



## Review of butterfly, moth and other natural history sightings 2021

### January

After a cold and generally settled start to the year it gradually turned milder and more unsettled during the second week and it was often very wet in the third week, with storms on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup>. It then turned colder for a few days before there was a milder and wet end to the month.

Three species of micro moth were recorded although only one was an adult: *Epiphyas postvittana* (Light Brown Apple Moth) at Seabrook on the 27<sup>th</sup>, whilst the others were early stages: *Cacoecimorpha pronubana* (Carnation Tortrix) larva at Seabrook and *Phyllonorycter leucographella* (Firethorn Leaf-miner) mines at Hythe on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The eight species of macro that were recorded were typical of the early season, with all being trapped at Seabrook: Mottled Umber on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Winter Moth on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Chestnut on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Satellite on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Dark Chestnut on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Spring Usher on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Pale Brindled Beauty on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Early Moth on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



Spring Usher at Seabrook (Paul Howe)



Early Moth at Seabrook (Paul Howe)

Mammal sightings included several Grey and Common Seals, and Harbour Porpoises seen offshore and several Brown Hares in the Donkey Street/Willop Basin area.