



Moth Trapping Report

Summary

Location:	Green Cross Cottage, South Garden (TQ3615)
Date:	13/03/2026
Trap(s):	MV Robinson Trap
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	77
Species Count: (see notes)	7 New for Year: 2 New for Location: 0 Total new species for Location this Year: 0 Species Count for Year: 18 Species Total for Location: 525
Non-species Count:	0

Full List

NFY = New Species For Year

Species	Count	Type	Sussex Status	Comment
Clouded Drab (<i>Orthosia incerta</i>)	3	Macro	Common (5,043)	A resident species generally well distributed. Single-brooded, flying mainly from late February to late May. Larvae feed on oak, willow, apple, white helleborine and hop.
Common Quaker (<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>)	16	Macro	Very Common (9,110)	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	3	Macro	Common (6,249)	A common resident species found in a wide range of habitats. Primarily flies from late February to mid May. Larvae feed on honeysuckle.
Hebrew Character (<i>Orthosia gothica</i>)	26	Macro	Very Common (10,295)	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.
Oak Beauty (<i>Biston strataria</i>)	1	Macro	Common (2,189)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak, (silver) birch and willow.
Small Quaker (<i>Orthosia cruda</i>)	27	Macro	Common (4,821)	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	1	Macro	Common (1,766)	A fairly common, resident species. Single-brooded, flying mainly from early March to late April. Larvae feed on oak, aspen, willow, hop and damson.

Images



Clouded Drab (*Orthosia incerta*)



Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*)



Twin-spotted Quaker (*Anorthoa munda*)

Notes

The numbers in the **Species Count** section of the **Summary** section only include moths that have been identified to species level.

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.

For further details of the records see [Green Cross Nature](#)

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