

Pale Brindled Beauty

It was a Pale Brindled Beauty, the first I have seen and was rather nice to get as the first moth record of 2007. Jim Miller mentioned it in his Inverness Courier article:

“Global warming could bring more tourists — and midgies”.

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Jim mentioned it was a surprise to see it in January. He found it on a wall and caught it in a jamjar before taking it inside for a closer look.

He went on to say "it was clearly a moth, and quite a large one, the size that flutters from the woods on a balmy summer evening to batter against the window". "The wings were a dusty, mottled grey-green colour and it had a hairy body, a bonny wee thing in its way".



His little book of moths was no help in identifying it, so he called on me as chairman of the Highland Branch of Butterfly Conservation. Initially I was a bit stumped but quickly worked out the family and then the species as a Pale Brindled Beauty, widespread but not particularly common anywhere. My thanks to Jim Miller for bringing it to me and to Tony Mainwood for the photograph.

By a strange co-incidence I was to receive another record from a colleague at work and then a third from Tony Mainwood all in the space of a week.

Jims record: Pale Brindled Beauty 26-Jan-2007 Bunchrew NH64
618458 M Identified by Jimmy McKellar - found at rest on a caravan wall
around 4pm. Jim Miller

Jimmy McKellar