## SUPPLEMENT TO THE MACROLEPID-OPTERA OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

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Since 1969, when *The Macrolepidoptera of Buckinghamshire\** was published, there have been a number of additions to the list of species found in the county and new records of the more uncommon species already included in the list.

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF SPECIES

- 1. Pontia daplidice L. Bath White A specimen of this rare migrant is reported to have been taken by Mr. Ashley Horton at Salt Hill near Slough on 31.viii.69. This is the first record of the appearance of this butterfly in the county.
- 2. Argynnis lathonia L. Queen of Spain Fritillary Mr. Alec Livingstone reported that he had seen a specimen of this very rare immigrant on Turville Heath on 22.ix.69. The butterfly was not captured so its identification cannot be confirmed, but Mr. Livingstone says that the insect was at rest and the underside of the wings was clearly visible so that its identification could not be mistaken.
- 3. Aegeria (Sesia) vespiformis L. Yellow-legged Clearwing A specimen found at Cliveden in 1930. (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)
- 4. Aegeria (Sesia) culiciformis L. Red-belted Clearwing A specimen taken at Dorney Hill in 1929 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

  [Epirrhoe tristata L. Small Argent and Sable Mr. S. Trasenster reported that he had taken a specimen of this little moth at Eton in 1970. I have not seen the specimen, and so far as I am aware it has not previously been found in this part of England. Further evidence is required before it can be accepted as a Bucks. species.]
- 5. Chesias rufata F. Broom Tip Larvae of this broom-feeding species were found on Littleworth Common in 1930 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report). It occurs in neighbouring counties and its existence in Buckinghamshire is not at all unexpected.
- 6. Anticollix sparsata Treits. Dentated Pug
  Taken near Slough in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report 1932-3)
  These additions bring the number of Bucks. species of macros to 629.

## ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF PREVIOUSLY LISTED SPECIES

Hyles (Deilephila) galii Schiff. (gallii Rott). Bedstraw Hawk A coloured photograph of a living specimen of this rare migrant was taken by Mr. Paul Morrison at Newland Park, Chalfont St. Giles, on 2.ix.71. This is, to the best of my knowledge, the first record of the occurrence of this moth in the county this century.

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Hippotion celerio L.

Silver-striped Hawk

A coloured photograph of a living larva of this even rarer immigrant was taken by Mr. Paul Morrison at Amersham on 15.viii.72. The photograph is an excellent one and there is no doubt of the identification of the larva. It is significant that the only previous record of the occurrence of this hawk-moth in Buckinghamshire was at exactly the same place in 1966.

Hemaris (Macroglossa) fuciformis L.

Broad-bordered Bee Hawk

A specimen of this moth was taken on Little Marlow Common in 1930 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report).

Harpyia (Cerura) Brahm. (hermelina auct.)

Poplar Kitten

Taken at Eton in 1936 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Drymonia dodonaea Schiff. (trimacula Esp.)

Marbled Brown

The late Sir Robert Saunby informed me that a pale form of this moth, similar to that found at Chalfont St. Peter, occurs near Newbury, Berks.

Tethea (Cymatophora) duplaris L.

Lesser Satin

Specimens were taken at Burnham Beeches in 1929 and 1937 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report).

Lymantria (Psilura) monacha L.

Black Arches

Taken at Burnham Beeches in 1929 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Miltochrista (Calligenia) miniata Forst.

Rosy Footman

Taken at Burnham Beeches in 1929, near Slough in 1932 and at Datchet in 1933 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report 1932-3).

Eilema (Lithosia) griseola Hübn.

Dingy Footman

One at Chalfont St. Peter on 13.viii.70. (E.C.A.)

Procris statices L.

Forester

Not uncommon at Walters Ash in a disused brickfield in 1945, (Saundby); also taken at Eton in 1936 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report).

Dipsosphecia scopigera Scop.

Six-belted Clearwing

Several at Fawley in 1963 (Saundby)

Euxoa (Agrotis) tritici L.

White-line Dart

Taken at Datchet in 1933 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Agrotis cinerea Hübn.

Light Feathered Rustic

Taken near Naphill in 1945 and 1948 (Saundby)

Anaplectoides prasina Schiff.

Green Arches

Another specimen was taken at Chalfont St. Peter on 10.vii.73 (E.C.A.)

Anarta myrtilli L.

Beautiful Yellow underwing

Found at Eton in 1970 (M. Trasenster)

Polia hepatica Clerck. (tincta Brahm.)

Silvery Arches

Another specimen was taken in 1971 at Chalfont St. Peter (E.C.A.)

Hadena suasa Schiff.

Dog's Tooth

Another specimen was taken at Eton in 1970 (M. Trasenster)

Hadena compta Schiff.

Varied Coronet

A second specimen was taken at Granborough by the late Capt. J. Ellerton on 8.vii.70 (Ent. Rec. 82.10.273), and Mr. Paul Selden took one at Little Chalfont on 4.vii.73.

Panolis flammea Schiff. (pinipeda Panz.)

Pine Beauty

One at Chalfont St. Peter in 1972 (E.C.A.)

Leucania straminea Treits.

Southern Wainscot

Taken at Datchet in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Rhizedra (Calamia) lutosa Hübn.

Large Wainscot

Another specimen was taken at Eton in 1936 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report), and another at Chalfont St. Peter in 1969 (E.C.A.).

Oria musculosa Hübn.

Brighton Wainscot

Several more specimens of this moth have been found in the county during recent years, viz. one at Turville Heath on 1.viii.69 (T.W.H.), one at Taplow on 14.viii.69 (J. Cole) and one at Granborough on 4.viii.70 (Ent. Rec. 82.10.273).

Apamea unaminis Hübn.

Small Clouded Brindle

Taken at Eton in 1970 (M. Trasenster)

Eremobia ochroleuca Schiff.

**Dusky Sallow** 

A specimen was taken at Chalfont St. Peter in 1970 (E.C.A.)

Panemeria tenebrata Scop.

Small Yellow Underwing

Reported to be common at Eton in 1929-30 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Apatele (Acronycta) alni L.

Alder Dagger

1970 was an unusually good year for *A.alni* in Bucks. Six came to light in Chalfont St. Peter (E.C.A.), where it had not been recorded before, and one was taken at Little Chalfont (P. Selden).

Cucullia chamomillae Schiff.

Cahmomile Shark

One was taken at Eton in 1970 (M.T.B.) and another at Chalfont St. Peter in 1973 (E.C.A.).

Cucullia verbasci L.

Mullein Shark

Two more localities for this moth have been recorded. It was taken at Eton in 1933 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report), and at Loudwater in 1970 (M.T.B.).

Cucullia lychnitis Ramb.

Striped Lychnis

Larvae of this species were found at Walters Ash in 1945 (Saundby)

Lithophane (Xylina) semibrunnea Haw.

Tawny Pinion

This insect appeared again at Chalfont St. Peter in 1969 (E.C.A.), and was also taken at Eton in 1936 and 1937 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report).

Xylena (Calocampa) vetusta Hübn.

Red Sword-grass

Two more occurrences of this moth have been recorded: one at Eton on 20.ix.69 (M. Trasenster), and another at Howe Park in 1972 (J. Wickham).

Aporophyla lutulenta Schiff.

Deep Brown Rustic

Has also been taken at Eton in 1969 (M. Trasenster)

Aporophyla (Epunda) nigra Haw.

Black Rustic

A second specimen was taken at Chalfont St. Peter in 1970 (E.C.A.) and one at Eton in 1969 (M. Trasenster).

Atithimia (Cirrhaedia) xerampelina Esp.

Centre-barred Sallow

One was taken at Eton in 1970 (M. Trasenster)

Cirrhia (Xanthia) gilvago Schiff.

Dusky Lemon Sallow.

Has also occurred at Eton in 1928 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report), and in 1970 (M Trasenster).

Acontia luctuosa Schiff.

Four-spotted

Additional localities for this species are Beaconsfield 1929-30 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report), and near Bradenham in 1945 (Saundby).

Parascotia fuliginaria L.

Waved Black

A second specimen came to light at Chalfont St. Peter in 1970 (E.C.A.)

Hypena rostralis L. **Buttoned Shout** Further records for this species are Eton 1929 and 1930 and Datchet 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report). Fanfoot

Zanclognatha tarsipennalis Treits. Was also found at Burnham Beeches in 1929 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Nycterosea obstipata F. A specimen of this migrant came to light at Chalfont St. Peter on 20.x.69 (E.C.A.)

Chloroclysta (Cidaria) miata L. Autumn Green Carpet This geometer was fairly common near Walters Ash in 1945 (Saundby).

Thera firmata Hübn. Pine Carpet A specimen—the first for many years—came to light at Chalfont St. Peter in 1973 (E.C.A.).

Epirrhoe (Melanippe) rivata Hübn. Wood Carpet Was also found near Slough in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Mysticoptera (Lobophora) sexalata Retz. Small Seraphim This little moth was also found at Eton in 1929-30 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Discoloxia (Asthena) blomeri Curtis. Blomer's Rivulet A specimen came to light at Chalfont St. Peter on 18.vii.69 (E.C.A.)

Plain Pug Eupithecia subnotata Hübn. An earlier record for this scarce species is Eton 1930 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report) Eupithecia tripunctaria H.-S. White-spotted Pug

It has also been taken at Eton in 1930 and at Datchet in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report).

Eupithecia lariciata Freyer. Larch Pug This species was also found near Slough in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Selenia lunaria Schiff. Lunar Thorn

Taken near Slough in 1932 (Eton Coll: N.H.S. Report)

Boarmia roboraria Schiff. Great Oak Beauty Taken at Walters Ash in 1945 (Saundby).