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Dear All

Latest news on the UK BAP Priority Species.

Anania funebris

Two were seen at a known site in Kent on 6th May.

Argent & Sable *Rheumaptera hastata*

Singles were seen at known sites in Staffordshire on 29th April and Wiltshire on 7th May.

Drab Looper *Minoa murinata*

The first of the year were two at a known site in West Sussex on 30th April, followed by singles at known sites in Herefordshire on 4th May and Kent on 6th.

Netted Mountain Moth *Macaria carbonaria*

Singles were seen at two sites in East Inverness-shire on 28th and 29th April.

Belted Beauty *Lycia zonaria*

The annual count in Lancashire took place on 26th April and numbers were much improved on last year, with 29 males and 49 females being found alive and a further three males freshly dead in spiders webs.

Less good news comes from the north Wales site where repeated searches by several observers have all been unsuccessful.

Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth *Hemaris tityus*

The first of the year was at a known site in Dorset on 5th May but the first Scottish record was only two days behind when one was seen at a new site on the Isle of Skye – possibly the first record for the island.

Sword-grass *Xylena exsoleta*

One came to a garden light trap in Moray on 28th April.

With thanks and best wishes

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