

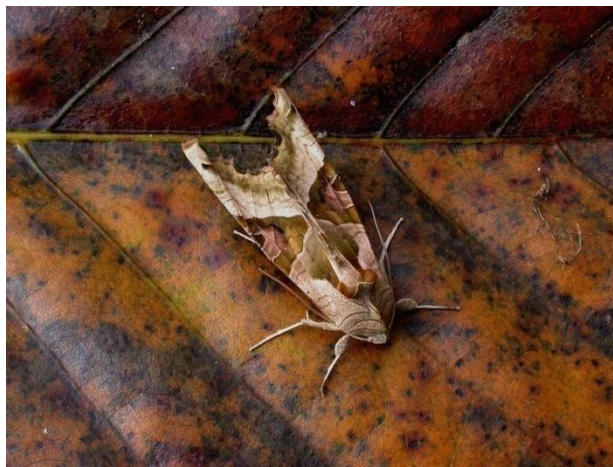
# SOME TEES VALLEY MOTHS IN AUTUMN

As the year draws towards an end, the number of moth species to be found reduces from the summer peak. However, autumn is an interesting time, as many of the species found are camouflaged among leaf litter, which is the mechanism by which they find their protection from predators like birds and small mammals.

Examples of such species which have been seen in the Tees Valley during Autumn are:



Canary-shouldered Thorn



Angle Shades

Some other species which can be seen during this period are shown below. None are particularly scarce, but reflects the continued diversity of moth species which is to be found in our area, even later in the year.



Vapourer moth



Green-brindled Crescent



Silver Y

As a result of poor weather through most of 2008, this well-known immigrant species has not appeared in its usual large numbers.



Red-green Carpet



The Satellite