



Huntingdonshire Moth & Butterfly Group

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Field Trips Roundup

Black Hairstreak

Several members visited Monk's Wood on June 25th, and were able to see both the **Black Hairstreak** and the **Purple Hairstreak** at unusually close quarters.

Glanville Fritillary

The trip to the South coast to see the **Glanville Fritillary** was a success, with plenty of butterflies on the wing, all easy to observe and photograph. Thanks to Roger for pinpointing them in advance.

Small Mountain Ringlet

These too were present in quantity and again they were highly co-operative, proving easy to approach, after a bit of a climb.

Heath Fritillary

Two Hu.M.B.G. members visited East Blean Wood on July 3rd, where the **Heath Fritillary** was on the wing in large numbers. This seems to be an excellent site to see this increasingly local butterfly.

White Spotted Pinion

Several visits to Raveley Wood during May failed to turn up any **White Spotted Pinion** larvae. However, there are plans to trap there, and at other known haunts, for adults in August.

More detailed reports of all these visits will appear in the next annual report.

Migrants and other sightings

A brief warm spell brought a variety of migrants into the country in June. Quite a number of **Painted Ladies** and **Red Admirals** have been seen around Hunts.

Clouded Yellows are also in the country, with reports of egg laying in Kent. Closer to home, one was seen in Woodwalton, and another at Little Paxton Pits. A **Swallowtail** was seen there on June 17th, though this was most likely a release. Another was reputedly seen at Sandy two days earlier.

There are also large numbers of **Silver Y** and **Diamond Backed Moths** around, while in Bucks, the **Geranium Bronze** has been sighted. Like the Swallowtails, this is thought to be a release.

Winter Schedule

Wednesday 4th October 2000:
Mac Simpson, on antiquarian moth and butterfly equipment.

Wednesday January 10th 2001:
Nick Greatorex-Davies on moths of the garden.

Wednesday 11th April 2001:
Members night, including the annual quiz.

All meetings are at Brampton Methodist Church Hall, and start at 8.00pm. A map detailing the location will be included with September's newsletter.

For Sale

Complete set of moth trapping equipment; Generator, choke unit, bulbs and all the electrics, £350 or nearest offer. Contact Stephen May on 01480 395693 for further details.

● The next newsletter is due for publication in early September. Information should be sent to the address at the top of the page.