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The recent quiet spell came to an end on the 2nd when an **Old Lady** and **Lunar-spotted Pinion** were caught, followed on the 3rd by a **Webb's Wainscot** and our first immigrant **Convolvulus Hawk-moth** of the autumn. After several nights of wet and windy weather a humid, overcast 8th produced 'firsts' in the shape of **Centre-barred Sallow** and **Clay Triple-lines**, together with good numbers of Large Yellow Underwings and Setaceous Hebrew Characters. Despite continuing inclement weather a Red Admiral was caught on the 9th and the 10th brought **Black Rustic** and a **Pretty Chalk Carpet**; only the second record at the Bay since one in July 1995. A **Sallow** was trapped on the 12th, a **Lunar Underwing** followed on the 14th.

After a succession of rather cold and unproductive nights a warm and humid 22nd introduced a significant change, as **Feathered Brindle**, **Autumnal Rustic** and **Pink-barred Sallow** were recorded. The following night produced **Feathered Ranunculus**, **Delicate** and **Beaded Chestnut** and **Barred Sallow**, **Dusky Thorn** and **Mallow** were recorded for the first time this year on the 24th. As high pressure began to dominate, **Red-line Quaker**, **Dusky-lemon Sallow** and **Blair's Shoulder-knot** were trapped on the 25th and **Orange Sallow**, by no means common at the Bay, and **Deep-brown Dart** were recorded on the 26th. **Brindled Green** and **Brick** were trapped on the 28th, the 29th brought a stunning **Merveille du Jour** and **Brown-spot Pinion**, which has been recorded here only four times previously, and the month concluded with a **Green-brindled Crescent** on the 30th. .