

MACROLEPIDOPTERA. BUTTERFLIES and MOTHS. 1948.
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It has been a very poor year indeed for Butterflies and Moths, especially for Butterflies. There have been so far as I have heard no Continental immigrants in our district, consequently in the fields around the town where last year Painted Ladies, Clouded Yellows, Peacocks, Red Admirals, Humming-bird Hawk Moths, and a great number of other beautiful Butterflies and Moths were to be seen in large numbers, this year you could walk over the same fields and not be able to count half a dozen species, and but very few specimens.

In the Autumn a good number of Moths came to sugar and on some nights they were in very great numbers, jostling one another off the posts. Towards the end of July and at the beginning of August the town lights proved very attractive and on one or two nights there was a cloud of Moths whirling round the Chantry Mount lamp, more especially on 30th and 31st July and 1st August.

Three new species of Moths have been added to our local list this year.

The Crescent Moth, *Celaena leucostigma* came to sugar in the Meads between 26th July and 30th August. It is a Moth which shows great variation. It appears to be quite common in the Meads. The food plant of the caterpillar is Sedges and Yellow Flag.

The Olive Moth. *Zenobia subtusa*. I took a specimen of this Moth at the town light at the Chantry on 1st August. The larvae feed on Poplar and Aspen.

The Borderd Sallow Moth. *Pyrrhia umbra*. I took one specimen of this Moth at the town light of the Chantry on 30th July. The larvae feed on Rest Harrow, on the flowers and seed pods in July and August during the night. As there is a fair amount of Rest Harrow around the town perhaps discovery of the larvae will be made next year.