

LEPIDOPTERA ON LUNDY 2000 & 2001

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The figures given are the earliest and latest sightings, followed by a figure in brackets which is the maximum recorded in any one day.

2000

- Five-spot Burnet** *Zygaena trifolii* (Esp.) 24.07.00 - 07.08.00 (15), larvae
28.05.00
- Luffia ferchaultella* (Steph.) 12.06.00 (4 cases on sycamore trunk, St. Helen's
Copse, A.J.Parsons) [a parthenogenetic 'bagworm' moth]
- Skin Moth** *Monopis laevigella* (D.& S.) 12.06.00 (1, St. Helen's Copse,
A.J.Parsons) [a small moth which lives on materials of animal origin,
particularly in birds' nests]
- Thrift Clearwing** *Bembecia muscaeformis* (Esp.) 30.05.00 (5, North Light,
R.S.Key)
- Brown House-moth** *Hofmannophila pseudospretella* (Staint.) 16.06.00 (1)
- Endrosis sulphurella* (Fab.) 12.06.00 (1 in rhododendrons)
- Hysterothora maculosana* (Haworth) 16.6.00 (hundreds, Gannet's Coombe,
A.J.Parsons) [a small moth which lives on bluebell seeds]
- Celypha lacunana* (D.& S.) 15.06.00 (4)
- Bactra lancealana* (Hüb.) 16.06.00 (50+, rushes west of Pondsbury)
- Cydua succedana* (D.& S.) 12.06.00 (common, Millcombe garden, on gorse,
A.J.Parsons)
- Scoparia ambigualis* (Treits.) 12.06.00 - 17.06.00 (1;)
- Eudonia angustea* (Curt.) 12.06.00 (2, St. Helen's Copse, A.J.Parsons)
- Rush Veneer** *Nomophila noctuella* (D.& S.) 17.06.00 (1;)
- Clouded Yellow** *Colias croceus* (L.) 03.09.00 - 26.06.00 (2)
- Brimstone** *Gonepteryx rhyanni* (L.) 16.06.00 (male, Gannet's Coombe)
- Large White** *Pieris brassicae* (L.) 17.06.00 - 06.10.00 (20)
- Small White** *Pieris rapae* (L.) 28.05.00 - 17.09.00 (6)
- Green-vened White** *Pieris napi* (L.) 01.05.00 - 13.05.00 (2)
- Small Copper** *Lycaena phlaeas* (L.) 22.05.00 - 13.10.00 (1)
- Holly Blue** *Celastrina argiolus* (L.) 29.04.00 - 12.05.00 (4)
- Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta* (L.) 22.05.00 - 06.11.00 (50)
- Painted Lady** *Cynthia cardui* (L.) 10.06.00 - 13.10.00 (30)

- Small Tortoiseshell** *Aglais urticae* (L.) 07.08.00 - 24.09.00 (5+)
- Peacock** *Inachis io* (L.) 20..03.00 - 28.08.00 (1)
- Comma** *Polygona c-album* (L.) 28.04.00 (1)
- Grayling** *Hipparchia semele* (L.) 17.05.00 - 12.08.00 (10)
- Gatekeeper** *Pyronia tithonus* (L.) 30.06.00 - 28.08.00 (10)
- Meadow Brown** *Maniola jurtina* (L.) 25.06.00 - 23.08.00 (80)
- Small Heath** *Coenonympha pamphilus* (L.) 31.05.00 - 28.08.00 (30)
- Ringlet** *Aphantopus hyperantus* (L.) 07.07.00 - 28.07.00 (6)
- Oak Eggar** *Lasiocampa quercus* (L.) larvae 28.04.00 (2) & 17.10.00 - 19.10.-- (hundreds), moth 02.04.00 - 19.10.00 (4)
- Emperor Moth** *Saturnia pavonia* (L.) 22.04.00 - 22.05.00 (20)
- Yellow Shell** *Camptogramma bilineata* (L.) 16.06.00 (1)
- Mottled Pug** *Eupithecia exiguata* (Hüb.) 12.06.00 (1)
- Brown Silver-line** *Petrophora chlorosata* (Scop.) 28.05.00 - 16.06.00 ('common')
- Brimstone Moth** *Opisthoptis luteolata* (L.) 03.05.00 (1)
- Early Thorn** *Selenia dentaria* (Fab.) 03.05.00 (1)
- Humming-bird Hawk-moth** *Macroglossum stellatarum* (L.) 17.06.00 - 08.10.00 (68) On 17.07.00, most of Lundy was covered by heavy mist but Rat Island was in bright sunshine. Here, 68 Humming-bird Hawk-moths were located, all feeding on kidney vetch flowers at midday, a remarkably high number of this species.
- Ruby Tiger** *Phragmatobia fuliginosa* (L.) 05.07.00 (2)
- Knot Grass** *Acronicta rumicis* (L.) 12.06.00 (1)
- Silver Y** *Autographa gamma* (L.) 16.06.00 - 17.06.00 (2)

2001

- Five Spot Burnet** *Zygaena trifolii* (Esp.) 05.07.01 - 08.07.01 (many)
- Coleophora discordella* (Zeller) on bird's-foot trefoil at Landing Bay 26.05.01 (common)
- Nothris congressariella* (Bruand) on balm-leaved figwort 26.05.01 (common)
- Clouded Yellow** *Colias croceus* (Geoff.) 12.10.01 (4)
- Large White** *Pieris brassicae* (L.) 29.05.01 - 24.09.01 (1)
- Small White** *Pieris rapae* (L.) 02.05.01 - 12.10.01 (3)
- Green-veined White** *Pieris napi* (L.) 07.05.01 - 27.07.01 (2)
- Small Copper** *Lycaena phlaeas* (Fab.) 05.05.01 (3)
- Red Blue** *Celastrina argiolus* (L.) 01.05.01 (3)
- Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta* (L.) 29.04.01 - 05.11.01 (24) with a steady movement south on 28.10.01
- Painted Lady** *Cynthia cardui* (L.) 25.04.01 - 03.11.01 (5)

Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae* (L.) 02.05.01 - 27.10.01 (20)
Peacock *Inachia io* (L.) 16.05.01 - 01.11.01 (1)
Grayling *Hipparchia semele* (L.) 13.06.01 - 27.07.01 (10)
Gatekeeper *Pyronia tithonus* (L.) 26.06.01 - 27.07.01 (1)
Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina* (L.) 30.04.01 - 14.09.01 (52)
Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus* (L.) 29.05.01 - 05.09.01 (4)
Ringlet *Aphantopus hyperantus* (L.) 04.07.01 - 13.07.01 (4)
Oak Eggar *Lasiocampa quercus* (L.) larva 25.05.01 (1)
Fox Moth *Macrothylacia rubi* (L.) larvae 06.10.01 - 10.10.01 (6)
Emperor Moth *Pavonia pavonia* (L.) 04.05.01 - 11.05.01 (20) larva 29.05.01
 (1)
Common Marbled Carpet *Chloroclysta truncata* (Hufn.) 10.10.01 (2)
Brown Silver-line *Petrophora chlorosata* (Scop.) 29.05.01 (many)
Humming-bird Hawk-moth *Macroglossum stellatarum* (L.) 25.06.01 -
 02.11.01 (2)
Cream-spot Tiger *Arctia villica* (Ober.) 29.05.01 - 22.06.01 (1)
Turnip Moth *Agrotis segetum* (D. & S.) 11.10.01 (1)
Lesser Yellow Underwing *Noctua comes* (Hubn.) 07.10.01 - 10.10.01 (1)
Setaceous Hebrew Character *Xestia c-nigrum* (L.) 10.10.01 (1)
Black Rustic *Aporophyla nigra* (Haw.) 10.10.01 (1)
Feathered Rununculus *Eumichtis lichenea* (Hubn.) 07.10.01 (1)
Lunar Underwing *Omphaloscelis lunosa* (Haw.) 07.10.01 - 11.10.01 (4)
Knot Grass *Acronicta runicis* (L.) larva 12.10.01 (1)
Angle Shades *Phlogophora meticulosa* (L.) 12.05.01 - 11.10.01 (7)
Silver Y *Autographa gamma* (L.) 09.10.01 (2)