

Guest blog: “Moths at Orchid Glade” by Peter Rowberry

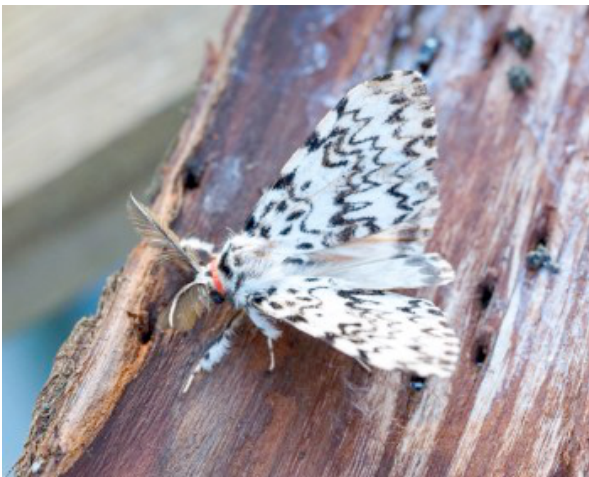
I had another opportunity to trap moths on the SFPT reserves on 12th and 13th August, this time at Orchid Glade. Conditions were near perfect. A dry night with a less than full moon and temperature overnight around 14°C. The only thing that could have improved prospects was some cloud cover. I was able to identify 15 species, 7 (maybe 8) of which were new to my SFPT (although they may have been reported by other recorders).

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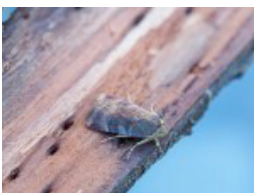


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Many thanks to Jools for navigation, photography and skilful driving.

Angle Shades, *Phlogophora meticulosa*

August Thorn, *Ennomos quercinaria*

Mother of Pearl, *Pleuoptya ruralis*

Common Pug, *Eupithecia vulgata*

Black Arches, *Lymantria monacha*

Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, *Noctua janthe*

Willow Beauty, *Peribatodes rhomboidaria*



Coxcomb Prominent, *Ptilodon capucina*

Lesser Swallow Prominent, *Pheosia gnoma*

Rustic, *Hoplodrina blanda*

Setaceous hebrew character *Xestia c-nigrum*



Large yellow underwing *Noctua pronuba*



Micro moth, *Agriphila inquinatella*

The trap also attracted other species:

Sexton beetle *Nicrophorus investigator*



and a leafhopper *Ledra aurita*