

**Glen Strathfarrar Pine-tree Lappet Survey 2018**  
**Wednesday and Thursday 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

In 2014 Pine-tree Lappet was discovered in the native pinewoods in Glen Strathfarrar (10-20km west of Kiltarlity). This is very significant as it was the first time that the moth had been found in an area of native pinewood, it could therefore be the source of the newly discovered Scottish population. In 2016 Butterfly Conservation Scotland assisted Forest Research with targeted light trapping to ascertain the status and distribution of the moth in the Glen. Over 16 MV traps were set along the length of the Glen mostly at approximately 500m intervals over two nights (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July). 110 species were recorded including five Pine-tree Lappet, each at a different location, confirming that the moth is present at a low density. This survey was repeated in 2017 with similarly low numbers of the target species and a great selection of other species caught.



I can now confirm that dates have been set to repeat the monitoring in 2018 on the nights of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June and hence we are seeking volunteers to help set up traps in the evening, check the traps overnight and record their catches in the morning.

It is very important, due to the restricted access and to help co-ordinate the survey effectively, that you contact Tom Prescott if you are interested in attending. We will be meeting at the locked gate which is about 1km up the glen road from Struy Bridge (NH393405) at 8pm on both evenings. In an attempt to keep the trapping effort similar we will be running a single MV trap at each location. It would therefore be useful to know if you are planning to attend whether you will also be bringing any MV trap(s) and/or generators.

In addition in 2018 we are planning to set portable 15Watt actinic heath traps within the pinewood at locations away from the road. We are therefore looking to borrow any such traps as well as recruit volunteers to help put out these traps during the day on Wednesday.

If, however, you cannot attend but would like to look for Pine-tree Lappet in Glen Strathfarrar or at other locations, or want more information, please also get in touch with Tom who will help arrange sites and access permissions.

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