

Culbin Forest Moth Trapping for Kentish Glory – Sunday 5th May 2013

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As the previous year's attempt at trapping in Culbin for Kentish Glory resulted in just two moths from nine traps due to a particularly cold evening in a protracted cold spell it was decided that this year's event would be delayed if the conditions did not look good. Inevitably perhaps, this is what happened, but on Sunday 5th May at the fourth attempt the conditions improved and the event went ahead.

Sixteen people attended the event and the moth tally this time showed that it was worth the wait. From a total of 460 moths there were 37 species. The spectacular Kentish Glory our target species put in a good showing with 17 males and 6 females found, this was the first sighting of this species for many of those that turned up. Beside the Kentish Glory there were a good number of other colourful and interesting moths such as a female Emperor Moth, Scarce Prominent, Autumn Green Carpet and Broom-tip.

Thirteen species of micro moths were amongst the catches, the most notable of which were several of the very variable *Acleris hastiana*. This is a common moth elsewhere but was a new species for Moray (VC95) there was also the second VC95 record of *Acleris abietana*.

The final moth list was:

283	<i>Caloptilia betulicola</i>	
663	<i>Diurnea fagella</i>	
666	<i>Semioscopis avellanella</i>	
688x	<i>Agonopterix heracliana/ciliella</i>	
697	<i>Agonopterix arenella</i>	
704	<i>Agonopterix scopariella</i>	
797	<i>Neofaculta ericetella</i>	
1045	<i>Acleris notana</i>	
1051	<i>Acleris logiana</i>	
1053	<i>Acleris hastiana</i>	
1055	<i>Acleris hyemana</i>	
1059	<i>Acleris abietana</i>	
1497	<i>Amblyptilia acanthadactyla</i>	Beautiful Plume
1643	<i>Saturnia pavonia</i>	Emperor
1644	<i>Endromis versicolora</i>	Kentish Glory
1722	<i>Xanthorhoe designata</i>	Flame Carpet
1728	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>	Garden Carpet
1746	<i>Anticlea badiata</i>	Shoulder-stripe
1750	<i>Lampropteryx suffumata</i>	Water Carpet
1760	<i>Chloroclysta siterata</i>	Red-green Carpet
1761	<i>Chloroclysta miata</i>	Autumn Green Carpet
1844	<i>Eupithecia indigata</i>	Ochreous Pug
1852	<i>Eupithecia abbreviata</i>	Brindled Pug
1862	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>	Double-striped Pug
1865	<i>Chesias rufata</i>	Broom-tip
1881	<i>Trichopteryx carpinata</i>	Early Tooth-striped
1917	<i>Selenia dentaria</i>	Early Thorn
1927	<i>Lycia hirtaria</i>	Brindled Beauty
1931	<i>Biston betularia</i>	Peppered Moth
1947	<i>Ectropis bistortata</i>	Engrailed
2010	<i>Odontosia carmelita</i>	Scarce Prominent
2139	<i>Cerastis rubricosa</i>	Red Chestnut
2179	<i>Panolis flammea</i>	Pine Beauty
2182	<i>Orthosia cruda</i>	Small Quaker
2187	<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>	Common Quaker
2188	<i>Orthosia incerta</i>	Clouded Drab
2190	<i>Orthosia gothica</i>	Hebrew Character