

# British Nature Guide

## Not all moths fly at night

Most moths fly at night, but there are some which fly during the day, just like butterflies. Day-flying moths are important pollinators, without them many plants would not be able to grow. Here are three, a Cinnabar, a Shaded Broadbar and a Treblebar



There is a special day-flying moth which sometimes visits Britain from Europe during the summer. They flap their wings very fast, just like a Hummingbird and because of this they are called a Hummingbird Hawkmoth.

Look carefully at the pictures below. You can see that the Hummingbird Hawkmoth is collecting nectar from flowers without landing, using a very long proboscis. In the last picture the moth is flapping its wings so fast that you cannot see them.



### Terms used in this factsheet

**Pollinator** – an insect or animal that visit flowers and transfers pollen from one to another.

**Proboscis** – a long tube that an insect uses to suck nectar from a flower.

**Nectar** – a sweet liquid produced by a flower to attract insects.