering termen.

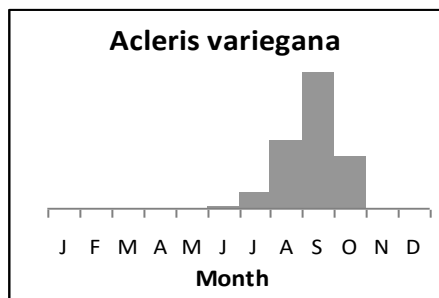
49.077 (BF 1048)

Garden Rose Tortrix

Acleris variegana



Forewing length:
6 to 9 mm

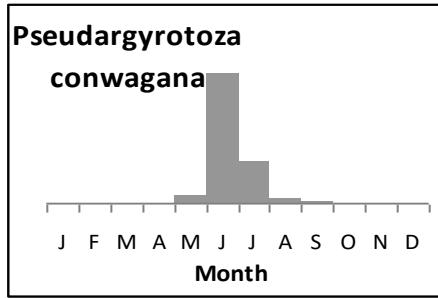


Main features: Very variable. 3 common forms and one less common melanic form. All forms have oblique demarcation between inner and outer halves of wing, dorsal blotch at 1/3 with scale tufts at costal extremities and an oblique line through the outer half of wing, curving inward at tornal end.

49.091 (BF 1011)

Yellow-spotted Tortrix

Pseudargyrotoza conwagana



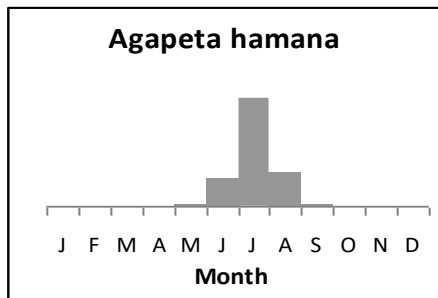
Forewing length:
5 to 7 mm

Main features: Yellow dorsal blotch; silver flecks on wings; triangular shape; yellow fringe.

49.109 (BF 0937)

Garden Straw

Agapeta hamana



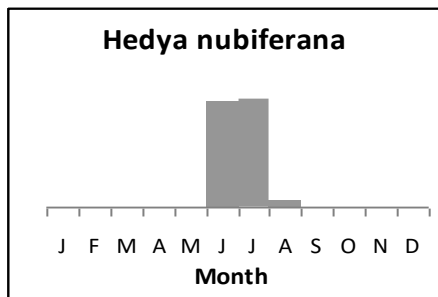
Forewing length:
8 to 12 mm

Main features: Pale yellow colour; brown spot near dorsum at 1/3 with similar mark opposite on costa; broad brown streak from beyond middle of wing to tornus.

49.156 (BF 1083)

Marbled Orchard Tortrix

Hedya nubiferana



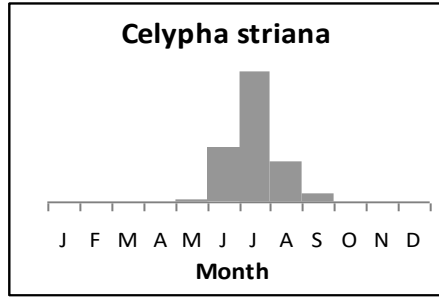
Forewing length:
7 to 10 mm

Main features: Strong demarcation at 3/5 between dark inner area, marbled brown, and light outer area, mottled silver-grey and brown. Two small dark dots, one above the other, below projection in outer margin of dark area.

49.161 (BF 1063)

Barred Marble

Celypha striana



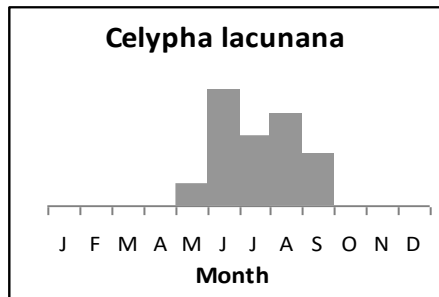
Forewing length:
7.5 to 10.5 mm

Main features: Prominent middle band with jagged edges; outer band angled inwards in middle.

49.166 (BF 1076)

Common Marble

Celypha lacunana



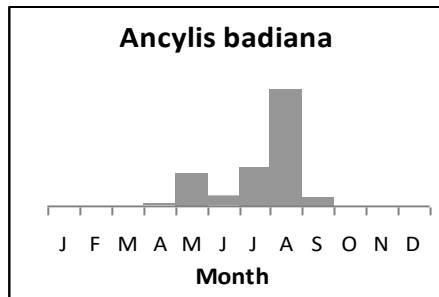
Forewing length:
6.5 to 8.5 mm

Main features: Two light cross bands almost joined by light longitudinal streak.

49.214 (BF 1126)

Meadow Hook-wing

Ancyliis badiana



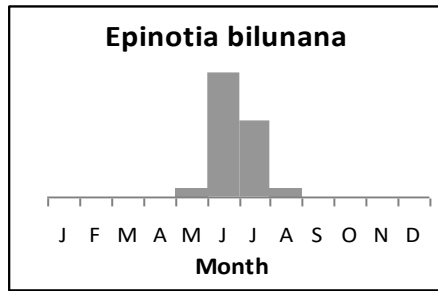
Forewing length:
5 to 8 mm

Main features: Forewing appears hooked at apex; dark brown suffused orangey towards apex with broad creamy-white cross-band extending along costa from base then angled towards dorsum, becoming less distinct. Short white streaks along apical half of costa and long creamy cilia along termen.

49.254 (BF 1133)

Crescent Tortrix

Epinotia bilunana



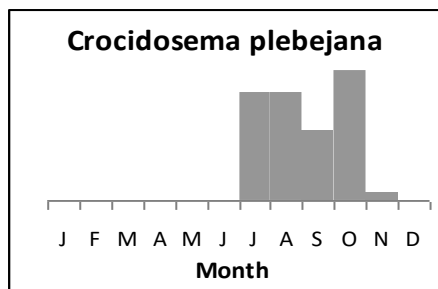
Forewing length:
6 to 8 mm

Main features: Creamy-white to greyish-white forewing, speckled blackish-brown with blackish mark on dorsum at 1/3, sharply defined on outer edge, with another prominent blackish mark on dorsum just before tornus.

49.261 (BF 1157)

Tree-mallow Tortrix

Crocidosema plebejana



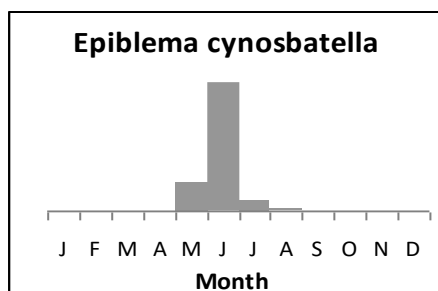
Forewing length:
5.5 to 8 mm

Main features: Blackish-brown, especially along dorsum near base and outer half along costa; female with extensive yellowish-brown suffusion. Creamy white to pale yellowish-brown triangular dorsal mark with finger-like projection towards apex meeting silver-edged spot with two or three black dots or dashes.

49.292 (BF 1174)

Black Cloak

Notocelia (Epiblema) cynosbatella



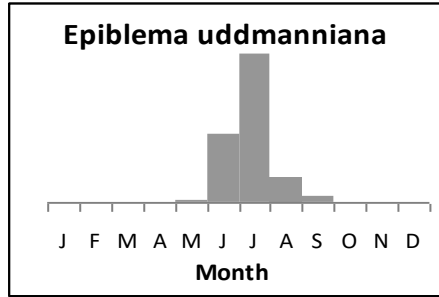
Forewing length:
7.5 to 10.5 mm

Main features: Yellow palps. Sharp demarcation between dark and light areas at 2/5; greyish-brown blotch near tornus with black dots outside.

49.294 (BF 1175)

Bramble Shoot Moth

Notocelia (Epiblema) uddmanniana



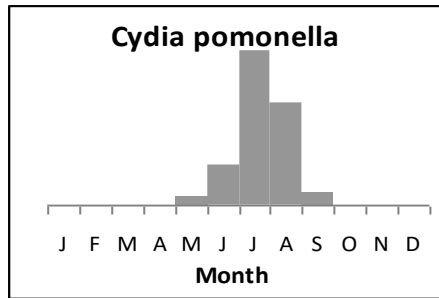
Forewing length:
7 to 10 mm

Main features: Prominent brown dorsal patch.

49.338 (BF 1261)

Codling Moth

Cydia pomonella



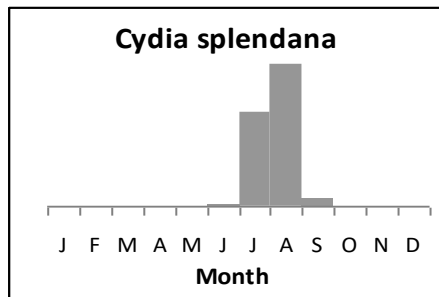
Forewing length:
6.5 to 10.5 mm

Main features: Outer third of wing dark almost to costa with broken ring shape of coppery metallic markings; banding perpendicular to costa.

49.341 (BF 1260)

Marbled Piercer

Cydia splendana

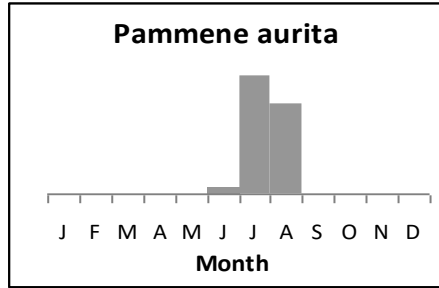


Forewing length:
7 to 10 mm

Main features: Dark blotch near dorsum at 3/4 with leaden metallic mark beyond; slight scallop of termen and fringe. Inner two-thirds of wing variable, sometimes uniform, sometimes irregularly banded yellow; banding oblique to costa.

49.376 (BF 1233)

Tawny Sycamore Piercer *Pammene aurita*



Forewing length:
6.5 to 7 mm

Main features: Brownish, shaded orangey-brown, with broad orangey-yellow dorsal patch and series of whitish costal streaks.

62.001 (BF 1428)

Bee Moth

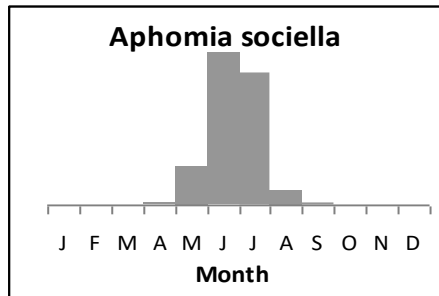
Aphomia sociella



Forewing length:
12 to 17 mm

Female

Female



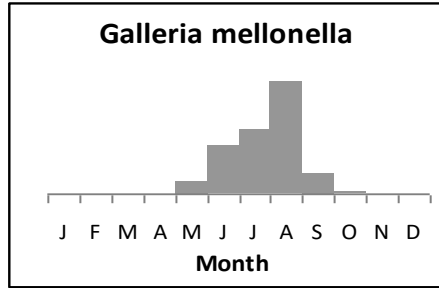
Male

Main features: Strong sexual dimorphism. Male: head, shoulders and basal third of wing cream, dark toothed cross-lines at 1/3 and 3/4, greenish tinge near termen. Costa straight to 2/3 then angled. Female: strong green tinge, two prominent black spots at 1/2, outer one larger. Costa straight.

62.006 (BF 1425)

Wax Moth

Galleria mellonella



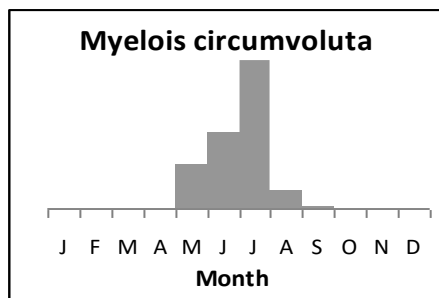
Forewing length:
14 to 19 mm

Main features: Resting posture similar to noctuid. Female larger and darker than male. Forewing brownish with cross-line at 2/3 consisting of short dark streaks; usually a dark basal streak and dark marks along dorsum.

62.042 (BF 1458)

Thistle Ermine

Myelois circumvoluta



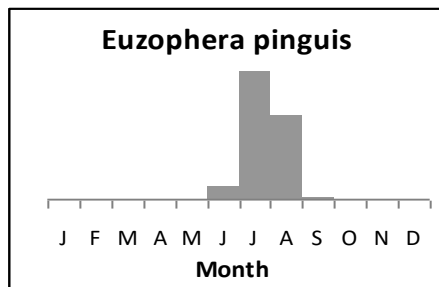
Forewing length:
13 to 17 mm

Main features: Large size, fewer black dots than similar species.

62.048 (BF 1470)

Ash-bark Knot-horn

Euzophera pinguis



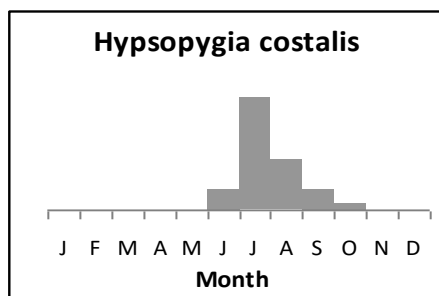
Forewing length:
11 to 13 mm

Main features: Inner half of wing brownish-grey with pale cream zig-zag cross-line at 1/3 and similar cross-line at 3/4, bordered black on both sides; middle third of wing pale cream. Sometimes pink tinged.

62.075 (BF 1413)

Gold Triangle

Hypsopygia costalis



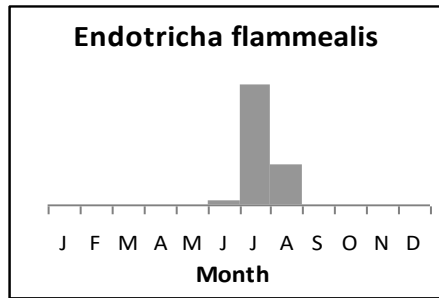
Forewing length:
8 to 10 mm

Main features: Gold triangles on costa; gold fringe.

62.077 (BF 1424)

Rosy Tabby

Endotricha flammealis



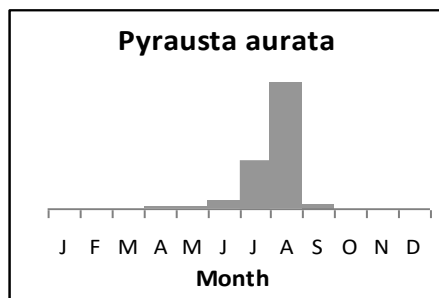
Forewing length: 8 to 10 mm

Main features: Two thin white cross-lines; dark spot in middle of wing; often tinged reddish-purple. Rests with wings spread and body angled upwards.

63.006 (BF 1361)

Mint Moth

Pyrausta aurata



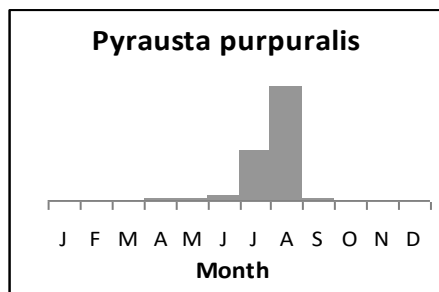
Forewing length: 7 to 9 mm

Main features: Purple-brown colouration with gold markings at 2/3 variable but usually include gold spot near costa with narrow triangular mark beyond extending to costa.

63.007 (BF 1362)

Common Purple & Gold

Pyrausta purpuralis



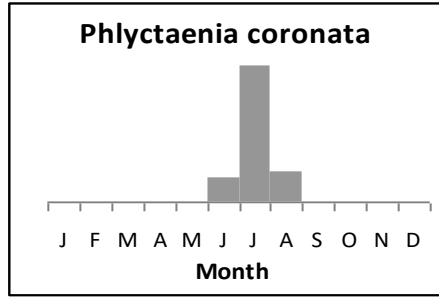
Forewing length: 7 to 11 mm

Main features: Reddish-purple colouration with bright yellow band at 3/4, often broken into three parts, the part closest to dorsum with curved basal edge.

63.018 (BF 1378)

Elder Pearl

Anania (Phlyctaenia) coronata



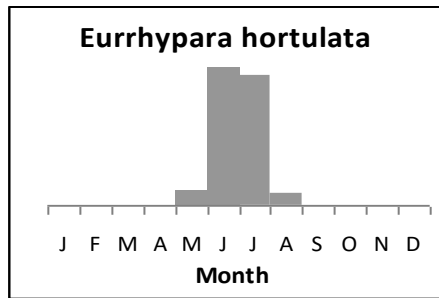
Forewing length:
11 to 13 mm

Main features: Rectangular white spot near costa at 1/2, large oval white blotch at 3/4 with series of smaller white blotches curving around this and merging towards costa.

63.025 (BF 1376)

Small Magpie

Anania (Eurrhypara) hortulata



Forewing length:
13 to 16 mm

Main features: Yellow head and thorax with black spots. Forewing white with brown or black markings extending along length of costa.

63.028 (BF 1375)

European Corn Borer

Ostrinia nubilalis

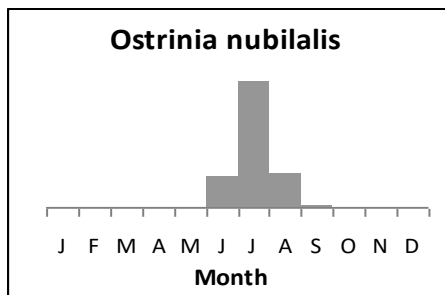


Male



Female

Forewing length:
13 to 18 mm

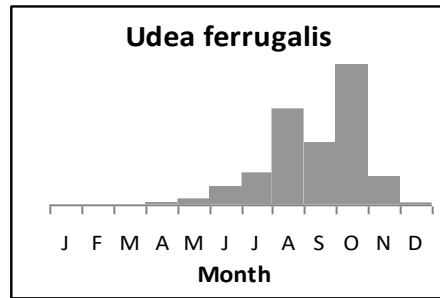


Main features: Sexually dimorphic. Male greyish-brown with prominent pale cross-band at 2/3; yellowish patch between two brown dots at 1/2. Female yellowish with toothed cross-lines at 1/3 and 2/3; two dark dots before and beyond 1/2.

63.031 (BF 1395)

Rusty-dot Pearl

Udea ferrugalis



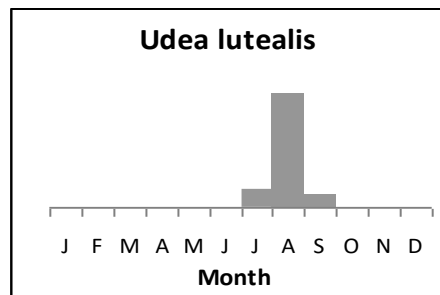
Forewing length:
9 to 11 mm

Main features: Elongated triangular shape, yellow-brown colouration. Oval mark at 2/5, square or kidney-shaped mark at 3/5.

63.033 (BF 1388)

Pale Straw Pearl

Udea lutealis



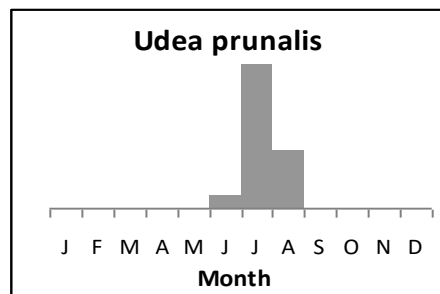
Forewing length:
11 to 12 mm

Main features: Dark cross-line at 2/3 strongly curves in the middle of the wing and around a kidney-shaped mark at 1/2.

63.034 (BF 1390)

Dusky Pearl

Udea prunalis



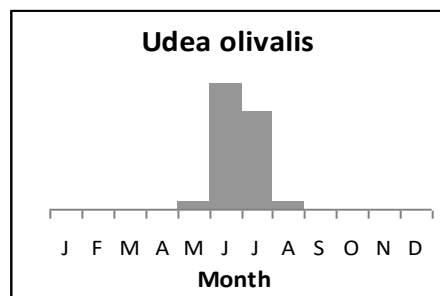
Forewing length:
11 to 13 mm

Main features: Indistinct oval mark at 2/5; dark kidney-shaped mark at 3/5.

63.037 (BF 1392)

Garden Pearl

Udea olivalis



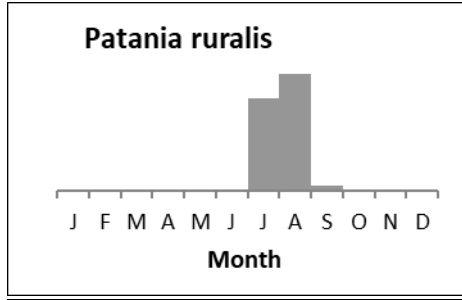
Forewing length:
12 to 13 mm

Main features: Triangular shape. Square white spot at 1/2, chequered markings along outer half of costa.

63.038 (BF 1405)

Mother of Pearl

Patania ruralis



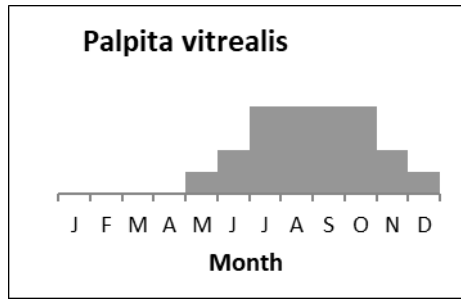
Forewing length:
15 to 17 mm

Main features: Pearly sheen to wings, with two indistinct darker wavy cross-lines.

63.048 (BF 1408)

Olive-tree Pearl

Palpita vitrealis



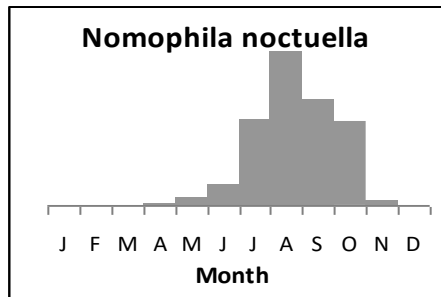
Forewing length:
13 to 15 mm

Main features: Translucent white wings with yellow-brown tinge along costa.

63.052 (BF 1398)

Rush Veneer

Nomophila noctuella



Forewing length:
12 to 15 mm

Main features: Long narrow wings with mostly straight costa. Two similar 8-shaped marks at 2/5 and 3/5.

63.054 (BF 1409a)

Box-tree Moth

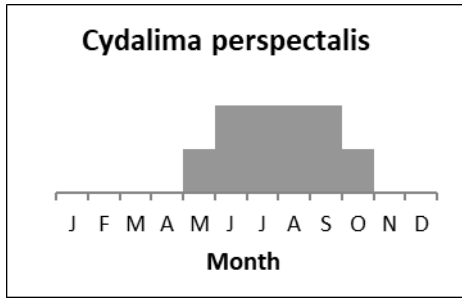
Cydalima perspectalis



Forewing length:
20 to 22.5 mm

Common form

Melanic form



Main features: Both forms have the whitish dot near the costa at 1/2. In the common form, this may merge into the main white area of the wing.

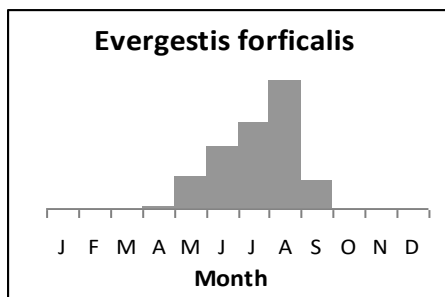
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Garden Pebble

Evergestis forficalis



Forewing length:
13 to 15 mm

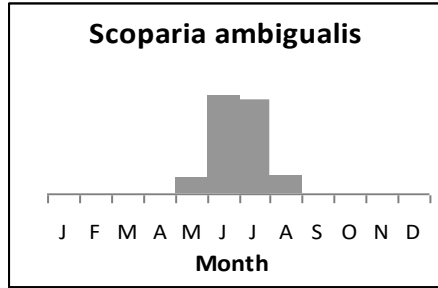


Main features: Tent-shaped resting posture. Several oblique dark cross-lines, two dark brown spots around 1/2 and dark brown apical streak.

63.064 (BF 1334)

Common Grey

Scoparia ambigualis



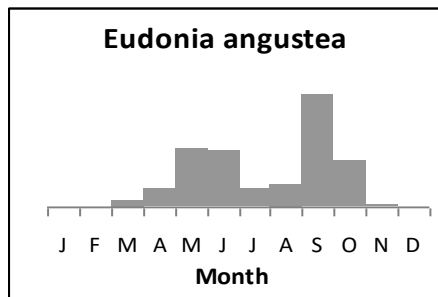
Forewing length:
8 to 11 mm

Main features: Overall colouration ochreous; two white cross-lines at 1/3 and 2/3; 8-shaped ochreous mark inward of second cross-line giving appearance of dark 'X', usually with dark blotch adjacent on costa; two ochreous oblong marks outside first cross-line edged dark brown; fairly broad white subterminal line, curving inward to almost touch second cross-line in middle, and with small inward-pointing peak near tornus. Very variable.

63.069 (BF 1342)

Narrow-winged Grey

Eudonia angustea



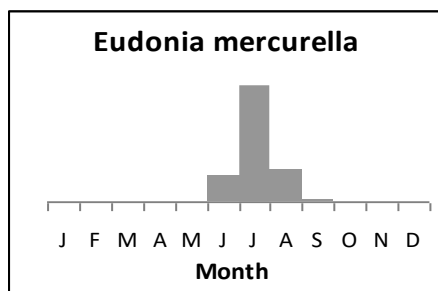
Forewing length:
8 to 10 mm

Main features: Narrow wings. Strong white inner cross-line with dark outer edge; white outer cross-line with dark inner edge and inward indentation near dorsum; subterminal line broad and parallel to termen; X-shaped mark at 2/3 with dorsal half brown and two irregularly dark-edged marks beyond first cross-line.

63.074 (BF 1344)

Garden Grey

Eudonia mercurella



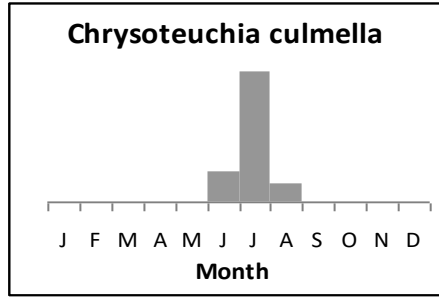
Forewing length:
7 to 9 mm

Main features: Two white cross-lines at 1/3 and 2/3; broad dark band outward of first cross-line; black X-shaped mark inward of second cross-line; second cross-line and subterminal line meet in middle forming prominent white 'X' filling whole subterminal area.

63.080 (BF 1293)

Garden Grass-moth

Chrysoteuchia culmella

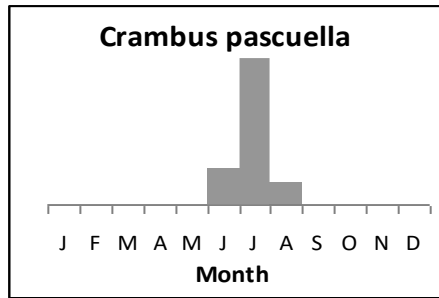


Forewing length:
9 to 12 mm

Main features C-shaped outer cross-line, golden metallic fringe.

63.081 (BF 1294)

White-banded Grass-moth *Crambus pascuella*

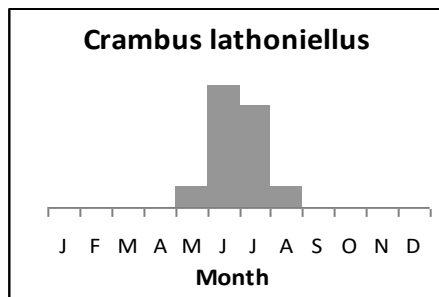


Forewing length:
11 to 13 mm

Main features: Thick white longitudinal streak with mostly straight dorsal edge, costal edge angled at 2/3 and broken by thin oblique brown line. Triangular apex to forewing.

63.086 (BF 1301)

Meadow Grass-moth *Crambus lathoniellus*



Forewing length:
9 to 11 mm

Main features: Longitudinal streak notched halfway; costal edge fairly straight; strong, sharply bent subterminal line with dark inner edge. Triangularly shaped and marked apex.

63.088 (BF 1302)

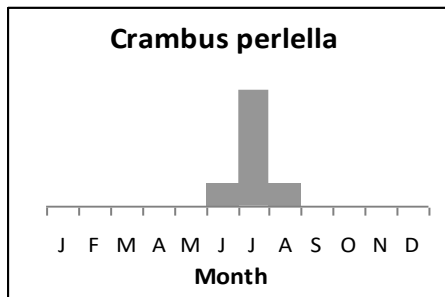
Satin Grass-moth

Crambus perlella



Forewing length:
11 to 14 mm

f. *warringtonellus*



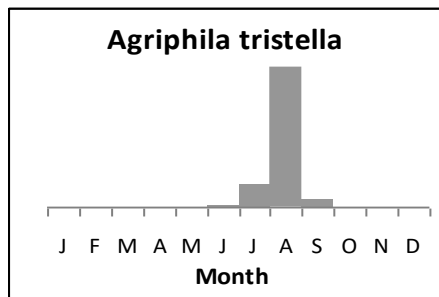
Main features:

Shiny white forewing (variation *f. warringtonellus* has streaks).

63.089 (BF 1305)

Common Grass-moth

Agriphila tristella



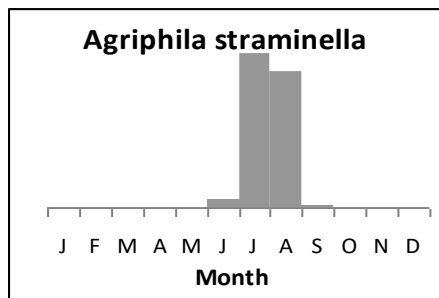
Forewing length:
12 to 14 mm

Main features: Cream or yellowish longitudinal streak splitting into 4 fingers towards slightly rounded termen. Outer third of costa strongly curved.

63.093 (BF 1304)

Straw Grass-moth

Agriphila straminella



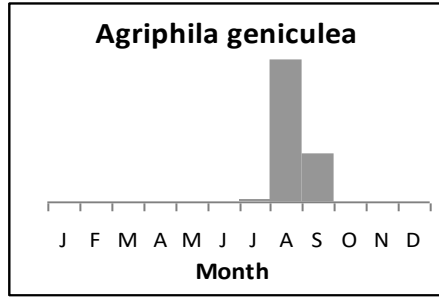
Forewing length:
8 to 10 mm

Main features: Small size, lack of cross-lines, faint longitudinal streak, white metallic fringe.

63.095 (BF 1309)

Chevron Grass-moth

Agriphila geniculea



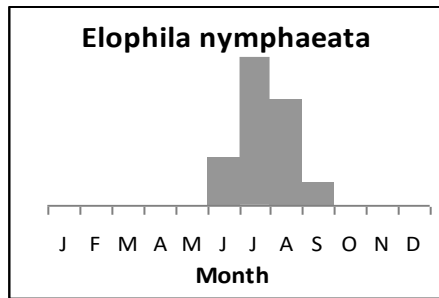
Forewing length:
10 to 13 mm

Main features: Two distinct cross-lines, one at 1/2 thickened to a dash in the middle, the other at 3/4 strongly elbowed. Fringe metallic.

63.114 (BF 1345)

Brown China-mark

Elophila nymphaeata



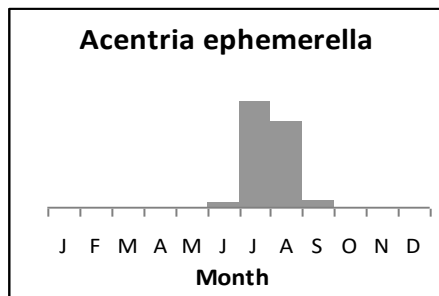
Forewing length:
12 to 16 mm

Main features: Three large brown-edged white blotches on wing and broad subterminal line consisting of series of white blotches.

63.115 (BF 1331)

Water Veneer

Acentria ephemerella



Forewing length:
6 to 8 mm

Main features: Pale grey colouration with darker veins.

63.116 (BF 1354)

Small China-mark

Cataclysta lemnata

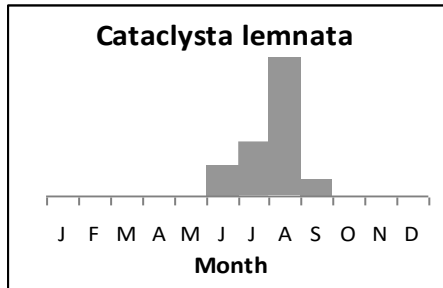


Male



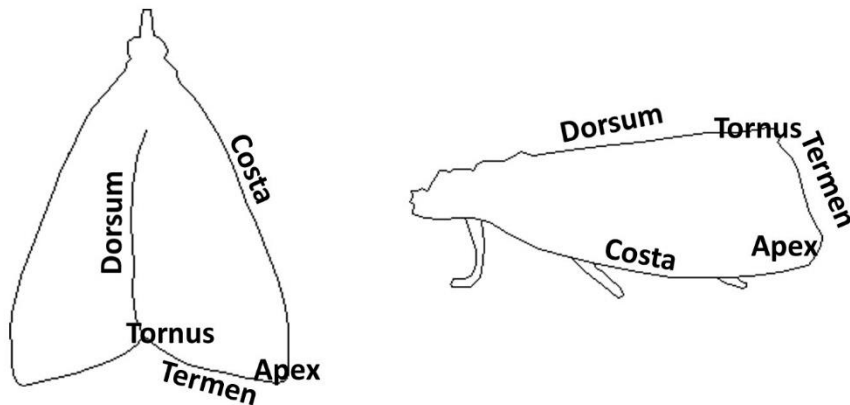
Female

Forewing length:
8 to 11 mm



Main features: Male forewing shining white; tiny dark spot at 2/3; cilia chequered; hindwing has conspicuous black band with bluish silvery dots bordering termen. Female forewing yellowish-brown with darker spot at 2/3; hindwing similar to male.

Glossary



Costa	The leading edge of a wing.
Termen	The end of a wing furthest from the thorax.
Apex	The area where the costa and the termen meet.
Dorsum	The trailing edge of a wing.
Tornus	The area where the dorsum and the termen meet.

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<http://www.norfolkmoths.co.uk/> - an example of an excellent regional site; there will probably be one where you are!

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