



Moth Trapping Report

Summary

Location:	Green Cross Cottage, South Garden (TQ3615)
Date:	16/03/2026
Trap(s):	MV Robinson Trap
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	29
Species Count: (see notes)	8 New for Year: 2 New for Location: 0 Total new species for Location this Year: 0 Species Count for Year: 22 Species Total for Location: 525
Non-species Count:	0
Notable Record Count:	1

Full List

NFY = New Species For Year

Species	Count	Type	Sussex Status	Comment
Brindled Pug (<i>Eupithecia abbreviata</i>)	4	Macro	Common (4,025)	A relatively common resident species that generally flies from early March to late May. The larvae feed on oak.
Clouded Drab (<i>Orthosia incerta</i>)	4	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>)	4	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.
Dotted Chestnut (<i>Conistra rubiginea</i>) ^{NFY}	1	Macro	Scarce (250)	
Early Thorn (<i>Selenia dentaria</i>) ^{NFY}	1	Macro	Common (4,439)	Resident. The larvae feed on (silver) birch, hawthorn, willow, hazel, bramble, rose, raspberry, sloe and damson.
Hebrew Character (<i>Orthosia gothica</i>)	6	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>)	2	Macro	Common (2,189)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak, (silver) birch and willow.
Small Quaker (<i>Orthosia cruda</i>)	7	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.

Notable Records

Species	Comment
Dotted Chestnut (<i>Conistra rubiginea</i>)	A relatively scarce or rare species within Sussex; Likely to be only the 4th time recorded in Plumpton & East Chilington.

Images



Brindled Pug (*Eupithecia abbreviata*)



Dotted Chestnut (*Conistra rubiginea*)



Early Thorn (*Selenia dentaria*)



Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*)

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](#)