

# Insect Fact Sheet

## Hawk-moths

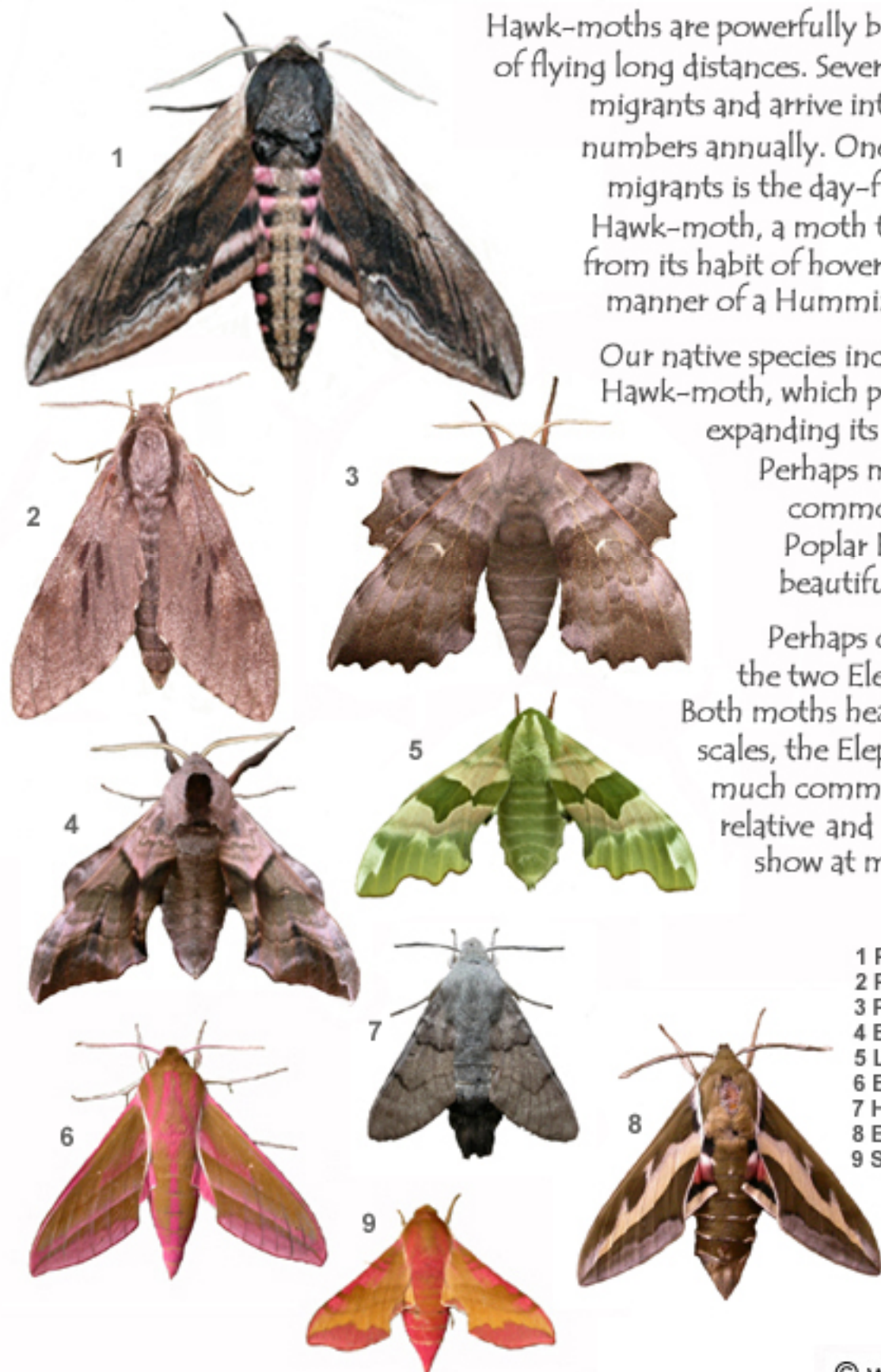
Hawk-moths include some of our largest UK species. Their size alone makes them big favourites with the public at moth-trapping events, as they include some of our most beautifully marked and coloured moths.

Hawk-moths are powerfully built moths, capable of flying long distances. Several species are known migrants and arrive into the UK in varying numbers annually. One of the commonest migrants is the day-flying Hummingbird Hawk-moth, a moth that derives its name from its habit of hovering at flowers, in the manner of a Hummingbird.

Our native species include the huge Privet Hawk-moth, which presently seems to be expanding its range in many areas.

Perhaps more familiar are two common hawk-moths, the Poplar Hawk-moth and the beautiful Lime Hawk-moth.

Perhaps our finest species are the two Elephant Hawk-moths. Both moths heavily covered in pink scales, the Elephant Hawk-moth is much commoner than its smaller relative and often the star of the show at moth trapping events.



- 1 Privet Hawk-moth
- 2 Pine Hawk-moth
- 3 Poplar Hawk-moth
- 4 Eyed Hawk-moth
- 5 Lime Hawk-moth
- 6 Elephant Hawk-moth
- 7 Hummingbird Hawk-moth
- 8 Bedstraw Hawk-moth
- 9 Small Elephant Hawk-moth