

Loch Fleet 10th August 2013

A small group of five of us gathered at Loch Fleet for what was billed as Moth Night 2013 and in the hope of finding a number of the coastal dune species in the moth traps that had been set overnight.

There had been some fairly heavy rain at some stage overnight but in spite of that there were a number of interesting moths trapped. Moth night 2013 had Tiger Moths as its theme and although Garden Tiger are regular at the site there were none this time. However, Archer's Dart, White-line Dart, Straw Underwing, Flounced Rustic and Crescent are all typical of these coastal sand dunes and we had caught a few of all of these. However, we were unfortunate in not finding the other speciality, Lyme Grass, which, as its name suggests, is restricted to the band of lyme grass largely at the outer edge of the dunes.

The sun was out for much of the time so we were also able to see good numbers of Grayling, Common Blue and Small Heath butterflies plus a single Speckled Wood..

Tony Mainwood

20 species

Garden Carpet

Grey Mountain Moth

Purple Bar

Grey Pine Carpet

July Highflyer

White-line Dart

Archer's Dart

Large Yellow Underwing

Lesser Yellow Underwing

Square-spot Rustic

Bright-line Brown-eye

Antler Moth

Smoky Wainscot

Straw Underwing

Dark Arches

Light Arches

Common Rustic agg.

Flounced Rustic

Crescent

Anomalous