

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO MORE MOTH MIGRANTS (and some residents) ...

SOME CORRECTIONS

Sallow Clearwing (*Synanthedon flaviventris*)

The Sallow Clearwing in Liz Goodyear's garden on 21st July was, of course, in **WARE**, not Cheshunt. My apologies for confusing Chestnut Avenue Ware in my head with the quite differently spelled Cheshunt.

Also, Liz has pointed out that she was in fact not "out shopping" but was out walking and recording moths etc. My profound apologies for any hint of unintentional sexism; what I wanted to convey was the fact that we do not know what time of day the moth arrived at the lure, because Liz had, quite properly, left it to do its job whilst she was absent.

***Stenoptinea cyaneimarmorella* in Middlesex**

Whilst discussing this extraordinary record with Simon Knott, the captor of the Hertford specimen, we realised that this species has in fact been recorded in Middlesex – at Acton Green in 1876 – the first British record. The statement that it is new to Herts remains correct.

The text in MBGBI, published in 1985) mentions only 4 British records for this species. It is regarded, formally, as "Endangered" in Britain.

EXTRA RECORDS

These newsletters are not intended to be comprehensive, but whilst we are here I perhaps should mention:

Breckland Plume *Crombrugghia distans*

At least 12 seen just north of Barley, Herts, on 21st July 2020 by John and Jenny Chainey. This may explain their record of a male *distans* (dissected) from Royston on 8th August 2004? This 2004 record seems to have escaped me somehow and will now be added to the database. The web site map at www.hertsmothgroup.org.uk states, now incorrectly, that the first county record was made at Much Hadham in May this year (2020).

Four-spotted (*Tyta luctuosa*)

Seen by John & Jenny on the same footpath as the Breckland Plume moths just mentioned, also on 21st July 2020. Hertfordshire supports a small, but ecologically significant, part of the UK population of this species.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW

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