

produce anything like these numbers again and the last nights tailed off badly. In the end we saw five more *Convolvulus* Hawks, including only one female which obliged with some 70 ova, most of which have hatched and the larvae are feeding up well. Among 58 species of the macros recorded on seven nights in the trap at the hotel, *Antitype xanthomista* Hübn. was quite common as was *Scopula promutata* Guen. We also saw a few *Euxoa obelisca* D. & S., already past their best, and a single *Eupithecia phoeniceata* Mab. There were also early appearances of *Rhizedra lutosa* Hübn. and *Eumichtis lichenea* Hübn. By day there was an abundance of *Pyrameis atalanta* L. with quite a number of *P. cardui* L. and an occasional *Macroglossa stellatarum*, but we only saw a couple of *Colias croceus* Fourc. — C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Horsell, Surrey.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN NORTH ESSEX. — Yesterday morning, while working on the south-east wall of this house, I looked down from the step-ladder to see a fair-sized darkish butterfly with white markings flitting around. Obliging it settled, in the sun, on a paving stone close to my steps and opened its wings fully. I called at once to my wife, the family lepidopterist, and we both examined the butterfly carefully for the minute or two that it stayed with us. It was a perfect specimen of the Camberwell Beauty and its border colouring was *white* with no trace of *yellow*. — SIR GEOFFREY ELEY, The Change House, Great Yeldham, Nr. Halstead, Essex, 4.ix.1976.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE. — We saw our Camberwell Beauty on an afternoon walk along "The Lynch", which is a shady path near here, on Friday the 3rd of September, at 8 minutes to 4 o'clock. It came fluttering from an elder and alighted on a dead leaf on the path. The weather was sunny but not warm. My silly sister laid her shadow upon it and it flew away. My mother did look to see what type of leaf the dead leaf was but it was too dead to see. — ANDREW GUTHRIE (age 11½), Lynch House, Alwalton, Peterborough, 3.x.1976.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN CARMARTHENSHIRE. — Sunday, 26th September was a sunny day after high winds and heavy rain: I recorded 2" during the previous 48 hours. I went out after lunch and saw this butterfly on the woodpile—split ash stems. I didn't recognise it and very foolishly tried to cup it in my hands to take to show my wife who is the better entomologist. From my description she immediately diagnosed C.B., and from the picture in our copy of Morris (1890 edition) and E. B. Ford, I have no doubt as to its identity. — FRANK PASSMORE, Troedyronen, Gwernogle, Carmarthen, 8.x.1976.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN 1976 — A REQUEST

I would be glad to receive reports on all sightings of this butterfly in 1976 for a paper I am preparing for publication early next year. Date, locality, observer's name and any other information please. — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.



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