



Moth Survey Report

Summary

Location:	Plashett Wood (TQ4515), Woodland (TQ4515)
Date:	10/05/2026
Survey Method(s):	Daytime Observation
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	32
Species Count:	10
Non-species Count:	0

Full List

Species	Count	Life Stage	Sussex Status	Comment
Blossom Underwing (<i>Orthosia miniosa</i>)	2	larva	Scarce (230)	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.
Brindled Twist (<i>Ptycholoma lecheana</i>)	1	adult	Very Scarce (136)	
Dun-bar (<i>Cosmia trapezina</i>)	1	larva	Common (4,330)	
Green Long-horn (<i>Adela reaumurella</i>)	1	adult	Fairly Common (764)	
Mottled Umber (<i>Erannis defoliaria</i>)	1	larva	Common (1,320)	Resident. Larvae feed on hazel, oak, (silver) birch, unspecified fruit trees (presumably including pear and plum), beech, willow, (sweet) chestnut, sloe and apple.
Scarce Umber (<i>Agriopsis aurantiaria</i>)	1	larva	Fairly Common (427)	
Speckled Yellow (<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>)	20	adult	Common (1,576)	
Sprawler (<i>Asteroscopus sphinx</i>)	2	larva	Fairly Common (577)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak, hazel, willow, aspen.
Vapourer (<i>Orgyia antiqua</i>)	1	larva	Common (1,175)	
Variagated Golden Tortrix (<i>Archips xylosteana</i>)	2	larva	Common (1,497)	

Images



Blossom Underwing (*Orthosia miniosa*)



Brindled Twist (*Ptycholoma lecheana*)



Dun-bar (*Cosmia trapezina*)



Mottled Umber (*Erannis defoliaria*)



Scarce Umber (*Agriopis aurantiaria*)



Speckled Yellow (*Pseudopanthera macularia*)



Sprawler (*Asteroscopus sphinx*)



Vapourer (*Orgyia antiqua*)



Variegated Golden Tortrix (*Archips xylosteana*)

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.

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

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