



Butterfly Conservation Highland Branch News-sheet 13 - Sept 2008



AGM

The AGM will be held on Sunday 30th November from 11.00 to 13.00 in Charleston Academy Community Complex Complex, General Booth Road, Inverness, IV3 8ET.

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of last meeting
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Election of Committee members
- 6 Finance
- 7 Atlas
- 8 2009 field trips and moth nights
- 9 Any other business

This will be followed by presentations on 40 years of Butterfly Conservation by Tom Prescott and 15 years of Highland Branch by David McAllister and Jimmy McKellar.

Members Day - Scotland

Don't forget the Members' Day, Scotland, at Battleby Centre, Redgorton, Perthshire on Saturday 25th October. All BC members should have received an invitation through the post.

MapMate Training Course, Saturday 13th December

Another MapMate training course will be held in Kingussie on Saturday 13th December from 10.30 to 16.00 with Neil Gregory as tutor. If you are interested in attending, please book a place with Tony Mainwood (email tony.mainwood@btinternet.com, tel 01408 633 247 or 13 Ben Bhraggie Drive, Golspie KW10 6SX)

Field Trips 2009

Looking towards next year a couple of trips have been suggested. Details will be available later, as will details of other events including National Moth Nights on 18th and 19th September.

Culbin in May looking for Dingy Skipper, led by David Barbour;
Allt Mhuic, Loch Arkaig in June led by David Whitaker.

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This will be produced over the winter for publication in the spring. Articles and short items will be very much welcomed by the Chairman who is also the Newsletter editor. Please send items to:

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Peacock postcard survey

Please remember to send in your records using the postcards or go online to www.butterfly-conservation.org and click on the quick link to "Scottish Peacock Survey".

Atlas of Butterflies in Highland and Moray

This is now at the printers and will be launched at the Scottish Members' Day at Battleby.

The atlas documents the distribution of 30 species of butterflies in the period 1980 - 2007 in the area covered by Highland Branch. It is based on some 40,000 records contributed by over 750 recorders. It presents a snapshot of our current knowledge and a baseline for studying changes and trends in the future.

Individual species accounts give notes on general status and distribution together with population trends, habitat, flight period, larval foodplants, appearance and behaviour. A chapter describes and maps the range-expansion of four species during the recent period.

A collection of photographs shows the attractiveness of many of our resident butterflies as well as giving an indication of the differences between some of the species that can be tricky to tell apart at first sight.

It will be particularly pleasing to do the launch on SNH premises since they provided substantial funding to enable its production to go ahead. It will, of course be available at the AGM and the price is £4, but at a discount price of £3 to Branch members.

If you would like a copy posted to you please add £1 for p&p and send a cheque made out to Butterfly Conservation Highland Branch to:

Tony Mainwood
13 Ben Bhraggie Drive
Golspie
Sutherland, KW10 6SX

Butterfly Records

The butterfly season is just about over and the evenings are drawing in so now is the time to get your 2008 butterfly records together. Please send records to David Barbour, the Highland Butterfly Recorder, either on the famous yellow forms or put them on a spreadsheet and send it by e-mail.

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125a High Street
ABERLOUR
Banffshire, AB38 9PB

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Moth Records

The moth season extends a lot longer than the butterfly one but again it is also time to think about assembling your records ready to be sent to the Vice County recorders. Names and addresses etc were given in New-sheet 11 (Spring 2007) and this is also available as a download on the Branch website. However, there are two new VC recorders since then as Jeff Waddell has moved away.

VC95 Moray: Mike Taylor, Allasdale, Kinchurdy Road, Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire, PH24 3BP, e-mail: mst.taylor@btinternet.com, Tel 01479 831 060

VC98 East Inverness-shire: Pete Moore, 90A High Street, Grantown-on-Spey, PH26 3EL, e-mail: pete.moore@rspb.org.uk, Tel 01540 651 378 or 01479 872 261

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