

## Summer Fruit Tortrix new to Worcestershire VC37

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A Summer Fruit Tortrix *Adoxophyes orana* (F. von R.) came to my 125w Moth trap in the garden at Millbrook, Eastham SO66696850 on 27/7/18 and a second one on 20.8.2018. (01)



01. Summer Fruit Tortrix *Adoxophyes orana* Millbrook, Eastham, 20.08.2018. Tony Simpson.

Darren Taylor then contacted me with a photo of one recorded in his light trap he ran near Lodge Hill Farm in Wyre Forest on 03.08.2018 (02), and he told me one was recorded the same night new to Staffordshire.



02. Summer Fruit Tortrix *Adoxophyes orana* Lodge Hill Farm in Wyre Forest on 03.08.2018. Darren Taylor.

This moth was first seen in the UK in Kent in 1950 and has been confined to the south east of England but clearly has now begun to spread northwards, as have so many other similarly distributed species in recent years.

The larvae feed in spinings in many different trees and shrubs but particularly in fruit trees on the leaves and fruits. It may well be here to stay and could become commoner and more widespread in the county over the next few years.

### Images

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