

Although cool nights subdued activity considerably, the first week of the month still produced **Bulrush Wainscot**, **Canary-shouldered Thorn**, **Copper Underwing** and **Chevron**, which was unrecorded in 2009. An **Orange Swift** was trapped on the 8th, the following night brought **Star-wort**, our first record of **Small Rivulet** since 1995 and the local and attractive micro *Ypsolopha sequella* (photo on left by Paul Howe).



Small Wainscot and **Feathered Ranunculus** were recorded on the 10th, but the descent into conditions that were more appropriate to March ensured low numbers and reduced variety, so the capture on the 15th of the Bay's second ever **Toadflax Brocade** - the first since 1983 - was very much against the run of play. **Hedge Rustic** and **Six-striped Rustic** were caught the following night and a **Red Underwing** was trapped on the 18th. As overnight conditions became warm and humid, **Red-line Quaker**

was trapped on the 20th and the following night produced a **Dusky Thorn** and an **Oak Hook-tip**; only the sixth for the Bay and the first since 1995. Despite increasingly fractious weather that reduced numbers considerably an immigrant **Scarce Bordered Straw** was captured on the 23rd and **Feathered Gothic** and **Pearly Underwing** were recorded on the 26th, bringing the macro total for the year to an outstanding 335, only ten short of last year's record total. A **Fern** was trapped on the 27th and a **Barred Rivulet** was found in the Whitehouse during the following day.

