



Moth Trapping Report

Summary

Location:	Bathfield, Field (TQ3618)
Date:	04/04/2025
Trap(s):	MV Robinson Trap
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	75
Species Count:	9
Non-species Count:	0

Full List

Species	Count	Type	Sussex Status	Comment
Blossom Underwing (<i>Orthosia miniosa</i>) NFY NFG	1	Macro	Very Scarce (192)	A relatively scarce resident and occasional immigrant. Single brooded flying mainly from mid-March to mid-May. Larvae feed on Oak. Has had a chequered history in Sussex with the species disappearing and then re-colonising areas of Sussex. Only 4 previous records in Plumpton & East Chiltington
Brindled Pug (<i>Eupithecia abbreviata</i>) NFY NFG	5	Macro	Common (4025)	A relatively common resident species that generally flies from early March to late May. The larvae feed on oak.
Common Quaker (<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>) NFY NFG	11	Macro	Very Common (9110)	A very common, resident species found in a wide range of habitats. Single-brooded, flying mainly from early February to late May. Larvae feed on birch, willow, oaks, lime, elm, bramble, rose, sweet chestnut, hawthorn and ash.
Early Grey (<i>Xylocampa areola</i>) NFY NFG	1	Macro	Common (6249)	A common resident species found in a wide range of habitats. Primarily flies from late February to mid May. Larvae feed on honeysuckle.
Frosted Green (<i>Polyplocia ridens</i>) NFY NFG	21	Macro	Fairly Common (776)	A fairly common resident that is associated with Oak woods. Single-brooded, flying mainly from early April to mid May. Larvae feed on Oak. 21 is easily the most encountered in a single trap in Plumpton before
Hebrew Character (<i>Orthosia gothica</i>) NFY NFG	7	Macro	Very Common (10295)	A very common species. Single-brooded and flies mainly from early March to early June. Larvae feed on a large range of trees, shrubs and low-growing plants.
Lunar Marbled Brown (<i>Drymonia ruficornis</i>) NFY NFG	10	Macro	Common (1170)	A common, resident species. Single-brooded, flying mainly from early April to late June, occasionally from late March or to mid July. Larvae feed on oak.
Small Quaker (<i>Orthosia cruda</i>) NFY NFG	16	Macro	Common (4821)	A common species associated with deciduous woods. Single-brooded, flying from mid-February to late April. Larvae feed on oak, silver birch, willow, lime and rose.
Twin-spotted Quaker (<i>Anorthoa munda</i>) NFY NFG	3	Macro	Common (1766)	A fairly common, resident species. Single-brooded,

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				flying mainly from early March to late April. Larvae feed on oak, aspen, willow, hop and damson.

Notes

You can see more details of each species from the [UK Moths website](#) by clicking on the name of the species. This doesn't apply to records at genus level or aggregates.

The Sussex Status is an **unofficial** indication of the likelihood of encountering the species in Sussex based on data sourced from the [Sussex Moth Group](#) website. The number in brackets is the minimum number of times the moth has been recorded in Sussex.

The species comments are primarily sourced from the excellent volumes of **A Revised History of the Butterflies and Moths of Sussex** by C R Pratt.

Images



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