**Autumn** 2025





#### iRecord results Q3 2025

The summer months see our wildlife recording reach its yearly peak. As the days grow longer and the temperature rises, nature comes alive, offering lots of opportunities to discover new and fascinating plants and animals.

People sent us records throughout July, August and September, missing just two days. As you will see below, lots of new species were recorded for perhaps the first time, as well as a number of insects thought to have been absent for many years.

From seasoned wildlife enthusiasts to casual observers, it is great to see so many people helping us to make records of what they are seeing in their gardens or on local walks.

As well as sharing all these wonderful finds with you, in this edition of our report we will take a look at what sort of summer our butterflies have enjoyed. We will talk about lacewings, and about the interesting world of insect mimics. Read on to explore and celebrate the rich biodiversity here in the Rea Valley this summer.



Our activity in July, August & September..

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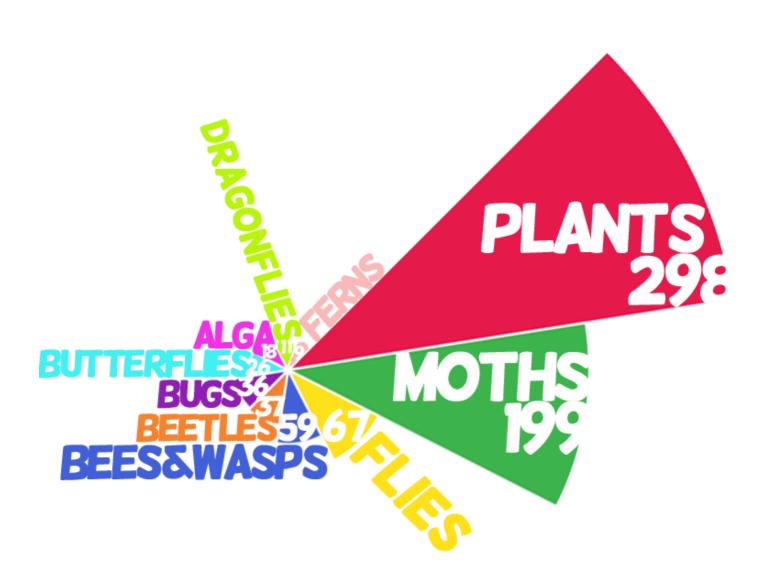
# Wildlife Groups

The diagram and table below show the 10 wildlife taxon groups for which we recorded the most species.

Our resident botanist, Kat, has been busy surveying squares that had received few previous records - finding an incredible 1,286 species during ten local walks.

This summer seems to have been better for butterflies and moths than recent years. Records continued to flood in as the warm, dry weather continued well into September.

Alga made the top ten for the first time thanks in part to recording during our September pond dipping event. Alga are photosynthetic organisms that are mostly aquatic and often microscopic. They are not technically plants, but they sometimes look a lot like plants.



The table below shows the number of records and species grouped by the taxon groups used by iRecord. While groups like Plants, Butterflies and Dragonflies are always likely to be recorded more often, it is great to see so many less well recognised critters. Lichens, Slime moulds and even a Coelenterate - something related to jellyfish(!) were welcome additions to our finds during the last quarter.

You can find a full breakdown of every individual species we recorded further down the page.

#### Records between July and September 2025

Plants	298 species	1232 records	Butterflies	26 species	926 records
Moths	199 species	451 records	Beetles	37 species	123 records
Flies	67 species	82 records	Dragonflies	11 species	70 records
Bees Wasps	49 species	65 records	Bugs	36 species	59 records
Ferns	9 species	31 records	Algae	18 species	19 records
Mammals	11 species	19 records	Diatom	13 species	17 records
Spiders	9 species	14 records	Protozoan	12 species	13 records
Fungus	10 species	12 records	Horsetail	3 species	11 records
Caddisflies	8 species	11 records	Harvestman	6 species	8 records
Bacterium	7 species	7 records	Lacewings	3 species	7 records
Reptile	2 species	4 records	Amphibian	3 species	4 records
Earwigs	1 species	4 records	Orthopteran	4 species	4 records
Mites	3 species	3 records	Chromist	3 species	3 records
Conifer	2 species	3 records	Rotifer	2 species	2 records
Slime mould	1 species	2 records	Springtails	1 species	2 records
Mayflies	1 species	2 records	Crustacean	2 species	2 records
Stoneflies	2 species	2 records	Gastrotrich	1 species	2 records
Coelenterate	1 species	1 records	Lichen	1 species	1 records
Mollusc	1 species	1 records			

# A few highlights

While incredibly difficult to choose just seven, here are some notable records for the past few months. You can view everything we recorded on the iRecord group page.



Pale Prominent

Pterostoma palpina

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Ganoderma resinaceum
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Slime Mould Fuligo septica
© Ian Wright



Eristalis intricaria

© Anne-Marie Richard



Comma Butterfly
Polygonia c-album
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Rhyzobius chrysomeloides © Maria Justamond



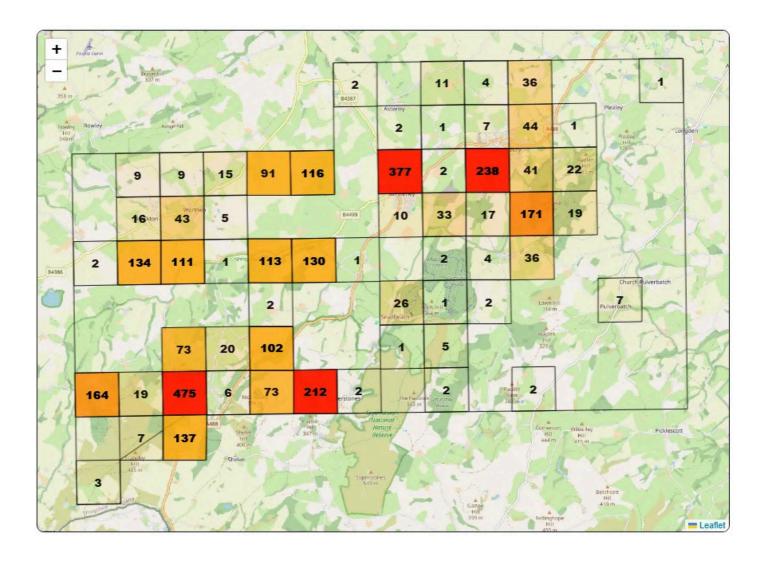
Tiphia femorata
© Nigel Jones

# Our Activity Mapped

The map below shows where our records were collected this time.

As is often the case, Minsterley, Pontesbury and Earl's Hill all saw plenty of recording activity.

Thanks to lots of plant and butterfly surveying from a few of our members, this summer we actually had more records in the Western half of the survey area, which is unusual. While the eastern and south eastern edge of the map was barely visited this year.



If you would like to help record a few of our less well trodden squares, get in touch on the WhatsApp group or send us an email. Unlike a lot of community wildlife groups who look after a single piece of woodland, we cover a big area, so more sets of eyes are always welcome!

### Butterfly Recording

What a good summer for perhaps the showiest of insects, our butterflies.

We received a big increase in records, 926 this summer compared with 518 last year. The prolonged warm weather certainly seemed to contribute to an increase in butterfly activity.

We received a single record for the following three species: White-letter Hairstreak Satyrium w-album which Steve recorded in the Hope Valley, Marbled White Melanargia galathea was seen at Pontesford Hill by Dave, and Purple Hairstreak Favonius quercus was spotted in a Pontesbury garden by Michael. None of these species were iRecorded last year, so it is really good to see them back.

The last half of July and the first half of August saw Butterfly Conservation's annual Big Butterfly Count. This citizen science project asks people to spend exactly 15 minutes counting butterflies, either in the garden or on a walk. Much like the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, the project is designed to gather enough data to spot year to year trends.

The volume of butterfly recording during the same period in our survey area suggests that several people were taking part.

Results were published in early September. More than 125,000 people took part, recording 1.7 million butterflies. Numbers off the back of a warm spring and the UK's hottest summer in recorded history, were described as 'a vast improvement'. However, that was mostly compared to 2024's record low numbers and in reality the results were about average. Overall, butterflies, like many insects, are in a long-term decline.



White-letter Hairstreak
Satyrium w-album



Marbled White Melanargia galathea



Purple Hairstreak
Favonius quercus
© Michael Howard

#### **Insect Mimics**

On our group WhatsApp there were a few fascinating posts of flies that looked uncannily like bees and wasps.

This is known as Batesian mimicry, where a harmless species has evolved to imitate the warning signals of a species more harmful or unpalatable than itself.

This form of mimicry not only acts as a defence mechanism to provide protection from predators, but also helps the insect maintain a competitive advantage in its ecological niche - perhaps giving it access to resources in bumblebee-dominated environments, such as flowers and nesting sites. The **Bumblebee plumehorn** *Volucella bombylans* goes as far as laying its eggs inside bee nests.

Another notable example we found this quarter was the **Hornet** hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* which fairly closely resembles a hornet in coloration and size. Despite being harmless, its mimicry convinces predators that it is a stinging insect. As you will see in the new species section below we also had a Volucella inanis which is remarkably similar to the fake hornet. I thought I was seeing the hornet most days during the summer until I realised it was a bit different! A case of the mimic mimicking a mimic? This is getting confusing.

But flies are not the only insects to take advantage of mimicry. The **Wasp moth** *Sesia apiformis* mimics the appearance of a wasp, with its distinctive black and yellow coloration, while, the striking **Wasp beetle** *Clytus arietis* exhibits wasp-like markings on its elongated body, allowing it to blend into environments where wasps are present. These examples highlight the incredible diversity and evolutionary strategies insects use to survive.



Hornet hoverfly Volucella zonaria © Julian Livsey



Wasp moth
Sesia apiformis



Wasp beetle Clytus arietis

### Delicate Lacewings

Lacewings are crepuscular (twilight) or nocturnal insects so I don't often encounter them, yet this year I have seen green, blue and brown versions of these beautifully constructed insects and that has prompted me to gather a few facts.

Lacewings like Chrysopa and Chrysoperla have something called tympanal organs at the base of their forewings, performing somewhat like a replacement for ears, this allows them to sense sound waves. One clever way in which they take advantage of this is by being able to detect bat ultrasound calls and take measures such as closing their wings to minimise their echolocation signature or dropping to the ground. The Wildlife Trusts say there are 14 species of green lacewing. The adults feed on pollen, nectar, and honeydew, and some species are more predatory and will eat small arthropods like mites and aphids.

Lacewing larvae, despite being really tiny, are voracious predators. They will attack a wide range of soft-bodied insects such as aphids, caterpillars, insect eggs, and larvae, and can even prey on each other. Occasionally, according to wikipedia, they may bite humans! I am not sure how likely this is but they put it down to hunger. The barely 2mm long lacewing larvae in the photograph below is covered in bristles and has attached the remnants of its meals in order to disguise itself from predators. I have seen a few of these now and most are partly covered, but I believe this complete covering is a trait of Chrysopidia ciliata. Before I even knew what kind of insect I was watching scuttle around the leaf I tried to gently flip it over to get a closer look but it stubbornly stayed upright so not wanting to harm it, I quickly gave up. Good job as it turns out - may have had my finger to add to the collection on its back!



Chrysopa perla
© Julian Livsey



Chrysoperla
© Julian Livsey



Chrysopidia ciliata?

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# Possible New Species!

Every time I think we have probably peaked for new species, the community find more incredible plants, insects and even a new mammal this time!

The National Biodiversity database currently holds about 5,500 species records for our area. Our latest finds below (verified and unverified, correctly or incorrectly identified) are not to be found on this database. There may be records yet to be published, but until we hear otherwise, we may consider the following species possible new finds

#### Rhopalum clavipes

BWARS, the bees, wasps and ants recording scheme describes this as a small, black and red solitary wasp. True story, there is the most amazing picture of one in flight, in the Britain's Insects book. I commented I would love to see one, and found it completely by chance the very next day.

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#### Heterarthrus nemoratus

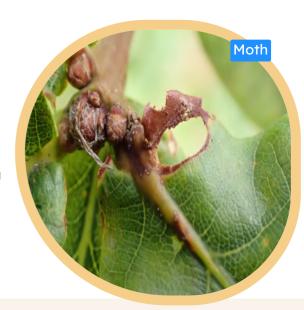
The sawflies.org.uk website gives this the common name 'Birch Disc-miner' and says they are recorded widely across all of mainland Britain. There are only 91 records on NBN and none showing for Shropshire, so a great record.

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### Oak Satin Lift Heliozela sericiella

ukmoths.org.uk says the larva of this species feeds on oak, initially mining the twig, later entering the base of the leaf through the midrib. When almost fully fed, the larva cuts out a small area from the leaf base to create an oval case, in which to descend to the ground and pupate.

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#### Birch Lift Heliozela hammoniella

Another small moth from the Heliozelidae family, this one feeds on birch by entering the base of the leaf. Widespread though not a huge number of UK records. Another good find.

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#### Ribwort Slender Aspilapteryx tringipennella

Ribwort Slender is a small moth known for its distinctive leafmining larvae that feed on ribwort plantain. Typically associated with grassland and meadow habitats.

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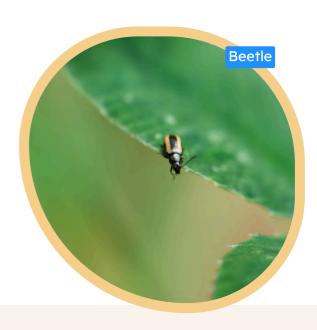
#### Eristalinus sepulchralis

A species of hoverfly commonly found in areas with plenty of vegetation and water sources. This fly is known for its distinctive patterned eyes which you can sort of make out in the photograph.

#### Large Striped Flea Beetle *Phyllotreta nemorum*

The Large Striped Flea Beetle is actually a pretty small, but brightly coloured leaf beetle. It has a distinctive black and yellow or green-striped pattern on its elytra (forewings). This beetle primarily feeds on cruciferous plants.

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### Pouting Woodlouse-fly *Rhinophora lepida*

Known as the Pouting Woodlouse Fly, this insect is more common in the southern-half of the UK. The Rhinophorids are parasites of various species of Woodlice. Their larvae attach themselves to passing woodlice.

#### Tiphia femorata

A beetle predator more common in the southern half of the country. Often found in meadows, females smell and dig up the larvae of beetles in the soil.

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#### Microlophium carnosum

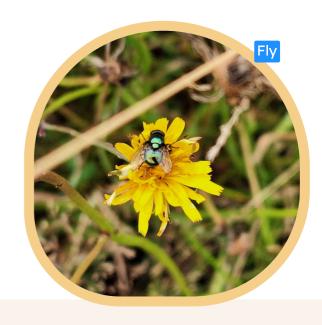
Known as the common nettle aphid, this insect is a very variable species. Winged and unwinged, and various colours, but usually pale green or pink. Found on nettles.

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#### Neomyia cornicina

Neomyia cornicina is a species of fly belonging to the family Muscidae. It is a green headed greenbottle often associated with decaying organic matter.

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#### Trioza centranthi

A sap sucking, plant jumping Psyllid type bug. They are a group that tend to stick to one specialist plant species. This one causes galls on Red Valerian.

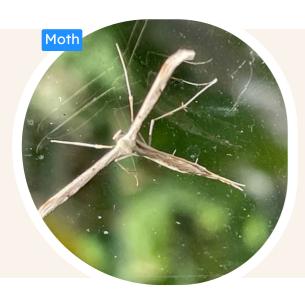
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#### Chlorops pumilionis

Known as the chloropid gout fly or barley gout fly. It is a pest of cereal crops, their maggots burrowing into the stem and stunting its growth as they pupate within the plants.

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#### Common Plume Emmelina monodactyla

Apparently the most common type of plume moth, the larvae feeding on bindweed. Also known as the Morning-glory plume moth, it rests with its wings tightly rolled up.

#### Arge berberidis

The berberis sawfly is the Batman of sawflies. Head to toe black or ver dark blue, and much bigger than many sawflies. The first UK record was 2002 but it has now spread north and is considered an invasive species and a pest.

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### Bulrush Veneer Calamotropha paludella

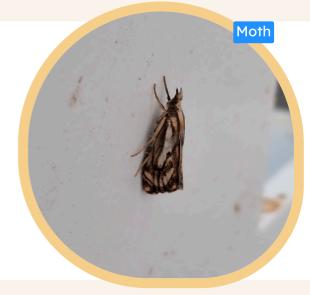
A super find, UK moths website describes as scarce and locally distributed in marshes, fens and other wet habitats in south and south-east England, with the larvae mining the leaves and stems of bulrush.

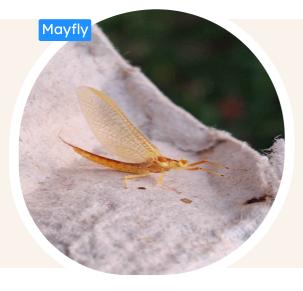
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#### Chequered Grass-veneer Catoptria falsella

This one and the Pale-streak Grass-veneer below are responsible for me chasing after the dozens of common grass moths on the lawn. How many times do you see a moth and ignore it. This one was not ignored and was recorded for the first time in the Rea Valley.

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### Yellow Mayfly Potamanthus luteus

This is a significant find. Buglife.org.uk has this as one of the rarest mayflies in the country and a priority species on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Found on only a very small number of watercourses. Their 'species dossier' is well worth a read.

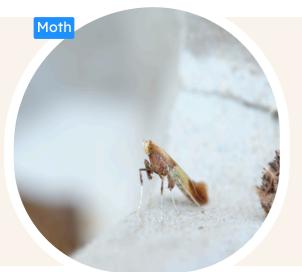
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### Willow Ermine *Yponomeuta rorrella*

This moth feeds on various willow species, several sources suggest it may be a migrant species with several influxes over recent years. It is certainly a very distinctive moth and a nice find.

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#### New Oak Slender Caloptilia robustella

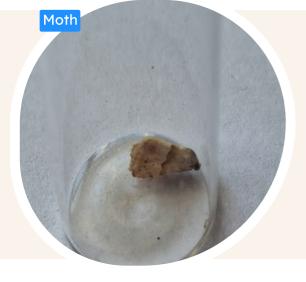
They feed on English oak and beech trees and their larvae pupate in a cocoon attached to the underneath of a leaf. image © Howard, Michael

# Sharp-toothed Mint Mentha spicata x longifolia = M. x villosonervata

Sharp toothed mint is a hybrid cross between spearmint and horse mint. Cultivated as a garden herb. Escapes have been found from Cornwall to the north of Scotland though only one previous record on NBN for Shropshire.

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#### Small Marbled Eublemma parva

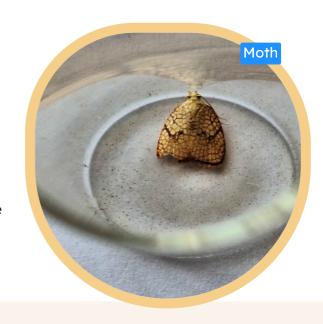
A tiny moth species found across the UK. Despite its small size, it displays remarkable adaptability, often thriving in diverse habitats. Its larvae feed on a range of host plants.

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### Maple Button Acleris forsskaleana

Known for its distinctive, banded wing patterns that often resemble dried leaves, providing effective camouflage. It primarily feeds on deciduous trees, especially apple and hawthorn, during its larval stage. This species exhibits interesting seasonal behaviours, with adults emerging in late summer.

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### Crescent *Helotropha leucostigma*

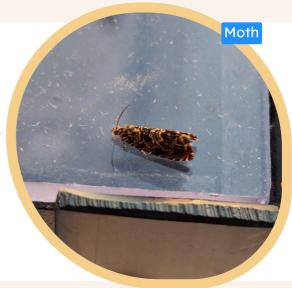
Distinguished by its striking, white-spotted black wings. Found in various habitats, it is active during dusk and night, with larvae that feed on marshland plants. Its vivid markings serve as a warning to predators.

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### Cherry Bark Tortrix Enarmonia formosana

A small moth with delicate wings and intricate patterns, typically measuring around 10 to 12 mm in wingspan. Relatively common in the UK, especially in orchards and fruit-growing areas. Its larvae develop within fruit or plant tissues, but the adult moths are most often seen during the summer months.

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#### Steatoda nobilis

Sometimes called the noble false widow, this is a large, shiny black spider with a distinctive bulbous abdomen, often reaching up to 15 mm in body length. It has become increasingly common in the UK over recent years, especially in southern regions and urban environments. The female spider can live for up to 2 years, while males tend to have a shorter lifespan of around 6-12 months. It is often found in sheds, garages, and around homes.

#### Arge ochropus

Arge ochropus is a slender sawfly with a body length of about 8-12 mm, featuring yellowish coloration. It is fairly common in the UK, especially in woodland and garden areas. The adult sawflies typically live for a few weeks during late spring and early summer. The larvae are caterpillar-like and feed on leaves, but the adults are most visible during their brief flight period.

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#### Haltichella rufipes

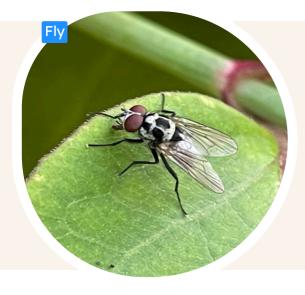
Haltichella rufipes is a tiny parasitic wasp, measuring only about 2-3 mm in length, with a slender body and delicate wings. It is quite common in the UK, often found in gardens and agricultural areas. It is frequently encountered during the warmer months, especially when host insects are abundant. image © Julian Livsey

#### Pimpla rufipes

Pimpla rufipes is a large parasitic wasp with a shiny black body. It is fairly widespread across the UK, particularly in gardens, woodlands, and farmland. The adult wasp can live for about 2-3 weeks, depending on environmental conditions. It is most active during late summer and early autumn, when it searches for butterfly and moth larvae to parasitise.

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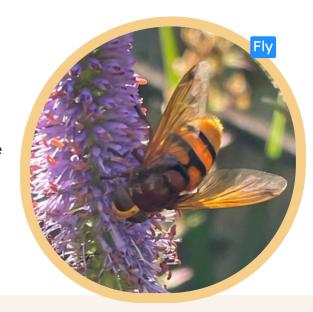
#### Anthomyia procellaris

Anthomyia procellaris is a small fly, about 4-6 mm in length, with patterned wings and a slender body. It is quite common especially around decaying organic matter, compost heaps, and rubbish. It is most frequently seen during the warmer months from late spring to early autumn.

### Hornet Hoverfly Volucella zonaria

Volucella zonaria is a large hoverfly that mimics a hornet (see the mimics section above). It has a striking black and yellow banded abdomen, and is increasingly common in the UK.

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#### Cratichneumon versator

Known for its distinctive, banded wing patterns that often resemble dried leaves, providing effective camouflage. It primarily feeds on deciduous trees, especially apple and hawthorn, during its larval stage. This species exhibits interesting seasonal behaviours, with adults emerging in late summer

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### Polecat-Ferret Mustela furo x putorius

Mustela furo x putorius refers to a hybrid between the European polecat (Mustela furo) and the European mink (Mustela putorius). Such hybrids are uncommon, but the parent species are present in the UK. Polecats are more widespread than Mink, and live for about 4 years.

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#### Odiellus spinosus

Odiellus spinosus is a harvestman (daddy longlegs) found in damp, sheltered environments like leaf litter and under stones. Adults are most active in late summer and autumn. Harvestman species total about 30 in the UK. NBN has 15 species for Shropshire and we have 5 so far this year.

#### Variable Smudge Ypsolopha ustella

Ypsolopha ustella is a small moth, though I have to admit I thought it was a species of caddisfly when I found it. Wikipedia says the adult moths fly from July to April. With a single generation per year and their larvae feed on the leaves of oak trees.

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#### Dolichovespula saxonica

Dolichovespula saxonica is a wasp species about 15-20 mm long, with a characteristic yellow and black. It is quite common in the UK, especially in urban and rural areas during late summer and early autumn. The colony lifespan is typically around 1 year, with workers living for a few months. image © Howard, Michael

#### Agromyza alnibetulae

Agromyza alnibetulae is a small fly often found around birch trees and other deciduous plants. Adults usually live for about 2 weeks, with activity mainly in late spring and summer. image © Law, Andrew





#### Fenusa dohrnii

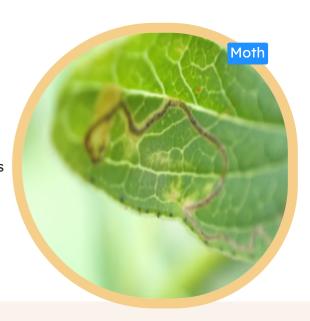
Fenusa dohrnii, sometimes called the Alder Mining Sawfly, is a tiny sawfly. It is widely distributed but there are not a lot of records due to identification difficulties, but can be found in certain woodland areas in the UK. Mainly found during late spring and early summer.

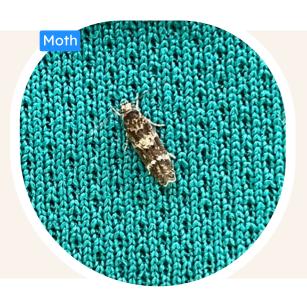
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### Hypericum Pigmy Fomoria septembrella

Fomoria septembrella is a small moth, often seen in late summer. It is relatively uncommon but can be found in gardens and woodland edges where it mines Hypericum species like St John's wort. They have two generations per year.

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### Garden Cosmet Mompha subbistrigella

Mompha subbistrigella is a small moth, about 10-12 mm in wingspan, with distinctive markings. Widespread but not a huge number of UK records. They feed on willowherb species and the adult moths are mostly active during late summer. image © Julian Livsey

#### Euura pavida

Euura pavida is a small sawfly about 4-6 mm long, with a short lifespan of around 2 weeks. It is uncommon in the UK, mostly found on willow trees but also poplar and alder.

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#### Volucella inanis

Volucella inanis is a medium-sized hoverfly that parasites wasp larvae. It is fairly common in the UK, especially in gardens, parks, and woodland edges during the mid to late summer months. I have to admit dismissing this one numerous times thinking it was the other Volucella species above.

### Grey Willow Salix cinerea subsp. cinerea

Salix cinerea subsp. cinerea or Grey willow is a small to medium-sized shrub or tree, usually reaching about 3-8 meters in height. It is found in damp, woodland, and riverbank areas. Its lifespan can be several decades, often living 30-50 years or more in suitable habitats.

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### Oak Nycteoline Nycteola revayana

Nycteola revayana is a small moth with distinctive patterned wings that feeds on oak. It is fairly common in the UK, often seen in woodland and garden areas during late summer and autumn. The adult moths do not live very long, only about a week or two.

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#### Ox-tongue Conch Neocochylis molliculana

The Neocochylis molliculana moth is active during the summer, and according to ukmoths.org.uk prefers rough grassland, scrub, and waste ground due to its food source, bristly oxtongue. Kat informs us it is only the second record for Shropshire.

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### Grass-leaved Orache Atriplex littoralis

Sea purslane is a small, succulent shrub found in coastal areas of the UK, especially on saltmarshes. So why is there a clump of it growing wild beside the main road between Minsterley and Pontesbury? Kat tells us these salt loving plants are often spread by the gritters in winter.

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#### Fool's-water-cress Apium nodiflorum

This is a small aquatic plant, usually about 10-30 cm tall. It is quite common in the UK, especially in ponds, ditches, and slow-moving streams. As a perennial, it can live for many years, often over a decade with suitable conditions.

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### Narrow-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus tenuis*

A small plant from the pea family, similar to the more common Bird's foot trefoil. It isn't especially common in the UK, and its fondness for salty conditions and poor soils mean it is mainly found in coastal or saline environments.

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#### Many-seeded Goosefoot Chenopodium polyspermum

Many-seeded goosefoot is an annual herb that typically grows up to 30-60 cm tall. It is quite common across the UK, often found in disturbed soils, gardens, and waste areas. Its lifespan is generally a single year.

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#### Trichotria pocillum

Trichotria pocillum is a free swimming species of rotifer, a microscopic animal about 0.2mm in length. Numerous species are difficult to tell apart, but this one is quite distinctive.

#### Melosira varians

This is a species of diatom (a type of algae) that forms siliceous, filamentous colonies in freshwater and marine environments. It can persist for weeks to months, depending on conditions, and is quite common in UK aquatic habitats. The warm weather and slow moving water saw a proliferation of this species in our local brooks.

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#### Gonium pectorale

Gonium pectorale is a green algae that forms small, colonial, spherical groups of usually 16 cells. It is quite common in freshwater ponds and slow moving streams, but more common in Spring.

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#### Rhododendron Leafhopper Graphocephala fennahi

The photo is out of focus because this little bug actually photobombed a leaf mine photo. Talk about a lucky find. It is another southern species that is spreading north.

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### Bronze Furrow Bee Halictus tumulorum

The Bronze Furrow Bee is a small mining bee. It is fairly common in the UK, and they prefer open habitat. The species flies from mid March until October. They are eusocial, meaning they cooperate and divide their tasks.

#### Alder Lift *Heliozela resplendella*

A small moth with adults flying from late May to July in one generation per year. The larvae feed on Alnus species. They mine the leaves between June and October. They cut out an oval case, in which they descend to the ground to pupate. image © Law, Andrew





### Xanthogramma pedissequum sensu stricto

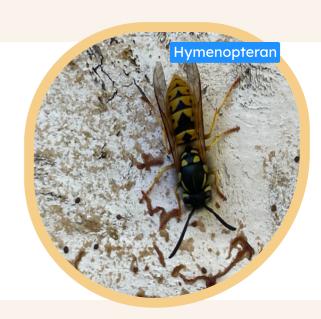
The Meadow ants I have been cultivating on the front lawn have attracted this lovely Philhelius pedissequus hoverfly whose larvae are associated with ants. As luminous as a pair of 1980s socks, I was not surprised to see a common name given as Superb Dayglower.

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#### German Wasp *Vespula germanica*

German wasp is a social wasp that prefers habitats such as gardens, woodlands, and urban areas where it can find food and nesting sites. It typically builds nests underground or in sheltered locations like tree branches or wall cavities. Their nests do not survive the British winter.

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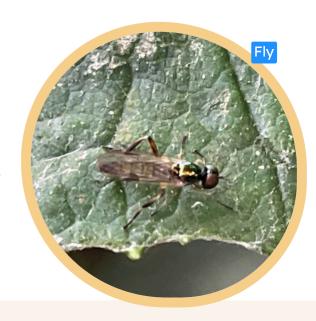
#### Leuctra geniculata

This species of stonefly that likes clean, well-oxygenated freshwater habitats such as streams and rivers with gravel or rocky beds. Its nymphs live in these aquatic environments, and adults are usually seen near water bodies. The adult lifespan is very short.

### Bright Four-spined Legionnaire Chorisops nagatomii

This soldier fly is usually found in woodland. It is relatively uncommon in the UK. This individual had strikingly yellow tergites, which you can just see below the wings. They caught my eye as I almost overlooked it among the hundreds of flies beside the Pontesford Brook.

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### Acorn Weevil Curculio glandium

The Curculio glandium weevil is typically found in areas with abundant nut or seed-producing trees, especially oak. Their eggs are deposited in acorns by the adult weevil chewing into the fruit. The acorn seals the holes, protecting the eggs from parasites.

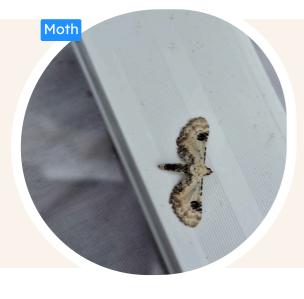
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#### Cyphoderia ampulla

A shell making amoeba found in freshwater sediment, or in wet mosses. This one was discovered in the Pontesford Brook. They create the shell for protection.

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### Lime-speck Pug Eupithecia centaureata

Eupithecia centaureata enjoys habitats like gardens, hedgerows, and woodland edges where its host plants, such as knapweeds and thistles, grow. It is quite common in the UK, especially during summer and autumn. One theory is their patterning is designed to resemble bird droppings, for camouflage.

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### Swedish Whitebeam (aggregate) Sorbus intermedia agg.

This tree prefers upland and woodland habitats, often on well-drained, rocky soils. It is mostly found in mountainous or hilly areas, but this one is in a field near the Aston Brook in one of the flattest parts of the Rea Valley. They can live 50 years or more.

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#### Diplolepis nervosa

Naturespot.org says that each gall is a hollow, fleshy nursery chamber for a small white grub, which is the larva of the Diplolepis nervosa gall wasp. The grub will feed on the chamber wall. The galls detach from the leaves before autumn and will lie in the leaf litter until the grub pupates and emerges as the small adult wasp, measuring about 4 mm long.

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#### Sharp-winged Drill Dichrorampha acuminatana

According to the excellent local moth resource, westmidlandsmoths.co.uk, this species is an uncommon resident mostly found on dry slopes and road banks. They fly between May and June, and again in August and September. The larva feed in July and from October to April, in the roots of Ox-eye Daisy.

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#### Nebrioporus elegans

This very dapper looking little beetle is a type of water beetle. Widespread and fairly common, but a first record for our area. They live in rivers, streams and ponds. This one was found on our pond dipping event in Habberley.

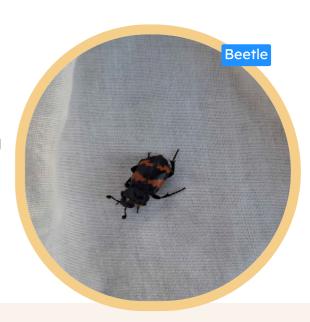
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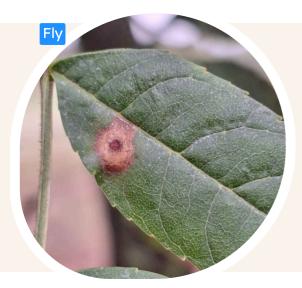
#### Nicrophorus investigator

Nicrophorus investigator is a type of burying beetle.

Naturespot.org says they are scavengers, living off and breeding in rotten carcasses. They have an outrageously good sense of smell able to detect a carcass from up to two miles away! Unlike many species in their family, they are able to fly. Have a read of the wiki page for Silphidae. The are interesting beetles.

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#### Dasineura fraxinea

These galls are found on Ash leaves and petioles, and are caused by the larva of a midge called Dasineura fraxinea. We have had quite a few new galls this quarter. They are caused by the host plant responding to the insect larvae by producing galls.

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#### Isochnus sequensi

Much more common in the South and East of the country, this small weevil has larvae that according to eakringbirds.com mine the leaves of Salix, forming distinctive circular blotch mines on the upper surface of the leaf. I had no idea anything besides flies and moths made leaf mines.

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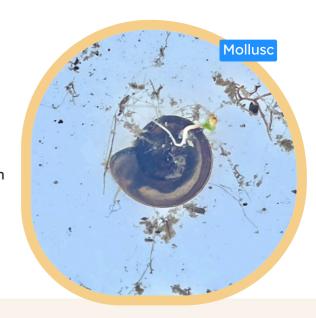
#### Tychonema bornetii

Does bacteria count as wildlife? There were plenty more microorganisms recorded this quarter, but we will only include the most interesting. A type of planktic, filamentous cyanobacteria that produces Anatoxins which you really do not want to ingest! These bacteria have been on the planet for about 3 billion years.

#### Margined Ramshorn Planorbis planorbis

Planorbis planorbis is a species of air-breathing freshwater snail, an aquatic gastropod mollusk. They prefer habitats with large amounts of vegetation and high pH.

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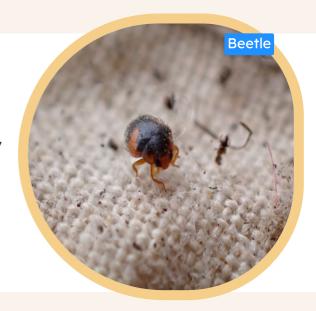
# Autumn Stonecrop Sedum spectabile x telephium = S. Herbstfreude

A species of stonecrop, more common as a garden plant but can be found as an escape. This one was found beside the road near Leigh and is only the second wild record in Shropshire. image © Katherine Edwards-White

#### Scymnus interruptus

You have to have good eyesight to spot one of these little ladybirds! Though they are quite distinctive, with a hairy body and a roughly triangular red patch on each side of its body. Common to gardens of the South East and Midlands.

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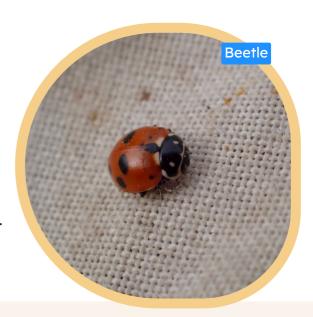
#### Dinocampus coccinellae

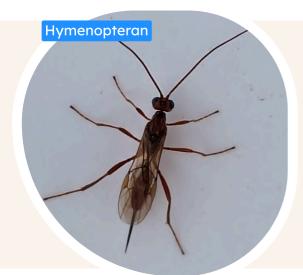
That's a funny looking wasp I hear you say. What you are looking at here isn't actually the ladybird, but what is beneath it. Dinocampus coccinellae is a type of braconid wasp that lays its eggs in the underside of the ladybird. The wasp larvae then feed on and use the still living ladybird for protection while they pupate beneath it. Amazingly a percentage of ladybirds seem to be able to survive the process.

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#### Adonis' Ladybird *Hippodamia variegata*

Although this looks remarkably like a common ladybird, it is smaller and has a slightly more elongated, oval shaped body than the common Seven Spot Ladybird. I still don't think I would be able to tell the difference if I saw one in the garden. Thankfully we have plenty of eagle-eyed recorders in the area. image © Justamond, Maria





#### Zele chlorophthalmus

Beyond this being a wasp from the Braconid family, I am struggling to find any more information about it online. There appear to be 17 previous UK records, though none for Shropshire. The Zele genus seems to be poorly recorded. image © Katherine Edwards-White

### Signal Crayfish Pacifastacus leniusculus

An interesting one to round us off. Jon Newson made the Rea Valley's first record of a Signal Crayfish, discovered in Worthen Brook. An invasive species from North America, the Canal and Rivers Trust say they were introduced to UK in the 1960 and bred on farms, but escaped and spread quickly across England and Wales. The problem is they spread a type of plague that is pushing our native white-clawed species of crayfish towards extinction. Signal crayfish also burrow deep into river banks leading to extensive damage. Although it is likely these crayfish are in many of our watercourses, so far this is our only record on iRecord or NBN



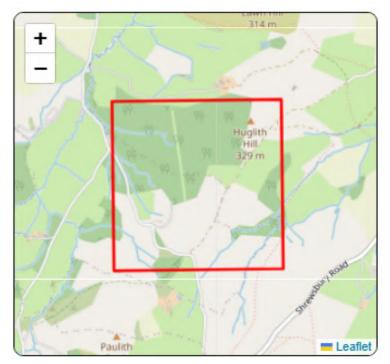
## Visit Inspiration

Survey square SJ4001 includes Huglith Hill and is a short walk from Pulverbatch.

Access is plentiful with various footpaths crossing this square kilometer. A mix of woodland and old hedgerows give this area plenty of rich sites for wildlife.

So far this year we have received 3 records for this square: *Aphidecta* obliterata **Larch Ladybird**, *Chromatomyia aprilina*, and *Juncus tenuis* **Slender Rush**.

We made 100 records for this square during 2024, almost all flowering plants or ferns, examples include *Veronica* beccabunga **Brooklime**, *Prunus avium* **Wild Cherry**, *Centaurea nigra sens. lat.* 



(=nigra/debeauxii) Common Knapweed, and Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle. The only species recorded that were not plants, were a Common Darter Sympetrum striolatum dragonfly and a couple of flies Volucella pellucens and Sericomyia silentis.

Over the years, 1,596 wildlife records have made their way to the NBN database for this square, relating to 721 different species. Plants found here include *Prunus avium* **Wild Cherry**, *Dicranum scoparium* **Broom Fork-moss**, *Bromus hordeaceus* **Soft-brome**, and *Crocosmia pottsii x aurea = C. x crocosmiiflora* **Montbretia**. The most common species recorded in this square are *Rhinolophus hipposideros* **Lesser Horseshoe Bat**, *Epipactis helleborine* **Broad-leaved Helleborine**, and *Palomena prasina* **Green Shieldbug**.

# Rediscovered Species



We also found species that have been recorded before in our area, but not recently.

To find a previous record of the species below in the national database, we have to go back 20 years or more. (Note, some may have been recorded more recently than this in schemes not shared with the national database)



134 Years Wormwood Artemisia absinthium



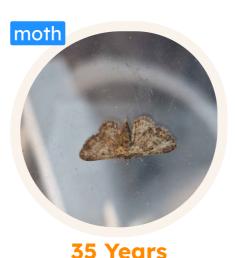
59 Years **Hybrid Black-poplar** Populus nigra x deltoides = P. x canadensis



52 Years **White Satin Moth** Leucoma salicis © Howard, Michael



**37 Years Brassy Willow Beetle** Phratora vitellinae © Julian Livsey



**Maple Pug** Eupithecia inturbata © Katherine Edwards-White Laura Edwards-White



33 Years Psychomyia pusilla © Katherine Edwards-White



31 Years

Black-poplar Pigmy

Stigmella trimaculella

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31 Years

Devil's Coach-horse

Ocypus olens

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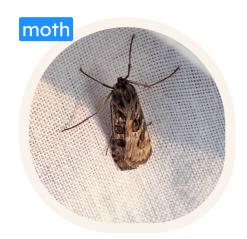


27 Years

Garden Tiger

Arctia caja

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27 Years

Rush Veneer

Nomophila noctuella

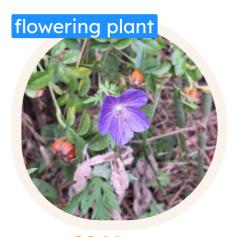
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Pale-streak Grass-veneer

Agriphila selasella

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22 Years

Meadow Crane's-bill

Geranium pratense

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20 Years

Athripsodes albifrons

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#### What did we find

Below you will find a full list of all 785 species that we recorded in the Rea Valley during July, August and September 2025. The table includes the taxon group and the number of records for each species.

Acarine (Acari)			
Aceria macrochela	1	Aceria myriadeum	1
Eriophyes similis	1		
Alga			
Oedogonium	2	Acutodesmus dimorphus	1
Ankistrodesmus falcatus	1	Aphanochaete	1
Botryococcus	1	Bulbochaete	1
Chaetophora	1	Cladophora glomerata	1
Closterium gracile	1	Dictyosphaerium	1
Eudorina	1	Gonium pectorale	1
Nephrocytium	1	Pediastrum tetras	1
Spirotaenia erythrocephala	1	Ulothrix	1
Volvox	1	Westella	1
Amphibian			
Smooth Newt Lissotriton vulgaris	2	Common Frog Rana temporaria	1
Frog Rana	1		
Bacterium			
Chroococcus	1	Cylindrospermum	1
Merismopedia	1	Microcrocis	1
Microcystis	1	Oscillatoria	1
Tychonema bornetii	1		
Chromist			
Actinophryida	1	Choanocystis	1
a chrysophyte Chrysophyceae	1		
Coelenterate (=cnidarian)			
Green Hydra Hydra viridissima	1		
Conifer			
Scots Pine Pinus sylvestris	2	Larch Larix	1
Crustacean			
Ostracoda	1	Signal Crayfish Pacifastacus Ieniusculus	1

Diatom			
Fragilaria	3	Melosira varians	2
Nitzschia	2	Amphora	1
Caloneis	1	Cocconeis	1
Cocconeis pediculus	1	Craticula	1
Cymatopleura solea agg.	1	Cymbella	1
Diatoma vulgaris	1	Gomphonema truncatum	1
Gyrosigma	1		
Fern			
Male-fern Dryopteris filix-mas	10	Bracken Pteridium aquilinum	7
Broad Buckler-fern Dryopteris dilatata	4	Lady-fern Athyrium filix-femina	2
Maidenhair Spleenwort Asplenium trichomanes	2	Polypody Polypodium vulgare	2
Soft Shield-fern Polystichum setiferum	2	Hart's-tongue Phyllitis scolopendrium	1
Scaly Male-fern Dryopteris affinis	1		
Flowering plant			
Creeping Bent Agrostis stolonifera	11	Knotgrass Polygonum aviculare	11
Pineappleweed Matricaria discoidea	11	Rosa canina agg.	10
Ash Fraxinus excelsior	10	Blackthorn Prunus spinosa	10
Bramble Rubus fruticosus agg.	10	Cock's-foot Dactylis glomerata	10
Common Nettle Urtica dioica	10	Creeping Buttercup Ranunculus repens	10
Creeping Thistle Cirsium arvense	10	Dandelion Taraxacum officinale agg.	10
Elder Sambucus nigra	10	Field Maple Acer campestre	10
Great Willowherb Epilobium hirsutum	10	Greater Plantain Plantago major	10
Hawthorn Crataegus monogyna	10	Hazel Corylus avellana	10
Herb Bennet Geum urbanum	10	Hogweed Heracleum sphondylium	10
Holly Ilex aquifolium	10	Ivy Hedera helix	10
Nipplewort Lapsana communis	10	Perennial Rye-grass Lolium perenne	10
Red Clover Trifolium pratense	10	Ribwort Plantain Plantago lanceolata	10
Spear Thistle Cirsium vulgare	10	White Clover Trifolium repens	10
Wood Dock Rumex sanguineus	10	Wych Elm Ulmus glabra	10
Yorkshire-fog Holcus lanatus	10	American Willowherb Epilobium ciliatum	9
Annual Meadow-grass Poa annua	9	Broad-leaved Dock Rumex obtusifolius	9
Cleavers Galium aparine	9	Crab Apple Malus sylvestris	9
False Oat-grass Arrhenatherum elatius	9	Garlic Mustard Alliaria petiolata	9
Groundsel Senecio vulgaris	9	Hedge Woundwort Stachys sylvatica	9
Honeysuckle Lonicera periclymenum	9	Perennial Sow-thistle Sonchus arvensis	9
Prickly Sow-thistle Sonchus asper	9	Rosebay Willowherb Chamerion angustifolium	9
Smooth Sow-thistle Sonchus oleraceus	9	Soft-rush Juncus effusus	9
Spear-leaved Orache Atriplex prostrata	9	Yarrow Achillea millefolium	9

Black Bryony Dioscorea communis	8	Common Knapweed Centaurea nigra sens. lat. (=nigra/debeauxii)	8
Common Orache Atriplex patula	8	Common Sallow Salix cinerea	8
Fat-hen Chenopodium album	8	Foxglove Digitalis purpurea	8
Greater Stitchwort Stellaria holostea	8	Ground-ivy Glechoma hederacea	8
Herb-Robert Geranium robertianum	8	Hybrid Oak Quercus petraea x robur = Q. x rosacea	8
Meadowsweet Filipendula ulmaria	8	Pedunculate Oak Quercus robur	8
Redshank Persicaria maculosa	8	Shepherd's-purse Capsella bursa-pastoris	8
Sycamore Acer pseudoplatanus	8	Timothy Phleum pratense	8
Tufted Hair-grass Deschampsia cespitosa	8	Alder Alnus glutinosa	7
Autumn Hawkbit Scorzoneroides autumnalis	7	Bittersweet Solanum dulcamara	7
Common Bent Agrostis capillaris	7	Common Chickweed Stellaria media	7
Common Couch Elytrigia repens	7	Common Hemp-Nettle agg. Galeopsis tetrahit agg. sensu lato	7
Cow Parsley Anthriscus sylvestris	7	Creeping Soft-grass Holcus mollis	7
Dogwood Cornus sanguinea	7	Lesser Burdock Arctium minus	7
Meadow Vetchling Lathyrus pratensis	7	Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemum vulgare	7
Rowan Sorbus aucuparia	7	Scented Mayweed Matricaria chamomilla	7
Silverweed Potentilla anserina	7	Wild Angelica Angelica sylvestris	7
Barren Brome Bromus sterilis	6	Bush Vetch Vicia sepium	6
Common Figwort Scrophularia nodosa	6	Common Mouse-ear Cerastium fontanum	6
Common Ragwort Jacobaea vulgaris	6	Crested Dog's-tail Cynosurus cristatus	6
Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Geranium dissectum	6	Lords-and-Ladies Arum maculatum	6
Marsh Thistle Cirsium palustre	6	Rough Meadow-grass Poa trivialis	6
Tufted Vetch Vicia cracca	6	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus corniculatus	5
Common Duckweed Lemna minor	5	Creeping Cinquefoil Potentilla reptans	5
Field Forget-me-not Myosotis arvensis	5	Hedge Bindweed Calystegia sepium	5
Hoary Willowherb Epilobium parviflorum	5	Marsh Cudweed Gnaphalium uliginosum	5
Red Goosefoot Oxybasis rubra	5	Rough Chervil Chaerophyllum temulum	5
Scarlet Pimpernel Anagallis arvensis	5	Scentless Mayweed Tripleurospermum inodorum	5
Selfheal Prunella vulgaris	5	Sweet Vernal-grass Anthoxanthum odoratum	5
Water-pepper Persicaria hydropiper	5	Bilberry Vaccinium myrtillus	4
Cat's-ear Hypochaeris radicata	4	Common Mallow Malva sylvestris	4
Compact Rush Juncus conglomeratus	4	False-brome Brachypodium sylvaticum	4
Germander Speedwell Veronica chamaedrys	4	Goat Willow Salix caprea	4
Gorse Ulex europaeus	4	Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus pedunculatus	4
Hemlock Conium maculatum	4	Lesser Sea-spurrey Spergularia marina	4
Meadow Buttercup Ranunculus acris	4	Red Campion Silene dioica	4
Red Dead-nettle Lamium purpureum	4	Reed Canary-grass Phalaris arundinacea	4
Sessile Oak Quercus petraea	4	Silver Birch Betula pendula	4
Smooth Hawk's-beard Crepis capillaris	4	Snowberry Symphoricarpos albus	4

Wavy Bitter-cress Cardamine flexuosa	4	Wild Cherry Prunus avium	4
Wood Melick Melica uniflora	4	Alsike Clover Trifolium hybridum	3
Beech Fagus sylvatica	3	Black Medick Medicago Iupulina	3
Bluebell Hyacinthoides non-scripta	3	Broad-leaved Willowherb Epilobium montanum	3
Broom Cytisus scoparius	3	Bulrush Typha latifolia	3
Burnet-saxifrage Pimpinella saxifraga	3	Coltsfoot Tussilago farfara	3
Common Dog-violet Viola riviniana	3	Common Field-speedwell Veronica persica	3
Common Vetch Vicia sativa	3	Curled Dock Rumex crispus	3
Dog's Mercury Mercurialis perennis	3	Enchanter's-nightshade Circaea lutetiana	3
Equal-leaved Knotgrass Polygonum arenastrum	3	Ground-elder Aegopodium podagraria	3
Gypsywort Lycopus europaeus	3	Hairy St John's-wort Hypericum hirsutum	3
Hairy-brome Bromopsis ramosa	3	Heath Groundsel Senecio sylvaticus	3
Hedge Mustard Sisymbrium officinale	3	Hybrid Crack-willow Salix euxina x alba = S. x fragilis	3
Indian Balsam Impatiens glandulifera	3	Large Bindweed Calystegia silvatica	3
Mugwort Artemisia vulgaris	3	Petty Spurge Euphorbia peplus	3
Red Fescue Festuca rubra	3	Scentless Mayweed agg. Tripleurospermum maritimum sens.lat.	3
Shining Crane's-bill Geranium lucidum	3	Soft-brome Bromus hordeaceus	3
Sweet Chestnut Castanea sativa	3	Tormentil Potentilla erecta	3
Wavy Hair-grass Deschampsia flexuosa	3	Wild Carrot Daucus carota	3
Amphibious Bistort Persicaria amphibia	2	Annual Pearlwort Sagina apetala	2
Aspen Populus tremula	2	Barren Strawberry Potentilla sterilis	2
Branched Bur-reed Sparganium erectum	2	Broad-leaved Pondweed Potamogeton natans	2
Brooklime Veronica beccabunga	2	Chicory Cichorium intybus	2
Common Hemp-nettle Galeopsis tetrahit	2	Common Poppy Papaver rhoeas	2
Common Reed Phragmites australis	2	Common Sorrel Rumex acetosa	2
Common Valerian Valeriana officinalis	2	Cornflower Centaurea cyanus	2
Daisy Bellis perennis	2	Damson Prunus domestica subsp. insititia	2
Field Bindweed Convolvulus arvensis	2	Field Pansy Viola arvensis	2
Field-rose Rosa arvensis	2	Giant Fescue Festuca gigantea	2
Glaucous Sedge Carex flacca	2	Hard Rush Juncus inflexus	2
Harebell Campanula rotundifolia	2	Heather Calluna vulgaris	2
Horse-chestnut Aesculus hippocastanum	2	Lesser Spearwort Ranunculus flammula	2
Many-seeded Goosefoot Chenopodium polyspermum	2	Marsh Woundwort Stachys palustris	2
Marsh-bedstraw Galium palustre	2	Mouse-ear-hawkweed Pilosella officinarum	2
Musk-mallow Malva moschata	2	Narrow-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus tenuis	2
Pale Persicaria Persicaria lapathifolia	2	Perforate St. John's-Wort Hypericum perforatum	2
Procumbent Pearlwort Sagina procumbens	2	Purple-loosestrife Lythrum salicaria	2
Raspberry Rubus idaeus	2	Sheep's Sorrel Rumex acetosella	2
Smooth Meadow-grass Poa pratensis	2	Sun Spurge Euphorbia helioscopia	2

Tansy Tanacetum vulgare	2	Thyme-leaved Speedwell Veronica serpyllifolia	2
Toad Rush agg. Juncus bufonius agg. sensu lato	2	Unbranched Bur-reed Sparganium emersum	2
Watercress Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum agg.	2	Welted Thistle Carduus crispus	2
Wild Teasel Dipsacus fullonum	2	Wood Sage Teucrium scorodonia	2
Euphrasia officinalis agg.	1	Autumn Stonecrop Sedum spectabile x telephium = S. Herbstfreude	1
Bitter-vetch Lathyrus linifolius	1	Black Horehound Ballota nigra	1
Black Nightshade Solanum nigrum	1	Black-bindweed Fallopia convolvulus	1
Broad-leaved Helleborine Epipactis helleborine	1	Bulbous Rush Juncus bulbosus	1
Butterfly-bush Buddleja davidii	1	Celery-leaved Buttercup Ranunculus sceleratus	1
Cherry Laurel Prunus laurocerasus	1	Clustered Dock Rumex conglomeratus	1
Cockspur Echinochloa crus-galli	1	Columbine Aquilegia vulgaris	1
Common Centaury Centaurium erythraea	1	Common Knapweed Centaurea nigra subsp. nigra	1
Common Yellow-sedge Carex viridula subsp. oedocarpa	1	Cowberry Vaccinium vitis-idaea	1
Creeping-Jenny Lysimachia nummularia	1	Crosswort Cruciata laevipes	1
Devil's-bit Scabious Succisa pratensis	1	Downy Birch Betula pubescens	1
Eared Willow Salix aurita	1	Fairy Flax Linum catharticum	1
Feverfew Tanacetum parthenium	1	Field Penny-cress Thlaspi arvense	1
Fool's-water-cress Apium nodiflorum	1	Fox-and-cubs Pilosella aurantiaca	1
Golden Rain Laburnum anagyroides	1	Goldenrod Solidago virgaurea	1
Gooseberry Ribes uva-crispa	1	Grass-leaved Orache Atriplex littoralis	1
Great Mullein Verbascum thapsus	1	Greater Chickweed Stellaria neglecta	1
Grey Willow Salix cinerea subsp. cinerea	1	Guelder-rose Viburnum opulus	1
Hairy Tare Vicia hirsuta	1	Hemlock Water-dropwort Oenanthe crocata	1
Hybrid Black-poplar Populus nigra x deltoides = P. x canadensis	1	Imperforate St John's-wort Hypericum maculatum	1
Jointed Rush Juncus articulatus	1	Lady's Bedstraw Galium verum	1
Lesser Swine-cress Lepidium didymum	1	Lesser Trefoil Trifolium dubium	1
Lilac Syringa vulgaris	1	Marsh Foxtail Alopecurus geniculatus	1
Meadow Crane's-bill Geranium pratense	1	Medium-flowered Winter-cress Barbarea intermedia	1
Michaelmas-Daisy Aster	1	Navelwort Umbilicus rupestris	1
Norway Maple Acer platanoides	1	Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage Chrysosplenium oppositifolium	1
Pendulous Sedge Carex pendula	1	Quaking-grass Briza media	1
Ragged-Robin Silene flos-cuculi	1	Red Bartsia Odontites vernus	1
Remote Sedge Carex remota	1	Rough Hawkbit Leontodon hispidus	1
Rye Brome Bromus secalinus	1	Sainfoin Onobrychis viciifolia	1
Sharp-flowered Rush Juncus acutiflorus	1	Sharp-toothed Mint Mentha spicata x longifolia = M. x villosonervata	1
Sheep's Fescue agg. Festuca ovina agg.	1	Sheep's-fescue Festuca ovina	1
Short-fruited Willowherb Epilobium obscurum	1	Spindle Euonymus europaeus	1

Square-stalked St John's-wort Hypericum tetrapterum	1	Sticky Mouse-ear Cerastium glomeratum	1
Swedish Whitebeam (aggregate) Sorbus intermedia agg.	1	Thale Cress Arabidopsis thaliana	1
Turkey Oak Quercus cerris	1	Upright Hedge-parsley Torilis japonica	1
Wall Barley Hordeum murinum	1	Wall Lettuce Mycelis muralis	1
Wall Speedwell Veronica arvensis	1	Water Forget-me-not Myosotis scorpioides	1
Water Mint Mentha aquatica	1	Water-plantain Alisma plantago-aquatica	1
Water-purslane Lythrum portula	1	Wild Strawberry Fragaria vesca	1
Winter Heliotrope Petasites fragrans	1	Wood Speedwell Veronica montana	1
Wood-sorrel Oxalis acetosella	1	Woodruff Galium odoratum	1
Wormwood Artemisia absinthium	1	Yellow Pimpernel Lysimachia nemorum	1
Fungus			
Chicken Of The Woods Laetiporus sulphureus	2	False Chanterelle Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca	2
Clavariopsis	1	Crepidotus	1
Ganoderma resinaceum	1	Taphrina ulmi	1
Alder Tongue Taphrina alni	1	Beefsteak Fungus Fistulina hepatica	1
Fairy Ring Champignon Marasmius oreades	1	Shaggy Parasol Chlorophyllum rhacodes	1
Gastrotrich			
Gastrotricha	2		
Harvestman (Opiliones)			
Opilio canestrinii	3	Dicranopalpus ramosus sensu lato (pre 2015)	1
Leiobunum blackwalli	1	Leiobunum rotundum	1
Odiellus spinosus	1	Paroligolophus agrestis	1
Horsetail			
Field Horsetail Equisetum arvense	9	Water Horsetail Equisetum fluviatile	1
Wood Horsetail Equisetum sylvaticum	1		
Insect - beetle (Coleoptera)			
7-spot Ladybird Coccinella septempunctata	14	Nephus quadrimaculatus	11
16-spot Ladybird Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata	11	22-spot Ladybird Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata	10
Stethorus pusillus	9	Scymnus interruptus	8
Rhyzobius litura	7	2-spot Ladybird Adalia bipunctata	6
14-spot Ladybird Propylea quattuordecimpunctata	5	Rhyzobius lophanthae	4
Harlequin Ladybird Harmonia axyridis	4	Alder Leaf Beetle Agelastica alni	3
Pine Ladybird Exochomus quadripustulatus	3	Rhyzobius chrysomeloides	2
24-spot Ladybird Subcoccinella vigintiquattuorpunctata	2	Cereal Leaf Beetle Oulema duftschmidi/melanopus agg.	2
Kidney-spot Ladybird Chilocorus renipustulatus	2	Coccidula rufa	1
Hydroporus palustris	1	Isochnus sequensi	1
Nebrioporus elegans	1	Nicrophorus investigator	1
Nicrophorus vespilloides	1	Oedemera Iurida	1

Phyllotreta	1	Platydracus stercorarius	1
Acorn Weevil Curculio glandium	1	Adonis' Ladybird Hippodamia variegata	1
Black Clock Pterostichus madidus	1	Brassy Willow Beetle Phratora vitellinae	1
Common Red Soldier Beetle Rhagonycha fulva	1	Cream-spot Ladybird Calvia quattuordecimguttata	1
Devil's Coach-horse Ocypus olens	1	Large Striped Flea Beetle Phyllotreta nemorum	1
Swollen-thighed Beetle Oedemera nobilis	1	Vine Weevil Otiorhynchus sulcatus	1
White Clover Seed Weevil Protapion fulvipes	1		
Insect - butterfly			
Gatekeeper Pyronia tithonus	95	Small White Pieris rapae	84
Large White Pieris brassicae	81	Meadow Brown Maniola jurtina	79
Green-veined White Pieris napi	72	Speckled Wood Pararge aegeria	71
Small Copper Lycaena phlaeas	65	Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta	60
Peacock Aglais io	55	Ringlet Aphantopus hyperantus	40
Small Heath Coenonympha pamphilus	38	Comma Polygonia c-album	31
Small Skipper Thymelicus sylvestris	29	Holly Blue Celastrina argiolus	23
Small Tortoiseshell Aglais urticae	23	Grayling Hipparchia semele	20
Painted Lady Vanessa cardui	18	Silver-washed Fritillary Argynnis paphia	11
Common Blue Polyommatus icarus	10	Dark Green Fritillary Speyeria aglaja	8
Wall Lasiommata megera	4	Clouded Yellow Colias croceus	3
Essex Skipper Thymelicus lineola	3	Large Skipper Ochlodes sylvanus	1
Marbled White Melanargia galathea	1	White-letter Hairstreak Satyrium w-album	1
Insect - caddis fly (Trichoptera)			
Athripsodes albifrons	2	Glyphotaelius pellucidus	2
Limnephilus lunatus	2	Athripsodes cinereus	1
Hydropsyche siltalai	1	Mystacides azurea	1
Psychomyia pusilla	1	Sericostoma personatum	1
Insect - dragonfly (Odonata)			
Southern Hawker Aeshna cyanea	21	Common Darter Sympetrum striolatum	19
Brown Hawker Aeshna grandis	10	Common Blue Damselfly Enallagma cyathigerum	7
Migrant Hawker Aeshna mixta	3	Emerald Damselfly Lestes sponsa	2
Emperor Dragonfly Anax imperator	2	Golden-ringed Dragonfly Cordulegaster boltonii	2
Large Red Damselfly Pyrrhosoma nymphula	2	Azure Damselfly Coenagrion puella	1
Four-spotted Chaser Libellula quadrimaculata	1		
Insect - earwig (Dermaptera)			
Common Earwig Forficula auricularia	4		
Insect - hymenopteran			
Red-tailed Bumblebee Bombus lapidarius	4	Common Carder Bee Bombus pascuorum	3
Ancistrocerus nigricornis	2	Arge berberidis	2

Arge ochropus	2	Ectemnius continuus	2
Fenusa dohrnii	2	Haltichella rufipes	2
Pimpla rufipes	2	Artichoke Gall Andricus foecundatrix	2
Common Furrow Bee Lasioglossum calceatum	2	Common Wasp Vespula vulgaris	2
Western Honey Bee Apis mellifera	2	Ancistrocerus	1
Apanteles	1	Apechthis compunctor	1
Aritranis director	1	Coelichneumon cyaniventris	1
Cratichneumon versator	1	Dinocampus coccinellae	1
Diplazon laetatorius	1	Diplolepis nervosa	1
Dolichovespula media	1	Dolichovespula saxonica	1
Dusona	1	Euura pavida	1
Euura proxima	1	Heterarthrus nemoratus	1
Ichneumon stramentor	1	Perilampus	1
Rhopalum clavipes	1	Tenthredo	1
Tenthredo notha	1	Tiphia femorata	1
Trypoxylon	1	Zele chlorophthalmus	1
Blue Mason Bee Osmia caerulescens	1	Bronze Furrow Bee Halictus tumulorum	1
Buff-tailed Bumblebee Bombus terrestris	1	German Wasp Vespula germanica	1
Green Furrow Bee Lasioglossum morio	1	Marble Gall Andricus kollari	1
Patchwork Leafcutter Bee Megachile centuncularis	1	Robin's Pin-Cushion Gall Diplolepis rosae	1
Small Black Ant Lasius niger	1	Small Garden Bumblebee Bombus hortorum	1
Vestal Cuckoo Bee Bombus vestalis	1	White-tailed Bumblebee Bombus lucorum	1
Willughby's Leafcutter Bee Megachile willughbiella	1		
Insect - lacewing (Neuroptera)			
Chrysoperla carnea group	3	Micromus variegatus	3
Chrysopa	1		
Insect - mayfly (Ephemeroptera)			
Yellow Mayfly Potamanthus luteus	2		
Insect - moth			
Large Yellow Underwing Noctua pronuba	17	Dusky Thorn Ennomos fuscantaria	9
Setaceous Hebrew Character Xestia c-nigrum	9	Brimstone Moth Opisthograptis luteolata	8
Willow Beauty Peribatodes rhomboidaria	8	Common Grass-veneer Agriphila tristella	7
Common Marbled Carpet Dysstroma truncata	7	Flame Shoulder Ochropleura plecta	7
Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing Noctua janthe	7	Riband Wave Idaea aversata	7
Square-spot Rustic Xestia xanthographa	7	Common Rustic agg. Mesapamea secalis agg.	6
Straw Grass-veneer Agriphila straminella	6	Common Footman Eilema lurideola	5
Copper Underwing Amphipyra pyramidea	5	Dark Arches Apamea monoglypha	5
Dingy Footman Eilema griseola	5	Dun-bar Cosmia trapezina	5
Furness Dowd Blastobasis adustella	5	Mother of Pearl Patania ruralis	5

Scalloped Oak Crocallis elinguaria	5	Shuttle-shaped Dart Agrotis puta	5
Barred Marble Celypha striana	4	Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing Noctua fimbriata	4
Buff-tip Phalera bucephala	4	Centre-barred Sallow Atethmia centrago	4
Common Wainscot Mythimna pallens	4	Dotted Oak Knot-horn Phycita roborella	4
Flounced Rustic Luperina testacea	4	Humming-bird Hawk-moth Macroglossum stellatarum	4
Iron Prominent Notodonta dromedarius	4	Light Brown Apple Moth Epiphyas postvittana	4
Marbled Piercer Cydia splendana	4	Red-barred Tortrix Ditula angustiorana	4
Rush Veneer Nomophila noctuella	4	Single-dotted Wave Idaea dimidiata	4
Small Purple & Gold Pyrausta aurata	4	Yellow-tail Euproctis similis	4
Brown House-moth Hofmannophila pseudospretella	3	Canary-shouldered Thorn Ennomos alniaria	3
Chequered Grass-veneer Catoptria falsella	3	Chinese Character Cilix glaucata	3
Clay Mythimna ferrago	3	Cloaked Minor Mesoligia furuncula	3
Common Carpet Epirrhoe alternata	3	Double-striped Pug Gymnoscelis rufifasciata	3
Elbow-stripe Grass-veneer Agriphila geniculea	3	Elephant Hawk-moth Deilephila elpenor	3
Golden Argent Argyresthia goedartella	3	Grey Knot-horn Acrobasis advenella	3
Heart & Dart Agrotis exclamationis	3	Knapweed Conch Agapeta zoegana	3
Lesser Yellow Underwing Noctua comes	3	Little Cosmet Mompha raschkiella	3
Plain Golden Y Autographa jota	3	Ruby Tiger Phragmatobia fuliginosa	3
Six-spot Burnet Zygaena filipendulae	3	Smoky Wainscot Mythimna impura	3
Straw Conch Cochylimorpha straminea	3	Twenty-plume Moth Alucita hexadactyla	3
Ash-bark Knot-horn Euzophera pinguis	2	Bordered Carl Coptotriche marginea	2
Bright-line Brown-eye Lacanobia oleracea	2	Brindled Green Dryobotodes eremita	2
Clouded Cosmet Mompha langiella	2	Common Marble Celypha lacunana	2
Common Thorn Pigmy Stigmella crataegella	2	Dark Sword-grass Agrotis ipsilon	2
Diamond-back Moth Plutella xylostella	2	Dusky Pearl Udea prunalis	2
Early Thorn Selenia dentaria	2	Flame Carpet Xanthorhoe designata	2
Garden Pebble Evergestis forficalis	2	Greenish Thorn Pigmy Stigmella hybnerella	2
Knot Grass Acronicta rumicis	2	Light Emerald Campaea margaritaria	2
Little Grey Eudonia lacustrata	2	Muslin Footman Nudaria mundana	2
Oak Carl Tischeria ekebladella	2	Pale Birch Pigmy Stigmella confusella	2
Pale Eggar Trichiura crataegi	2	Peppered Moth Biston betularia	2
Privet Twist Clepsis consimilana	2	Scorched Carpet Ligdia adustata	2
Scrubland Pigmy Stigmella plagicolella	2	Silver Y Autographa gamma	2
Small Fan-footed Wave Idaea biselata	2	Small Grey Eudonia mercurella	2
Snout Hypena proboscidalis	2	Spectacle Abrostola tripartita	2
Straw Dot Rivula sericealis	2	Willow Ermine Yponomeuta rorrella	2
Cnephasia	1	Eilema	1
Eriocrania	1	Alder Kitten Furcula bicuspis	1
Alder Lift Heliozela resplendella	1	Angle Shades Phlogophora meticulosa	1
Apple Leaf Miner Lyonetia clerkella	1	Beautiful Plume Amblyptilia acanthadactyla	1

Birch Lift Heliozela hammoniella	1	Bird-cherry Ermine Yponomeuta evonymella	1
Black Arches Lymantria monacha	1	Black Rustic Aporophyla nigra	1
Black-poplar Pigmy Stigmella trimaculella	1	Broad-blotch Drill Dichrorampha alpinana	1
Broom Bent-wing Leucoptera spartifoliella	1	Brown Birch Slender Parornix betulae	1
Buff Arches Habrosyne pyritoides	1	Bulrush Veneer Calamotropha paludella	1
Burnished Brass Diachrysia chrysitis	1	Cabbage Moth Mamestra brassicae	1
Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix Pandemis corylana	1	Cherry Bark Tortrix Enarmonia formosana	1
Cinnabar Tyria jacobaeae	1	Cloaked Carpet Euphyia biangulata	1
Common Alder Midget Phyllonorycter rajella	1	Common Plume Emmelina monodactyla	1
Common Slender Gracillaria syringella	1	Common Wave Cabera exanthemata	1
Common Yellow Conch Agapeta hamana	1	Copper Underwing agg. Amphipyra pyramidea agg.	1
Crescent Helotropha leucostigma	1	Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix Pandemis heparana	1
Diamond-back Marble Eudemis profundana	1	Drab Birch Pigmy Stigmella lapponica	1
Drinker Euthrix potatoria	1	Elm Midget Phyllonorycter tristrigella	1
Fern Smut Psychoides filicivora	1	Garden Cosmet Mompha subbistrigella	1
Garden Rose Tortrix Acleris variegana	1	Garden Tiger Arctia caja	1
Gold Spot Plusia festucae	1	Gold-fringed Drill Dichrorampha vancouverana	1
Golden-brown Tubic Crassa unitella	1	Golden-rod Pug Eupithecia virgaureata	1
Green Pug Pasiphila rectangulata	1	Grey Pine Carpet Thera obeliscata	1
Herald Scoliopteryx libatrix	1	Hoary Belle Eucosma cana	1
Horse-Chestnut Leaf-miner Cameraria ohridella	1	Hypericum Pigmy Fomoria septembrella	1
July Highflyer Hydriomena furcata	1	Large Fruit-tree Tortrix Archips podana	1
Least Yellow Underwing Noctua interjecta	1	Lesser Swallow Prominent Pheosia gnoma	1
Lime-speck Pug Eupithecia centaureata	1	Long-horned Flat-body Carcina quercana	1
Lunar Underwing Anchoscelis Iunosa	1	Magpie Moth Abraxas grossulariata	1
Maple Button Acleris forsskaleana	1	Maple Pug Eupithecia inturbata	1
Marbled Beauty Bryophila domestica	1	March Tubic Diurnea fagella	1
Mouse Moth Amphipyra tragopoginis	1	New Oak Slender Caloptilia robustella	1
Nut Leaf Blister Moth Phyllonorycter coryli	1	Nut-tree Pigmy Stigmella microtheriella	1
Oak Hook-tip Watsonalla binaria	1	Oak Nycteoline Nycteola revayana	1
Oak Satin Lift Heliozela sericiella	1	Ox-tongue Conch Neocochylis molliculana	1
Pale Mottled Willow Caradrina clavipalpis	1	Pale Prominent Pterostoma palpina	1
Pale-streak Grass-veneer Agriphila selasella	1	Pear Leaf Blister Moth Leucoptera malifoliella	1
Pinch-barred Pigmy Ectoedemia atricollis	1	Poplar Hawk-moth Laothoe populi	1
Red Birch Midget Phyllonorycter ulmifoliella	1	Red Elm Pigmy Stigmella lemniscella	1
Red Hazel Midget Phyllonorycter nicellii	1	Red-green Carpet Chloroclysta siterata	1
Ribwort Slender Aspilapteryx tringipennella	1	Rose Leaf Miner Stigmella anomalella	1
Rowan Slender Parornix scoticella	1	Sallow Pigmy Stigmella salicis	1
September Thorn Ennomos erosaria	1	Shaded Broad-bar Scotopteryx chenopodiata	1
Shark Cucullia umbratica	1	Sharp-winged Drill Dichrorampha acuminatana	1

Short-barred Pigmy Stigmella luteella	1	Small Beech Pigmy Stigmella tityrella	1
Small Birch Pigmy Stigmella sakhalinella	1	Small Dusty Wave Idaea seriata	1
Small Marbled Eublemma parva	1	Small Rivulet Perizoma alchemillata	1
Spruce Bud Moth Zeiraphera ratzeburgiana	1	Svensson's Copper Underwing Amphipyra berbera	1
Swallow Prominent Pheosia tremula	1	Tawny-barred Angle Macaria liturata	1
Uncertain Hoplodrina octogenaria	1	Uncertain/Rustic Hoplodrina octogenaria/blanda	1
V-pug Chloroclystis v-ata	1	Variable Smudge Ypsolopha ustella	1
Vine's Rustic Hoplodrina ambigua	1	Wakely's Dowd Blastobasis lacticolella	1
White Satin Moth Leucoma salicis	1	White-shouldered House-moth Endrosis sarcitrella	1
Yellow Shell Camptogramma bilineata	1		
Insect - orthopteran			
Common Green Grasshopper Omocestus viridulus	1	Field Grasshopper Chorthippus brunneus	1
Meadow Grasshopper Pseudochorthippus parallelus	1	Oak Bush-cricket Meconema thalassinum	1
Insect - stonefly (Plecoptera)			
Leuctra	1	Leuctra geniculata	1
Insect - true bug (Hemiptera)			
Green Shieldbug Palomena prasina	5	Corizus hyoscyami	4
Deraeocoris (Deraeocoris) ruber	4	Hairy Shieldbug Dolycoris baccarum	4
Plagiognathus (Plagiognathus) arbustorum	3	Dock Bug Coreus marginatus	3
Red-legged Shieldbug Pentatoma rufipes	3	Liocoris tripustulatus	2
Orthops (Orthops) campestris	2	Hawthorn Shieldbug Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale	2
Parent Bug Elasmucha grisea	2	Aphrodes	1
Aphrophora alni	1	Balclutha punctata	1
Drymus (Sylvadrymus) sylvaticus	1	lassus lanio	1
Issus coleoptratus	1	Kybos	1
Lygus	1	Macrosteles	1
Microlophium carnosum	1	Orthops (Orthops) basalis	1
Philaenus spumarius	1	Pinalitus cervinus	1
Rhopalus (Rhopalus) subrufus	1	Trioza centranthi	1
Back-Swimmer Notonecta	1	Birch Shieldbug Elasmostethus interstinctus	1
Black-Kneed Apple Capsid Blepharidopterus angulatus	1	Common Flower Bug Anthocoris nemorum	1
European Tarnished Plant Bug Lygus rugulipennis	1	Forget-me-not Shieldbug Sehirus luctuosus	1
Lesser Water-Boatman Corixidae	1	Rhododendron Leafhopper Graphocephala fennahi	1
River Skater Aquarius najas	1	Tortoise Bug Eurygaster testudinaria	1
Insect - true fly (Diptera)			
Chrysotoxum bicinctum	3	Eupeodes corollae	3
Syritta pipiens	3	Cheilosia illustrata	2
Eriothrix rufomaculata	2	Eristalis arbustorum	2
Eristalis tenax	2	Phasia hemiptera	2

Sphaerophoria	2	Sphaerophoria scripta	2
Tachina fera	2	Tipula paludosa	2
Agromyza alnibetulae	1	Anomoia purmunda	1
Anthomyia	1	Anthomyia procellaris	1
Baccha elongata	1	Chloropidae	1
Chlorops	1	Chlorops pumilionis	1
Chrysogaster solstitialis	1	Conops quadrifasciatus	1
Dasineura fraxinea	1	Dasysyrphus albostriatus	1
Dolichopus ungulatus	1	Empis livida	1
Eristalinus sepulchralis	1	Eristalis	1
Eristalis intricaria	1	Eristalis pertinax	1
Graphomya maculata	1	Helophilus pendulus	1
Lucilia	1	Meliscaeva auricollis	1
Mesembrina meridiana	1	Minettia fasciata	1
Minettia inusta	1	Myathropa florea	1
Neomyia cornicina	1	Opomyza florum	1
Phania funesta	1	Phaonia errans	1
Phasia obesa	1	Phoridae	1
Phytomyza lappae	1	Platycheirus albimanus	1
Scathophaga stercoraria	1	Sepsis	1
Solieria pacifica	1	Sphaerophoria philanthus	1
Syrphus	1	Tephritis formosa	1
Terellia tussilaginis	1	Thelaira	1
Tipula lateralis	1	Volucella inanis	1
Volucella pellucens	1	Xanthogramma pedissequum sensu stricto	1
Bright Four-spined Legionnaire Chorisops nagatomii	1	Dark Giant Horsefly Tabanus sudeticus	1
Face Fly Musca autumnalis	1	Fever Fly Dilophus febrilis	1
Hornet Hoverfly Volucella zonaria	1	Marmalade Hoverfly Episyrphus balteatus	1
Pouting Woodlouse-fly Rhinophora lepida	1	Small Fleck-winged Snipefly Rhagio lineola	1
Twin-spot Centurion Sargus bipunctatus	1		
Lichen			
Common Orange Lichen Xanthoria parietina	1		
Mollusc			
Margined Ramshorn Planorbis planorbis	1		
Protozoan			
Vaginicolidae	2	Choanofila	1
Cyphoderia ampulla	1	Heliozoa	1
Hyalospheniidae	1	Litonotidae	1
Litonotus	1	Mesodinium	1

Phacus	1	Stentor	1
Trinema	1	Vorticella	1
Reptile			
Common Lizard Zootoca vivipara	2	Slow-worm Anguis fragilis	2
Rotifer			
Collotheca	1	Trichotria pocillum	1
Slime mould			
Fuligo septica	2		
Spider (Araneae)			
Metellina	3	Tetragnatha	2
Garden Orb-Web Spider Araneus diadematus	2	Toad Spider Nuctenea umbratica	2
Nigma walckenaeri	1	Pardosa	1
Steatoda nobilis	1	Textrix denticulata	1
Zygiella x-notata	1		
Springtail (Collembola)			
Orchesella cincta	2		
Terrestrial mammal			
Eurasian Badger Meles meles	4	Brown Hare Lepus europaeus	3
West European Hedgehog Erinaceus europaeus	3	Roe Deer Capreolus capreolus	2
Bank Vole Myodes glareolus	1	Eurasian Common Shrew Sorex araneus	1
Eurasian Otter Lutra lutra	1	Eurasian Pygmy Shrew Sorex minutus	1
European Mole Talpa europaea	1	Polecat-Ferret Mustela furo x putorius	1
Red Fox Vulpes vulpes	1		











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