



Neighbourhood Nature (S159)



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- No prior scientific knowledge required.
- Support provided by study advisors via email, web forums and telephone.
- Course book, DVD and website.
- 10 CATS points towards a degree on successful completion of the course.

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www.ispot.org.uk is the place to learn more about wildlife and to share your interest with a friendly community. Take a look at the latest spots, start your own album of observations, join a group and get help identifying what you have seen.

kitenet - colourful moth

Observed by kitenet



Found this gorgeous moth in my back garden, need to tell me more about it?

Location: Great Kimble

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- Identification
- colourful moth by kitenet
- Elephant Hawk-moth (*Deilephila elpenor*) by kitenet

Comments

Elephant Hawk-moth

Hi,

This is the Elephant Hawk-moth (*Deilephila elpenor*), and as you say it is a lovely mo. "elephant" name comes from its caterpillar, which has an extended front end looking like an elephant's trunk.

The caterpillars feed on Rosebay Willowherb, and sometimes on garden plants such as Fuchsia and Delphinium. It's a fairly common species, and always gets admiring looks.

There's some more info on the UKmoths website:
<http://ukmoths.org.uk/show.php?bf=1991>

Martin

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Great Kimble

Created by kitenet on 29 September 2008




small village just north-west of the Chilterns escarpment

- kitenet - Rhopalation longirostre - 29 September 2008 - 12:30pm
- kitenet - Goldfinch - 8 June 2006 - 11:15pm
- kitenet - Red Dead-nettle - 1 October 2008 - 7:30pm
- kitenet - colourful moth - 8th June 2006
- kitenet - European Pear Rust - 14th September 2008

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