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One to look out for - mines on Common Twayblade (*Listera ovata*):

Two unidentified empty blotch mines on Common Twayblade (*Listera ovata*) were found on 21 May 2008 at Yockletts Bank, Kent.

These may represent *Parallelomma vittatum* the only British insect miner recorded on this host plant in Europe.

Look out for occupied mines now and attempt to rear the miner.

If you are successful and can identify the adult please contact Brian Pitkin (brian.pitkin@virgin.net).

The mine is illustrated below:



Photo: © Brian Pitkin

What is the current distribution of Parna apicalis in the UK?

Keith Palmer discovered the sawfly miner of Tilia cordata in Kent last year. It was new to the UK. Subsequently Steve Hind recorded it in Cheshire.

Keith reports that the colony is now stronger in Kent and that he has found it at another site about 1km away, which is showing the first signs of colonisation, with a few mines present.

The mines are distinctive - being blotch mines at the edge of the leaf and they are forming now.

Here is one from Kent last week:



It has a larva inside:



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It would be interesting to see if this miner is in your locality. It seems it is not just restricted to Small-leaved Limes (Tilia cordata) and it is worth searching other Lime species.

The latest sighting is from Bryan Formstone, who reports finding it in the grounds of an old hall in Wrexham, Denbighshire