

Nomenclature, *Checklist of the Lepidoptera of the British Isles*,
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Collection of small specimens from various parts of the country alongside normal specimens.

Please note This Exhibit was entered into the A.E.S. Exhibition of 2022 but could not be entered at this exhibition because of the on-going train strike of that year,

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59.024 *Vanessa cardui* Linn.

Painted Lady

On a survey trip at Prawle Point Devon during the early evening and a good migrant night on 7.6.1996, there were several species of migrant moth and two sizes of this species in roughly equal numbers, which later in the year bred a similar ratio of the two sizes.

65.004 *Drepana curvatula* Bork.

Dusky Hook-tip

On a survey to Cockwood, Devon, 26.8.2016, a specimen of this species came to my light, and being an unusual specimen was taken as reference; I later found it was a lot smaller than the one I took at Church Norton, Dorset on 25.4.1993.

65.013 *Ochropacha duplaris* Linn.

Common lutestring

On 1.6.2005, surveying near Tavistock, on the edge of Dartmoor, I took this smaller paler specimen than the one from my garden at Teignmoth, Devon 16.6.2002.

69.016 *Deilephila elpenor* Linn.

Elephant Hawk Moth

This specimen from my Garden at Teignmouth on 28.6.2018 is a third smaller than a normal sized specimen, 2½ inches against 1¾ inches, taken on 30.5.1990, at North Cheam, London.

70.016 *Idaea aversata* Linn.

Riband Wave

this specimen taken on 21.7.2005, from Kingsteighton, Devon is ½ size compared to the one taken 18.7.1992 from Thorpness, Suffolk.

70.017 *Idaea degeneraria* Bork.

Portland Ribbon Wave

This specimen taken on 20.8.2018 from my garden in Teignmoth is of similar size difference to the previous species. Taken from Holcombe, Devon on 9.5.2008, and is a species that has found the area favourable.

70.041 *Scotopteryx luridata plumbaria* Fab.

July Belle

This specimen taken at Haldon, Devon on 13.7.1994, which is ½ the size of the normal sized specimen taken at Haldon, Devon, 29.6.1994

70.045 *Scotopteryx chenopodiata* Linn.

Shaded Broad-bar

This specimen taken on 28.8.2001 at Hartland Point, Devon is again ½ the size of the normal sized specimen taken at Wippendale Wood, Watford on 26.7.1964.

70.214 *Macaria liturata* Cl.

Tawney Barred-angle

This was a puzzle when taken, but soon realised it was this species, although a 1/3 smaller than normal, taken at Haldon, Devon 2.6.2007. The usual size one taken on 11.8.2001, Great North Wood, Devon.

70.238 *Selenia lunularia* Hb

Lunar Thorn.

Another specimen which is 1/3 smaller than normal, taken in Jersey, C.I. 7.9.1986, compared to the normal size, bred from larvae, taken at Ham Street, Kent.10.4.1978.

70.241 *Crocallis elinguaris* Linn.

Scalloped Oak

This specimen turned up in my Garden at Teignmouth 8.7.2004, and is a third smaller than a normal sized specimen, this one taken at Llangarron, Herefordshire (not Wales) 7.7.1987

70.243 *Ourapteryx sambucaria* Linn.

Swallow-tailed Moth

This rather good variety from Exeter, Devon taken by a Devon Moth Group member, 9.8.2009 is a third smaller than the normal sized one Taken from Streatham Common, London 27.7.1965.

73.039 *Acronicta aceris* Linn.

Sycamore

This third smaller specimen was taken at Bethworth Quarry on 13.6.1989 and is a variety, ab., *infusata*. The full sized specimen shown was taken from my garden in Teignmouth, 17.7.2006, and is a newcomer to Devon with the first ones seen in the early 2000's

73.131 *Luperina testacea* D. & S.

Flounced Rustic

This smaller specimen was taken at Budby Common, Nottingham on 19.8.1995, compared to a normal sized one taken at Lulworth Cove, Dorset, 29.9.1989.

73.134 *Rhizedra lutosa* Hubn.

Large Wainscot

This third size example was taken at Mucking, Tilbury, Essex, 3.11.1984, compared to a full size example from the same location and date.

73.189 *Leptologia lota* Cl.

Red-line Quaker

This specimen taken from Holcombe, Devon, 7.11.2020, is a third smaller than the one from South Hill Farm, Woodbury, Devon, 10.10.1993 (where I first came to Devon, before I moved to Teignmouth).

73.230 *Aporophyla australis pascuea* Humph & West

Feathered Brindle

This very small specimen took a bit of working out, but the antennae and shape gave it away. Taken in a pit-fall trap by K.N.A. Alexander, Slapton Bar, Devon, 4.9.2003, and presented to me for identification. This is almost ½ size compared to the full size one from Portland, Dorset, 21.9.1975. This I consider the ultimate in size difference in this whole collection.

73.327 *Agrotis ipsilon* Hufn.

Dark Sword-grass

Again a 1/3rd size specimen taken at Prawle Point, Devon, 27.9.1995, compared to a full size one from Portland, Dorset, 21.9.1975.

A couple of late entries

72.013 *Hypeana proboscidalis* Linn.

Snout

This small one caught 15.7.2022, is probably a second/third generation, but it is a lot smaller than a full size one as displayed, taken 23.4.2019, at Holcombe.

73.015 *Autographa gamma* Linn

Silver Y

Again this is probably a second/third brood, caught at Slapton, Devon, 6.8.2016, but a lot smaller than a normal specimen, Slapton, Devon, 7.6.1996

A couple of interesting variations

63.095 *Agriphila geniculea* Haw.

Holcombe, Devon, 24.8.2022, a specimen with the markings filled in.

70.205 *Abraxas gossulariata* Linn.

Magpie

Teignmouth garden, 30.7.2020. This specimen with very little yellow/orange colouring.

70.241 *Crocallis elinguaris* Linn.

This heavily marked specimen taken from Teignmouth garden, 19.7.2021,

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