

Good afternoon everyone,

I'm sorry to say that this is going to be the last Nature Detectives Newsletter for this academic year. I will send out the answers to this newsletter next week.

I can't believe this is number 12. Here are the answers to the last newsletter. Both creatures are on the plants for food.

The answer to the cryptic quiz was the Cinnabar Moth caterpillar. We have seen the Cinnabar moth in previous newsletters, it is bright red and black, and its caterpillar is just as bold been yellow and black.

Did you know? Cinnabar is a bright red mineral ore that we get the metal mercury from. The moth was named after it because of the bright red colour.



Ragwort plant.

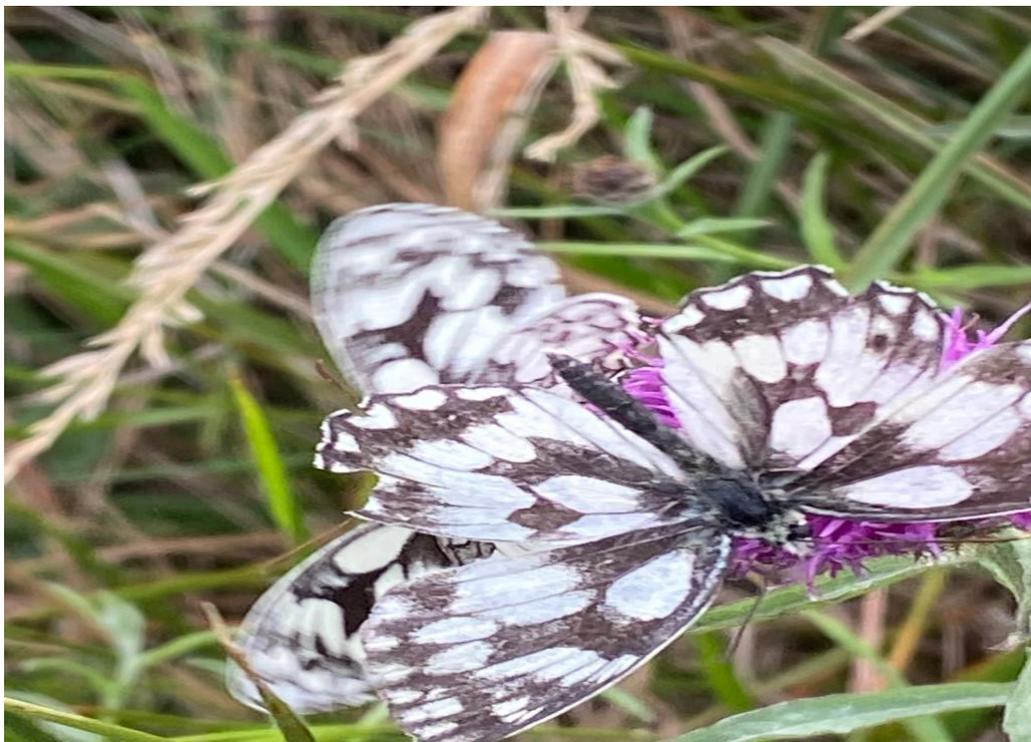
You will find them at this time of year on their favourite food, Ragwort. They are easy to spot, and a tell-tale sign is a ragwort plant which has been stripped of leaves. Cinnabar moths have been introduced into New Zealand, Australia and North America to help control ragwort. Ragwort (pictured below) is toxic to many grazing animals and will cause problems if it is mixed in with hay or other dry feeds for horses and cows. The second picture is a

Bumble Bee. The Bumble Bee is one of nature's most remarkable flying creatures how, such large non aerodynamic thing can fly with only 4 small wings baffled scientists for centuries. Do some research on the internet and see what you can find out about how they fly.

Can you spot the difference? These are both Hornets but are very different I wonder why? This is really important.



What is this?



Is this pea soup?



Cryptic Quiz.

I've been in films and called Jiminy and Hopper.

I can fly, but I'm known for my jumping.

I'm hard to catch.

I was in one of the 10 plagues of Egypt , think back to RE day and Moses????

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Thank you to everyone who has sent in answers and photos over the last 12 newsletters.

Keep up the good work and enjoy the wonderful nature that's all around us.

Have a great week.

Take care

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