

SOME MOTHS OF SPRING

Moth activity starts to increase once again in March, following the winter lull. A good diversity of moths species can be seen on mild nights at this time of year .

Cryptic form, in terms of colouration, patterning and shape is very much in evidence in Spring-time moths. They are often superbly camouflaged in leaf litter. Some of the species which can be seen in our area between March and May include:



Common Quaker



Early Thorn



Twin-spotted
Quaker



Purple Thorn



The Engrailed



INCA

INDUSTRY NATURE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

A few other species to be found include:



The Chestnut

The Chestnut is a fairly common species. The adults hatch in autumn and then hibernate. They appear on mild nights through the winter and again in early spring.



Shoulder-stripe



Pale Pinion

This local moth is one of the small number of species which overwinters as an adult and is associated with willows. It is expanding its range northwards.



The Streamer

The Shoulder-stripe and the Streamer are members of a group of moths which are quaintly named the 'Carpet' moths. Both appear in gardens, as do all of the species illustrated in this short guide.

Both species are associated with Dog Rose and are reasonably widespread in our area.