



NEWS, NOTES AND REQUESTS

This section is open to short items (max. 700 words) of Lepidoptera and Odonata news, behavioural notes, unusual records, requests for information and help, etc.

National Moth Night 2007

The date for National Moth Night 2007 is set as Saturday 11 August. The target species are **Chalk Carpet** *Scotopteryx bipunctaria*, **Four-spotted Footman** *Lithosia quadra*, **Jersey Tiger** *Euplagia quadripunctaria* and **Cousin German** *Protolampra sobrina*. Following the recent trend of 'repeating' NMN events, this event will hopefully provide some broad comparisons with NMN 2001, which was also held on 11 August. During that event a total of 682 species was recorded from 389 sites. Can this total be beaten in 2007?

Results for NMN 2007 **must be received by 1 December 2007** and can be submitted by using the online recording form on the website, as a spreadsheet (e.g. Microsoft Excel) or tab-delimited text file via an email attachment to nmn@butterfly-conservation.org, or by post to NMN, Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Dorset, BH20 5QP. It is also possible to synchronise results using MapMate via www.mapmate.co.uk.

Please send the following information as your data submission:

- Recorder's name(s) and numbers of any additional guests/members of the public.
- Site name and six-figure grid reference.
- Local weather conditions.
- Brief habitat description.
- Number and type of traps used (and details of any other recording techniques).
- How long the traps were operated.
- A full list of species identified and, where possible, numbers of each species. However, even a simple species list is still valuable. Ideally species should be listed in systematic or alphabetical order. It would also be useful if recorders drew attention to records of significant county interest, and if possible to distinguish between numbers of male and female Four-spotted Footman.
- Whether you were recording in an area with any target species in mind.

Any photographs of events or species caught on the night are welcomed for publication within the account or on the website. Please email to nmn.images@zen.co.uk

The following prizes will be on offer:

- **Most notable record of a resident species (macrolepidoptera).** This may be a species not recorded locally for some time, or a scarce species at a new site. The winner will receive a professionally made collapsible moth-trap, complete with electrics and waterproof control box, donated by Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies. Choice of a 125w mercury vapour or a 15w actinic trap is available. If you do not need another moth-trap the prize can be donated to your local wildlife trust, local nature reserve, etc, on your behalf.
- **Most notable record of a resident species (microlepidoptera).** This may be a species not recorded locally for some time, or a scarce species at a new site. The winner will receive a copy of *Pyraloidea of Europe Volume 1*, donated by the publisher and author Frantisek Slamka.
- **Rarest immigrant species recorded.** The winner will receive a £50 book token, which can be used to purchase titles from Atropos Books (valid for one year).

Please note that the following rules apply:

- In order to qualify for prizes, the relevant record must be accepted by the County Moth Recorder.
- In order to qualify for category 3, full details of the capture (and name of the captor) must be reported to the answermachine on 01326 290287 the next day, or reported to the Flight Arrivals page on the Atropos website www.atropos.info.
- Members of the *Atropos* editorial panel and BC staff are not eligible for prizes.
- All decisions made will be final.

National Moth Night is an annual event organised jointly by *Atropos* and Butterfly Conservation. For full details visit the website

www.nationalmothnight.info, which will be regularly updated with the programme of public events and a downloadable poster for event organisers. Please email details of your event to events@nationalmothnight.info. Event organis-

ers can promote their public events via the website, by uploading details using the online form.

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