



MOTHS FOR BEGINNERS : PART 3

SOME COMMON MACROMOTHS WITH DESCRIPTIVE NAMES

Many macromoths have English names that emphasise a particular visual feature or motif – so that, for example, noticing a curious pattern on the forewing can lead to an identification. A selection of these is given below.

<p><u>Leopard & Goat moths</u></p>	 <p>Leopard Moth (late June-early Aug)</p>			
<p><u>Hook-tips and allies</u></p>	 <p>Pebble Hook-tip (late Apr-June and mid July-early Sept)</p>	 <p>Chinese Character (late Apr-early June and July-early Sept)</p>	 <p>Peach Blossom (late May-late July)</p>	 <p>Figure of Eighty (late May-July)</p>
<p><u>Waves and Carpets</u></p>	 <p>Blood-vein (May-early July and early July-mid Sept)</p>	 <p>Small Blood-vein (July-Aug)</p>	 <p>Yellow Shell (June-Aug)</p>	
<p><u>Pugs</u></p>	 <p>Lime-speck Pug (late Apr-Oct)</p>	 <p>V-Pug (May-June and mid July-late Aug)</p>		

<p><u>Thorns, Umbers and allies</u></p>	 <p>Scorched Wing (mid May-late June)</p>	 <p>Peppered Moth (early May-late Aug)</p>		
<p><u>Hawkmoths, Prominents and Ermines</u></p>	 <p>Eyed Hawk-moth (early May-mid July)</p>	 <p>Buff-tip (late May-July)</p>	 <p>White Ermine (mid May-late July)</p>	 <p>Buff Ermine (mid May-July)</p>
<p><u>Darts & Clays</u></p>	 <p>Heart & Club (mid June-early Aug)</p>	 <p>Heart & Dart (mid May-late Aug and Sept)</p>	 <p>Flame Shoulder (Apr-Sept)</p>	 <p>Setaceous Hebrew Character (May-July and early Aug-Oct)</p>
<p><u>Other Noctuids</u></p>	 <p>Hebrew Character (Mar-early May)</p>	 <p>Angle Shades (mainly May-Oct)</p>	 <p>Mother Shipton (early May-early July)</p>	 <p>Snout (June-early Aug and late Aug-mid Oct)</p>
<p><u>Silver and Golden Ys</u></p>	 <p>Burnished Brass (June-July and Aug-Sept)</p>	 <p>Gold Spot (June-July and late Aug-Sept)</p>	 <p>Silver Y (immigrant: mostly May-Sept)</p>	 <p>Spectacle (late May-mid July)</p>