

## MOTHS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN SEPTEMBER

Hopefully September might become a bit more settled. Late summer species will be emerging now, such as the Autumnal Rustic (*right*) with an attractive pink tinge when fresh. This tends to be a moth of open heathy land.



With luck you may see an Old Lady (*left*). They don't often come to light but may be disturbed under bushes or in sheds. They dress like an elderly Queen Victoria in lustrous black fabric!

If you have a corner in an out-building where an accumulation of bat dropping indicate a roosting site for maybe a Lesser Horseshoe Bat, it may drop moth wings while feeding there. It can be interesting to sort through the wings.

You may find a species which you had no idea occurs in your area. The photo below shows the wings of a Red Underwing Moth which occurs occasionally in Cornwall but this is the only one I've ever seen! It was with bat droppings and other assorted moth wings below our bat feeding roost site in our garden shed.

