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Moths on the web

This is a list of websites that County Recorders and Verification Assistants may find useful or interesting for their volunteer role. We are not responsible for third party links and content.

Social media sites are also optionally used by some verification volunteers. There are many local moth groups active on Facebook – usually these are private groups that have to be joined to see people's posts, and to be able to post yourself. X (formerly Twitter) searches, for example searching for species by English or scientific name, can also be a useful source for recently shared records.

Butterfly Conservation

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/>

Main Butterfly Conservation website – lots of information, including identification, reports, factsheets, etc.

Identification

Britain & Ireland

<http://ukmoths.org.uk>

Photos of most UK moths, including larvae of many species, but not updated as often as it used to be

https://connect-apps.ceh.ac.uk/whats_flying_tonight/

What's Flying Tonight app, which shows the macro-moths most likely to be seen in your location at the current time of year

<https://britishlepidoptera.weebly.com/>

Covers many species, including dissections. Also lots of photos of moths pulled apart into their constituent parts (legs, wings, etc)

<http://www.ukleps.org/>

Excellent photos of the eggs, larvae and pupae of UK butterflies and moths (mainly macro-moths)

<http://leafmines.co.uk/>

Photos and keys to UK leaf mining species; includes other insect groups but the focus is on micro-moths

<https://mothdissection.co.uk/>

As well as high quality dissection images, also has photos of adults and immature stages of a wide range of moth species



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<http://www.flickr.com/>

Many people post their photos on Flickr – if you search for a particular species you should find plenty of photos (warning: a few are incorrectly identified)

<http://www.mothshots.com/>

This website provides a good selection of high quality images of as wide a range of species as possible

Europe

<https://lepiforum.org/>

The best moth website out there. Comprehensive, covering pretty much all UK species, including photos of immature stages and habitats as well as adult moths. In German, but easy to search using scientific names in the *Suche...* box (top right of screen)

<https://projects.biodiversity.be/lepidoptera/>

Lepidoptera of Belgium. Good range of photos of adults and larvae of all Lepidoptera. Includes English names

<https://leps.it/>

Moths and Butterflies of Europe and North Africa. Good range of photos of adults and immature stages for macro-moths. In English

<http://pyrgus.de/>

Good range of photos of adults and immature stages for macro-moths. In German, translated into English but need to use scientific names to search for species

<http://www.microlepidoptera.nl/>

Micro-moths of the Netherlands. Good range of photos. No English on this site – use the search box in the top right to search by scientific name

<https://bladmineerders.nl/>

Netherlands website covering leaf-miners. Translated into English

<http://www.bladmineerders.be/nl>

Belgian website covering leaf-miners. Translated into English

Country, County & Regional Websites

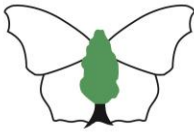
South-east England

<http://www.hantsmoths.org.uk/>

Although Hampshire-focussed, contains photos of most UK species, as well as county maps

<https://kentmoths.org/>

Kent Moth Group. Includes distribution maps and text for all moth species in the county.



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<https://www.sussexmothgroup.org.uk/site/>

Sussex Moth Group. Maps & photos for all species

<https://upperthamesmoths.co.uk/>

Maps & photos for macro-moths in the Upper Thames region

<https://upperthamesmoths.blogspot.com/>

Upper Thames moth blog

<https://sites.google.com/site/berksmoths/>

Berkshire Moth Group. Doesn't have maps or photos

South-west England

<https://devonmoths.org.uk/>

Devon Moth Group. Includes county lists rather than online maps

<https://dorsetmoths.co.uk/>

Dorset Moth Group. Includes maps for macros but not micros (yet), though does have photos of micros

<https://www.somersetmoths.org/>

Somerset Moth Group. Includes maps for all species

<http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk/moths/mothmap.html>

Guy Meredith's moth maps for Gloucestershire

<http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk/moths/southwestmothmap.html>

Guy Meredith's moth maps for South-west England

East England

<https://www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal.php/p/Essex%20Moth%20Group>

Essex Moth Group. Includes up to date maps for all species (easiest to find using the search box).

<https://cambsmoths.co.uk/>

Maps and photos for all Cambridgeshire species

<https://www.hmbg.org/>

Huntingdon Moth and Butterfly Group. Includes maps and photos for all county species

<https://www.norfolkmoths.co.uk/>

Maps and photos for all Norfolk species

<https://suffolkmoths.co.uk/>

Maps and photos for all Suffolk species



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<https://www.hertsmothgroup.org.uk/index.php>

Hertfordshire & Middlesex Moth Group. Maps for all species, photos for many species

<http://www.northamptonshiremoths.org.uk/home.htm>

Northamptonshire Moth Group. Includes maps, photos and information for all county species

<http://www.vc30moths.org.uk/>

Bedfordshire Moth Group. Includes a county checklist rather than online maps

Midlands

<https://westmidlandsmoths.co.uk/>

Online distribution maps for the whole West Midlands region. Also includes excellent photos

<http://www.simplybirdsandmoths.co.uk/sbam/moths/>

Great images of the moths of Derbyshire

Northern England

<https://yorkshiremoths.co.uk/>

Maps and photos for all Yorkshire species

<https://www.northumberlandmoths.org.uk/>

Maps and photos for Northumberland species

<https://www.lancashiremoths.co.uk/>

Doesn't include online distribution maps, but a county atlas is available to download as a pdf

<https://www.cbdc.org.uk/wildlife-in-cumbria/cumbria-moth-atlas/>

Doesn't include online distribution maps, but a county macro-moth atlas is available to download as a pdf

Ireland

<https://www.mothsireland.com/>

Distribution maps and information for all moths in Ireland

Scotland

<http://www.caithnessmoths.org.uk/>

Caithness moth maps and information

Some excellent resources on BC's East Scotland Branch page, covering the whole of Scotland:

<https://www.eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/mothflighttimes.html>

Scottish macro-moth distribution maps & flight times

<https://www.eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/scottishmicros.html>

Scottish micro-moth maps



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<https://www.eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/vouchers/select/scotland>

Voucher images of Scottish moths

<https://www.eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/monthphotos.html>

Scottish moths by month

<https://www.eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/caterpillars.html>

Caterpillar gallery by habitat

Wales

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/in-your-area/welsh-office/wales-moth-list>

A provisional Wales moth list on a vice-county basis, available to download as a pdf

<http://www.gwentleps.org.uk/>

Monmouthshire moth & butterfly distribution maps

<http://www.glamorganmoths.org.uk/>

Glamorgan moth distribution maps

<https://www.brecknockmoths.org.uk/>

Breconshire moth distribution maps

<https://sites.google.com/site/radnormoth/>

List of species recorded in Radnorshire, with distribution maps

<https://carmarthenshiremoths.blogspot.com/>

Carmarthenshire moth blog. One of the few counties that still has an active blog and hasn't moved onto social media

<http://ceredigionmoths.blogspot.com/>

Ceredigion moth blog

<http://www.montgomeryshiremoths.org.uk/>

Montgomeryshire Moth Group. Distribution maps and photos of all species recorded in the county

<http://trawsgoed.com/>

The North Wales Moth Database. A comprehensive resource, with records and information about all species recorded in North Wales, including photos of most species

Equipment

<http://www.angleps.com/>

Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies. Moth traps, pheromone lures, etc



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<https://www.watdon.co.uk/>

Watkins & Doncaster. Good source for inexpensive low wattage moth traps

<http://www.nhbs.com/>

NHBS – equipment as well as books

<http://www.pwbelg.clara.net/mercury/>

Paul Batty's website; specialises in inexpensive moth traps

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/in-your-area/east-scotland-branch/budget-bucket-moth-trap>

How to build a budget moth trap

Mapping & Recording Schemes

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/recording-and-monitoring/national-moth-recording-scheme>

National Moth Recording Scheme

<https://irecord.org.uk/enter-moth-sightings>

iRecord moths

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths/moth-resources-and-downloads/micro-moth-distribution-maps>

Distribution maps for micro-moths at vice-county level covering data to 2014

www.gelechiid.co.uk

Gelechiid Recording Scheme. Includes many photographs and provisional distribution maps

<http://www.gardenmoths.org.uk/>

Garden Moth Scheme

<http://www.mothnight.info>

Moth Night

Journals & Societies

<http://www.atropos.info>

Atropos

www.benhs.org.uk

British Entomological & Natural History Society

<http://www.amentsoc.org/>

Amateur Entomologists' Society. Includes subscriptions to *Entomologist's Record and Journal of Variation*



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