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Thursday 30th June

Christine Reeves reports from Ash Lock Cottage (SU880517) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Rather battered specimen"). "Following the excitement of seeing our first Purple Emperor inside our office yesterday, exactly the same thing happened again today at around 9.45am. The office door was open and we spotted a butterfly on the inside of the window, on closer inspection we realised it was a Purple Emperor. It was much smaller than the one we had seen the day before and more battered. However we were able to take pictures of it, in fact the butterfly actually climbed onto one of the cameras and remained there for a while. It then climbed from camera to hand, and we took it outside for more pictures before it eventually flew off. It seemed to be feeding off the hand."



Purple Empeor



Purple Empeor

Terry Hotten writes: "A brief walk around Hazeley Heath this morning produced a fresh Small Tortoiseshell along with Marbled Whites, Silver-studded Blues in reasonable numbers along with Meadow Browns, Ringlets and Large and Small Skippers."

peter gardner reports from highcross froxfield (SU712266) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "purchased on an hot window ").



Red Admiral

(RWh) Bob Whitmarsh reports from Plague Pits Valley, St Catherine's Hill (SU485273) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (23), Meadow Brown (41), Small Heath (7), Small Skipper (2), Ringlet (2), Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small White (2), Comma (1). "Cool and cloudy with warm sunny intervals".

(RWh) Bob Whitmarsh reports from Twyford Down (SU492275) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (16), Meadow Brown (6), Small Heath (9), Small Skipper (2), Ringlet (13), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1). "Cool and cloudy, occasional warm sunny interval".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Spent apx 1 hr in garden alternating between feeding on Buddeia, basking on fence post and visiting nettle patch."), 5 Spot Burnet Moth (1 "Perched on top of closed flower of Cate").

R A Hume reports from Martin Down (SU063182) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Dark Green Fritillary (90), Marbled White (130), Ringlet (30), Small Blue (2), Small Heath (50).

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU41162365) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Purple Hairstreak (1 "At top of oak-tree in sunshine"). "Late afternoon walk (5-6pm) so most butterflies had gone. Managed to glimpse one Purple Hairstreak through binoculars at top of Oak Tree on main transect ride in evening sunshine."

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (45), Marbled White (60), Green-veined White (3), Small White (6), Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Arboretum (SU369385) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (12), Meadow Brown (30), Marbled White (50).

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), Large Skipper (8), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (10), Small Blue (5).

Graham Dennis reports from Headley Gravel Pit (SU511627) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Comma (2), Green-veined White (2), Large Skipper (20), Marbled White (30), Meadow Brown (45), Ringlet (22), Small Heath (1), Small Skipper (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Bentley Wood (SU260293) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (2), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (50), Purple Emperor (3), Purple Hairstreak (15), Red Admiral (5), Ringlet (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (15), Small Skipper (6), Speckled Wood (4), White Admiral (6), Comma (1).

Ian Calderwood reports from Elson Wood, Gosport (SU599030) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (2).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down North (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Ringlet (25), Small Skipper (5), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (15), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Scarlet Tiger Moth (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down Original (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (10), Small Skipper (1), Marbled White (30), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Heath (1), Humming-bird Hawk Moth (1). "Good numbers of Five and Six spot Burnets about, and even a few caterpillars of the latter."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU5129) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (15), Small Skipper (2), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (1), Silver Y Moth (1), 5-spot Burnet (30), 6-spot Burnet (5).

Wednesday 29th June

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU721275) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "flying between flowers"), Ringlet (1 "searching over lawn"). "beautiful morning perfect for butterflies".



Common Blue



Ringlet

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Hook Park Playing Field (SU498051) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (300), Meadow Brown (200), Small Skipper (80 "or Essex Skipper"), Small Copper (1).

Rupert Broadway reports from Yew Hill reserve (SU455265) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (2), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2), Small White (5), Common Blue (1), **Chalkhill Blue** (1 "Male - Yew Hill is normally an early site for the CHB, but I don't recall seeing one in June before."), Comma (2), Marbled White (75), Meadow Brown (35), Ringlet (25), Small Heath (8). "The paths and fields approaching to Yew Hill are also well populated with butterflies this year, particularly where fields and field edges have been left."

Terry Hotten writes: "A second brood Holly Blue was flying in my Cove garden this morning. A walk around Castle Bottom NNR, Eversley, however, failed to find any Graylings, just singleton Speckled Wood and Meadow Brown."

Andrew Brookes reports from Boarhunt Woods (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (45), White Admiral (7), Red Admiral (1), Large White (2), Green-veined White (27), Meadow Brown (10), Ringlet (22), Speckled Wood (3), Large Skipper (2). "Up to 6 G V Whites together sipping at the margins of a puddle."

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (54), Marbled White (38), Ringlet (1), Small White (4), Large Skipper (1). "First-ever sighting of a Ringlet at this site."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Green-veined White (3), Large Skipper (5), Marbled White (63), Meadow Brown (19), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (23), Small Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (3). "Sunny & warm, some cloud".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (4), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (33), Marbled White (20), Small Heath (6), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1). "A visit this morning where the temperature was 18°C. A surprise was seeing two Silver Washed Fritillaries here - not uncommon according to my son but no an everyday occurrence."



Dark Green Fritillary

Paul Brock reports from Denny Wood (SU334060) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1 "female"), **Clouded Yellow** (1 "female"). "record photo obtained".



Clouded Yellow



Purple Hairstreak



Purple Hairstreak

David Lobb reports from Fawley (SU473018) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20 "Far more in the area but only time to survey a small area"), Marbled White (1 "Very still on low vegetation - sun in and out all morning"). "Visited a small ride just off the main road opposite the turn for Fawley Village - over a stile and plenty of meadow grass - only a quick visit but usually many butterflies to be seen - today only Meadow Browns and a single Marbled White on view."



Meadow Brown



Marbled White

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia. Very tatty specimen"), Large White (1 "Flew over"), 5 spot Burnet Moth (1 "Perched on top of plantain flower - 3rd day in a row").

Christine Reeves reports from Ash Lock Cottage, Hampshire (SU880517) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Large, impressive specimen"). "First seen on the inside window of our office - the door had been left open so presumably the butterfly flew in by accident; it was in the afternoon (c.3pm). The butterfly remained on the window for some considerable time allowing us to take numerous pictures."



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor

peter gardner reports from froxfield footpaths (SU704263) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (30 "hedgrows"), Meadow Brown (77 "grassfields"), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small Skipper (2), Large Skipper (4). "beautiful day for butterflies sighting".



Large Skipper



Meadow Brown



Ringlet

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst (SZ493908) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3). "On the way to my place of work at the St Cross Business Park this morning, I saw 3 Small Tortoiseshell butterflies. One was partaking of nectar from buddleia, a second on basking on a wall, and the third flew over my head on Dodnor Road, to the rear of the hospital. It is good to see the Small Tort in suburban environments again."

Maureen Brown reports from Along the river Itchen (SU460193) where the following observations were made: Lunar Hornet Moth *Sesia bembecif* (2). "I saw 2 of these mating, didn't know what they were, but was later told by someone. They suggested i recorded them as they were quite rare. i have a photo if anyone would like to see it!"

Tuesday 28th June

Richard Hallett reports from Denmead Garden (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Meadow Brown (13), Marbled White (3), Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (3), Holly Blue (1), Silver-studded Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Large White (19 "caterpillars"). "During the morning on this muggy day found the above in the garden. The honesty were laden with large white caterpillars and i recorded my 5th silver studded blue in the garden for this year."



Silver-studded Blue



Small Copper



Large White

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (20 "One partial 'ocellata' that looks exactly like the one seen by Peter Eales on 21st June"), Large Skipper (300 "estimated - there were approx 200 in a 2ha area where thinning work was done 18 months ago"), White Admiral (15), Ringlet (100), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (45), Purple Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs (SZ348856) where the following observations were made: Yellow shell 1742 (1 "disturbed in Sorrel"), Common Blue (1 "faded F"), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Glanville Fritillary (1 "faded"), Meadow Brown (10 "more than"), Small Heath (4). "very hot, still, cloudy/sun, but very little activity."

Monday 27th June

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Crab Wood (Farley Mount) (SU436296) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (14), Ringlet (6). "I just submitted another lot of sightings from Farley Mount today but forgot to include my name!!".

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Common Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "It was moving too swiftly to be a positive sighting"), Large White (1), Marbled White (34), Meadow Brown (15), Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (70), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (14), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (1), Cinnabar moth (2).

Andrewc Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood, Soberton (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Green-veined White (3), Large White (3), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (40), Ringlet (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (19), Small Skipper (10), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (3), White Admiral (17), Large Skipper (45).

Paul Crook reports from Old Winchester Hill (Hillside and down-hill path near the main C (SU645208) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (6), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (30 "(Too many to count - the most numerous butterfly at the site today)", Small Skipper (5), Marbled White (20), Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1).



Marbled White



Small Heath

Paul Crook reports from Old Winchester Hill (Path to the fort) (SU645207) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (20), Marbled White (20), Ringlet (10), White Admiral (1), Small Heath (10), Scarlet Tiger (1), Six-spot Burnet (8), Small Tortoiseshell (3).



Dark Green Fritillary



Small Tortoiseshell

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "Feeding on White Clover, Flew off rapidly when disturbed."), 5 Spot Burnet Moth (1 "Perching precariously on top of Plantain Flower").

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester (SU484276) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (35), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (13), Small Heath (1), Ringlet (2), Common Blue (1).

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester, behind Garnier Rd carpark (SU483279) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (7), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Sidown Hill, nr Highclere (SU445576) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (31), Ringlet (73), Large Skipper (10), Marbled White (8), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1), Small Skipper (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Common Blue (1), Green-veined White (1), Comma (1), Silver Y (1). "A private site visit."

Andy Bolton reports from Highclere Wood -southern end. (SU438591) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (3), Large Skipper (5), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (4), Ringlet (22), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Red Admiral (1), Small White (1). "A private site visit."

Sunday 26th June

Peter Gammage reports from Botley Wood (SU550099) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "seen once only briefly over a ride at tree top height"), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "fresh looking"), Silver-washed Fritillary (40 "estimate"), Red Admiral (2), White Admiral (8), Brimstone (2), Purple Hairstreak (3), Ringlet (20), Comma (1), Large Skipper (50 "estimate"), Meadow Brown (1 "no count"), Small Skipper (5). "DGF is the first I have seen for certain at this site, unfortunately didn't hang around long enough for a photo."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited several inclosures in ALH F today and the Emperor was seen on station at ALHF1 and at Goose Green. Two males were seen at ALHF1 and up to (3) males at Goose Green. It quite puzzling why its taken over a week longer to emerge than in Surrey. Although MRO reckons its probably been out several days but the weathers been so bad. At one Inclosure in Alice Holt other species seen were as follows: Ringlet (13) Meadow Brown (32) Purple Hairstreak (1) Red Admiral (4) Large Skipper (11) Small Skipper (8) Silver-Washed Fritillary (43) White Admiral (17) Marbled White (2) Comma (4) Small Tortoiseshell (3) Brimstone (1) Small White (2) Holly Blue (1) I then went on to visit a Meon Valley site in the late afternoon and the following were seen Small Tortoiseshell (3) Small White (10) Small Heath (20) Small Skipper (2) Dark Green Fritillary (17) Meadow Brown (25) Comma (1) Ringlet (100+) Marbled White (50+) Red Admiral (1) Small Blue (35) Large Skipper (3) Common Blue (3) Mother Shipton and Burnet Moths."



Purple Hairstreak



Red Admiral



Typical ride home of the Purple Emperor in ALHF

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476600158050) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476500158100) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476400158150) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (3), Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (476200158100) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200158000) where the following observations were made: Large White (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476400157800) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (476100157900) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200157700) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (8), Ringlet (6).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476900157900) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476300157800) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158750) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Silver-studded Blue (1), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158750) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (4).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474900158500) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158300) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Alice Holt (SU806408) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (7 "Two at Abbots Wood Five at Goose Green"), Comma (4), Large Skipper (7), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (50), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (20), Small Copper (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (30 "four females"), Small Skipper (5), White Admiral (17). "Arrived just after lunch after a fruitless morning at Botany Bay in Sussex. Walked right through Abbots wood and saw nothing until we arrived at the territory in the car park where there were two males sparring in the tall pines. Then went to Goose Green old car park and immediately saw a male in the wayleave. There were numerous 'duels' in the HOT sun culminating in three males in hot pursuit dashing over the road. I estimated that there were five individuals present including one in the oaks at the entrance. Followed up with a walk down Straits main ride but nothing doing."

gary palmer reports from pear tree green, southampton (SU43921176) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (7), Purple Hairstreak (2), Red Admiral (1), Large White (2), Small White (3), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (15), Small Skipper (12), Large Skipper (5). "A mid day visit to the green found the above. It was great to see 3 dualing pairs of whiteletter hairstreaks at one time and 2 species present in the same tree."



White-letter Hairstreak

Stuart Read reports from Smallbrooke Stadium, Ryde (SZ591905) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (10). "Seen on a patch of rough ground adjacent to the cricket field."

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ485877) where the following observations were made: . "The moats are awash with Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns. Also saw a number of Ringlets and a very pristine Painted Lady."

Richard Hallett reports from Denmead My garden (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (10), Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1). "The Hummingbird Hawk Moth was nectaring on Cephalaria".

Mike Wildish reports from Harewood / Forest Edge (SU403461) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (2), Speckled Wood (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (13), Red Admiral (1), White Admiral (6), Essex Skipper (2). "Seen during the HWT open garden event, courtesy the Beesons, and short walk I led into nearby part of Harewood Forest."

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU569349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Comma (2), Large Skipper (20), Large White (1), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (50), Ringlet (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (20), Speckled Wood (3), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "very warm cloudless day butterflies galore".



Small Copper

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475300158250) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475250158600) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Large White (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475000158600) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474800158800) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Silver-studded Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown IOW (SZ433903) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (4), White Admiral (4), Green-veined White (2 "Mating"), Comma (1), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (20).

Andrew Brookes reports from Hurst Castle (SZ317896) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (12), Small Heath (1), Small White (1).

Paul Crook reports from Ludshott Common (SU852358) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (6).



Silver-studded Blue Silver-studded Blue

Paul Crook reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU793428) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (20), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (8), Small Skipper (4).

Saturday 25th June

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (64), Meadow Brown (42), Small Heath (76), Large White (1), Large Skipper (12), Small Skipper (17). "A more lengthy search of the common this afternoon in sunny weather found the above."



Small Skipper

B P Fletcher reports from Yew Hill BC Reserve and approaches (SU4526) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (128), Meadow Brown (130), Ringlet (37), Large Skipper (6), Small Skipper (8), Small Heath (13), Green-veined White (5), Small White (3), Comma (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Common Blue (3). "One new Six-spot Burnet Moth seen."

Andrew Hutchison reports from Heath Warren Bramshill (SU761607) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Large White (1), Ringlet (1), Large Skipper (8), Speckled Wood (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Comma (2).

Jenny Field reports from Fishlake Meadows, Romsey (SU356231) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "On bramble, near trees but not in them").



Purple Emperor

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small Heath (3), Marbled White (4). "A short visit this morning with overcast skies, no sun but temperature of 17°C. Very little flying."

Andrew Brookes reports from Briddlesford Copse, IoW (SZ549905) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Comma (3), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (60).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550055) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Poor condition specimen found on patio at apx 09:30").

Michael P J Smith reports from Brockhurst Allotments 229 - 232 (SU595011) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1).

Friday 24th June

Richard Hallett reports from Creech Wood Denmead (SU633115) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), White Admiral (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Meadow Brown (11), Comma (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Rooksbury Mill (SU355445) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Green-veined White (4), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

mark swann reports from bentley wood (SU258291) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "did a few laps round the car park also one seen on track earlier").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (6), Marbled White (45), Meadow Brown (8), Ringlet (16), Small Blue (2), Small Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Large White (2). "Sunny & warm then cloudy".

Alan Thornbury reports from Pitt Down (SU420293) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (8), Marbled White (25), Ringlet (15), Small Heath (7), Large Skipper (5), Meadow Brown (12), Common Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "The Dark Green Fritillaries were mainly fresh males, although one was very faded, suggesting their main emergence has been interrupted by the recent cool, unsettled weather."



Dark Green Fritillary



Dark Green Fritillary

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (33), Meadow Brown (26), Small Heath (22). "A cool and windy walk across the common found the above sitting in the long grass."



Marbled White



Marbled White

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU405241) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (3), White Admiral (3), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (7), Small Skipper (1 "or Essex").

Thursday 23rd June

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down Hill Fort (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (16), Ringlet (5), Small Skipper (2).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "A first sighting of this species in our garden. Seen basking on Lupin, feeding on Perpetual Wallflower and resting amongst Rosemary..").

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown Cmpt 9 (SU653063) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (6 "Making good use of a sheltered gully in the sun and out of the wind.").

John Clark reports from Black Wood (SU718572) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1).

John Clark reports from Black Wood (SU721573) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

John Clark reports from Allen Moor (SU720578) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (30).

John Clark reports from Allen Moor (SU716577) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), White Admiral (1), Ringlet (1).

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Hook Park Playing Field (SU498051) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (200 "Unskilled observer. "), Meadow Brown (300), Small Skipper (50). "Five years ago, we were pleased to see one Marbled White here. Last year we saw a couple of dozen. For the last few days wherever you go on the central or eastern part of the old playing field (ungrazed) there have been two or three fresh Marbled White in sight. The numbers are an unskilled estimate."

Christine Reeves reports from Ash Lock Cottage (SU880517) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "Seen fluttering/resting on hedgerow"). "First known sighting of this species at this location".



White Admiral

Michael P J Smith reports from Brockhurst Allotments 229 - 232 (SU595011) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1).

Wednesday 22nd June

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ241998) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "female"), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (2), Ringlet (6), Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (6). "A walk along the main ride on an overcast and cool afternoon found the above."



Silver-washed Fritillary

Tuesday 21st June

Peter Eeles reports from Pamber Forest (SU614601) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (18 "Doing really well this year! Saw 6 on a single Bramble bush!"), Silver-washed Fritillary (6 " 4 male, 2 female (including an aberrant female)"), Meadow Brown (9), Ringlet (2), Green-veined White (1 "Next generation male!"), Large Skipper (25 "The commonest species by far - I've never seen so many!"). "Both White Admiral and Large Skipper seem to be having an incredible year!".



White Admiral Silver-washed Fritillary

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU418244) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (9), Ringlet (4), Large Skipper (3 "2 female, 1 male").

Ed Merritt reports from Crabhat Inclosure (SU39180501) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), White Admiral (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Dibden Bottom (SU387070) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (300), Large Skipper (1). "I expect that the Silver-studded Blue count is a significant underestimate. There were hundreds within this relatively small area, far far too many to count precisely. Anything up to 25 butterflies clustered together on individual clumps of heather."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "male"), Meadow Brown (11), Common Blue (1), Small Skipper (1). "in the garden in the forest late in the day as the sun came out i found the above."

Michael P J Smith reports from Brockhurst Allotments 229 - 232 (SU595011) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).

Monday 20th June

mark tutton reports from Alice Holt (SU801404) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1), Comma (2), Red Admiral (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Meadow Brown (15), Large Skipper (4), White Admiral (7).

B P Fletcher reports from Yew Hill BC Reserve and approaches (SU4526) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Common Blue (5), Small Heath (13), Large Skipper (6), Meadow Brown (54), Marbled White (59), Small Skipper (8), Ringlet (16). "Quite good numbers given the weather of the previous few days. Conditions calm, bright and humid. The number of Small Heaths on Yew Hill seem to be higher than last year."



Marbled White

Small Heath

Sunday 19th June

Colin Baker reports from Straits Inclosure/Odiham Common (SU798400/SU749523) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (11 "10 Straits/1 Odiham"), Silver-washed Fritillary (4 "Straits"), Speckled Wood (2 "Straits"), Large Skipper (2 "Straits"), Meadow Brown (36 "6 Straits/30 Odiham"), Comma (5 "2 Straits/3 Odiham"), Red Admiral (1 "Straits"), Marbled White (14 "Odiham"), Small White (1 "Odiham"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Odiham"), Small Skipper (1 "Odiham"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (7 "Odiham"). "Although the weather improvement forecast for today fell into the realms of fantasy it did not spoil what was an interesting butterfly few hours, firstly at the Straits Inclosure and secondly a return visit to Odiham Common. At least the butterflies were easier to photograph in the dull, cold conditions even if the numbers should have been far greater. My first White Admirals and Silver washed Fritillaries of the year were shared in the company of the Mr Purple Emperor, namely Matthew Oates, and I do hope he found what he was looking for!!! Butterflies seen at Straits Inclosure were:- White Admiral 10 (1 sharing the company of what looks like a Bush Cricket, see photo) Silver washed Fritillary 4, Speckled Wood 2, Large Skipper 2, Meadow Brown 6 & Comma 2, Red Admiral 1. Butterflies/Moths seen at Odiham Common:- Marbled White 14, Small White 1, Small Tortoiseshell 1, Small Skipper 1, Meadow Brown 30 including an aberration, see photo, White Admiral 1, & Comma 3. Moths seen-Narrow-bordered five-spot Burnet 7 including a mating pair where the male spots were close to orange, instead of red."



White Admiral

Narrow-bordered five-spot Burnet

Meadow Brown

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood (SU5310) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Ringlet (1), White Admiral (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (15), Marbled White (1), Comma (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Avington (SU527321) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (4).

Alan Thornbury reports from East Gosport (SU604024) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (9), Comma (3), Large Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1). "I visited a number of Elm clusters in East Gosport this morning, which support small colonies of White-letter

Hairstreak. In addition to tree-top sightings, several males were seen feeding on creeping thistle and bramble, although most were showing significant signs of wear. 2 photos below."



White-letter Hairstreak White-letter Hairstreak

Andrew Hutchison reports from Straits Enclosure, Alice Holt (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (12), White Admiral (9), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (1). "A short visit of one and a half hours with patchy sunshine, but good views of the White Admirals on the bramble blossoms."

peter gardner reports from micheldever woods (SU5336) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (12), Large Skipper (8), Marbled White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Ringlet (5), Large Skipper (0), Small Skipper (1), Peacock (0 Larval "2 groups"), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Meadow Brown (4).

David Lester reports from Track north of Cleave Hill (SU344391) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (18 "Plenty of Knapweed to feed on. The most I have ever seen in one "), Small Tortoiseshell (12 "Beautiful sight, the most I have seen for several years"), Comma (1), Marbled White (8), Small White (0). "I was actually leading a walk for the Meon group Ramblers at the time, but got so carried away that the group had to stop and wait for me. They were given a quick recognition lesson before moving on to Danebury Hill for lunch. It was great to see so many of the Large Skipper and Small Tortoiseshell in the same location."

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Arboretum (SU370384) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (5).

Ed Merritt reports from Busketts Lawn Inclosure (SU31311040) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2).



Silver-washed Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from Busketts Lawn Inclosure (SU31301019) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), White Admiral (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Lodgehill Inclosure (SU322097) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1), Large Skipper (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap Inclosure (SU34810983) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (1), White Admiral (2).



White Admiral

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Marbled White (8), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (1), Yellow Shell (1), Common Plume (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "male"), Small White (3 "males"), White Admiral (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni"), Marbled White (10), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (6).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Brimstone (1 "male"), White Admiral (2 "males"), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni"), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (4).

David Tinling reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Small Copper (1 "very fresh 2nd brood"), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (9), Cinnabar (1).

Simon Duffield reports from Over Wallop Allotments (SU284390) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1 "Feeding on Oxeye Daisy").

Saturday 18th June

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU708264) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5 "parking under cloud but flying when the sun shines").

Friday 17th June

mark tutton reports from Titchfeild Abbey (SU541066) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (0). "All thoughts of butterflies had dissappeared with the weather today so it was a very pleasant surprise to see a Small Tortoiseshell whilst walking around the Abbey ruins in the gloom!".

Brian Fellows reports from Brook Meadow, Emsworth (SU751062) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1 "Male with ragged wings"). "I was very surprised at how ragged it wings were, as if it had been out for some time. Maybe, it had suffered badly in the stormy weather over the past few days. This was the earliest Ringlet recorded on Brook Meadow, a good two weeks earlier than last year. I did not see them both together, but I managed to get photos of the upper and the lower wings, the one appeared not quite as ragged as the other, so maybe there were two individuals?".



Ringlet



Ringlet

Wednesday 15th June

mark tutton reports from Pitt Down/West Wood (SU420292) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (5).

David Tinning reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Udea prunalis (1 "very fresh,in my garden").

Tuesday 14th June

Tim Norriss makes some comments regarding recent moth sightings as follows:

- 1) 4 June - the Common Wave is in fact a Cream Wave (DL)
- 2) 29 May - the Common Heath is in fact a Grass Wave (CB)
- 3) 22 May - the Pyrausta sp is Pyrausta aurata (AW)

And to those new to moth trapping remember to pack lots of egg cartons within the moth trap and dont switch the lamp off till morning otherwise the moths will all fly off. For useful hints and tips and to learn all about the basics read the free guides to moth trapping at

<http://angleps.com/guides.php>

peter gardner reports from west meon (SU642240) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "while visiting doctors nothing wrong".



Brimstone

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (5), Marbled White (8 "First this year"), Meadow Brown (2), Small Blue (5), Small Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3). "Sunny & very warm".

Stuart Read reports from waste land near Albany Prison (SZ487910) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (12), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (20). "This wonderfully unkempt patch of brambles to the rear of garages on the Albany Housing Estate surely bears witness to the renaissance of the Small Tortoiseshell. Saw 12 today and my count was probably conservative. On the way home I saw 2 more Small Torts in the road on the Parkhurst Estate."

Peter Hunt reports from Ningwood Common NR IOW (SZ389886) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Brimstone (1), Meadow Brown (50), Small Heath (4). "Regret to say I had no sightings today of any Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries. This is the only known Isle of Wight site for this species."



Marbled White

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (su483274) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1), Marbled White (9), Small Tortoiseshell (6), Small Heath (34), Large Skipper (2), Small Blue (10).

Mike Wildish reports from South Tidworth (SU238475) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Large Skipper (3), Common Blue (1), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (9), Ringlet (1).

David Tinning reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking nectar from creeping thistle"), Meadow Brown (11 "taking nectar from creeping thistle").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1), Six-spot Burnet (1 "taking knapweed nectar"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (4 "taking red clover nectar").

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (3).

David Tinling reports from Military Road to Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ608978) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Tim Graham reports from Yew Tree Hill (SU456268) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (26), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (2). "6:30 pm - so butterflies now roosting."

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2 "males taking red clover nectar"), Common Blue (1 "old male"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Meadow Brown (10 "including a mating pair"), Six-spot Burnet (2 "taking nectar from tufted vetch"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (28 "taking nectar from meadow vetchling,tufted vetch,knapweed & red clover"), Small Heath (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Cinnabar (1).

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Essex Skipper (1 "male"), Small White (1 "female"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (5), Cinnabar (2), Yellow Shell (1).

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "female"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (1).

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Browdown North,(Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male"), White Admiral (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (5), Meadow Brown (10), Brown Silver Line (3).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (10), Small Skipper (19 "taking nectar from tufted vetch"), Essex Skipper (3), Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (7 "males"), Brown Argus (3 "males"), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (46), Small Heath (14), Crambus perlella (1), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (107 "including 4 mating pairs;taking nectar from tufted vetch"), Mother Shipton (1), Burnet Companion (1), Yellow Shell (1), Cinnabar (2). "Some of these were also seen by Geoff Jones."

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (4), Small White (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (23), Small Heath (16), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (3).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), White Admiral (2 "male & female in courtship & nuptial chase"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni"), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (2).

Monday 13th June

Graham Dennis reports from Street End Copse (SU724567) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Common Blue (5), Large Skipper (10), Meadow Brown (10), Small Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (1). "All found in a pylon wayleave through wood".

Bernard Dempsey reports from Peartree Green (SU445115) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (4). "I saw 4 White-Letter Hairstreaks at the top of the Elms, none seen nectaring yet."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (1), Brimstone (1 "Female"), Small Heath (7), Meadow Brown (2). "A visit to Chalton Down where the temperature reached 20°C."

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU413136) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (3 "Lovely sunny day.Butterflys seen feeding on oxeye daises."), Speckled Wood (2), Large White (1).

Sunday 10th June

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I saw a very lonesome White Admiral feeding on bramble in a brief sunny interlude on the old Roman Road from Silchester,known as the Devils Highway there was nothing else of interest in this appalling summer so far."

Saturday 11th June

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "First this year. Fed briefly on Nemisia "Wisley Vanilla""), Mint Moth (2 "As last year there are now also many small caterpillars on the Water Mint."), Yellow Shell Moth (2 "Seen each year. Sheltering in Rowan."). "A very slow year for butterflies so far - only 5 individuals for the year to date although other insects seem to be doing well - e.g Ladybirds, Bees, Wasps, Damselflies, and a very good year for Grasshoppers."

Alan Thornbury reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU538107) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (8), Silver-washed Fritillary (10 "Including mating pair, with additional male being a nuisance (see photo)!"), Speckled Wood (6), Large Skipper (3).



White Admiral



Silver-washed Fritillary



Silver-washed Fritillary

mark tutton reports from North Harbour (SU650050) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Comma (1), White-letter Hairstreak (8), Emperor Dragonfly (1).



White-letter Hairstreak

mark tutton reports from portstown (SU664064) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Hornet Robber Fly (0 "carrying moth of unidentified species"), Bee Orchid (3).

Hazel Rouse reports from Staunton Country Park/Leigh Park Gardens (SU721091) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (4 "Regularly here"), Silver-washed Fritillary (3 "Regularly here"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (10), Meadow Brown (6), Hornet (1). "Mostly around The Avenue and Cedar Drive."

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse (SZ433903) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Large Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (1). "No sign of marbled whites or gatekeepers although shown as seen on the noticeboard."

Stuart Read reports from St Georges Down (SZ507888) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20), Small Tortoiseshell (7), Large Skipper (6), Common Blue (4), Small Heath (3), Large White (2), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1 "a beautifully fresh specimen!"), Marbled White (1 "my first of the season!"). "It has been pleasing to see Small Tortoiseshells in such good numbers this month."

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (2), Marbled White (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Hawkhill Inclosure (SU36200260) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Dark Green Fritillary (1).



Dark Green Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551092) where the following observations were made: Peacock (200 Larval).

Bernard Dempsey reports from Peartree Green (SU445115) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (4), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Meadow Brown (3), Common Blue (5), Large Skipper (1). "Walking through Peartree Green on Saturday 11th June I was greeted with my first Marbled White of the year and subsequently 3 more. Also, 1 Comma, 2 Small Tortoiseshell, 3 Meadow Browns, 4 Common Blues and 1 very popular female Common Blue, 1 Large Skipper and 4 Bee Orchids."

Mark Russell reports from St George's Down (SZ507887) where the following observations were made: . "Yellow-tail moth caterpillar found on the road leading to the golf club. Also saw Cinnabar moth larvae on ragwort."

Simon Duffield reports from Grateley School Playing Field (SU277420) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1 "Basking").

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester (behind Garnier Rd carpark) (SU483279) **Purple Emperor** (female) x1 Chalkhill Blue (males) x8 Red Admiral x25 Large White (female) x1 Small White x3 Marbled White x7 Small Skipper x2 Meadow Brown x2 Brimstone x2 "Between 9.30 am and 12 noon, warm, sunny day, light wind. This is part of the reclaimed A33 covered with chalk spoil from the M3 cutting at Twyford. The sighting of the Purple Emperor was confirmed by an experienced naturalist. "

Friday 10th June

Robert Bryant reports from Micheldever Woods (SU529366) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2 "Male basking on hazel; Male nectaring on bramble flower").

Louise Tester reports from Caesars Camp (SU84825028) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (50 "several groups on the heather").



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue

Hilary Higgins reports from Wellow Down IW (SZ38578565) where the following observations were made: wood tiger moth (1).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ501879) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU410236) where the following observations were made: Nemophora degeerella (1 "Resting on bracken - 12:15pm"). "Photo available."

Ed Merritt reports from Beaulieu Heath (SU39920464) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (43). "I'm sure that there were many more across the heath as a whole but it was the relatively large quantity that were clustered together, motionless, within one very small area that drew my attention."



Silver-studded Blue

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (2), Common Blue (1), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (8), Speckled Wood (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476550158100) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Ringlet (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (476200157750) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1).

Thursday 9th June

mark tutton reports from northarbour (SU648052) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (7), Comma (1), Common Blue (4), Meadow Brown (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Creech Wood this afternoon my 'local' Purple Emperor wood, and there was nothing Purple flying about ,as I might have glimpsed a Purple Hairstreak but to no avail. There was some pretty awful clouds about as from the photo enclosed. Species seen were as follows: White Admiral (2) Meadow Brown (15) Red Admiral (2) Common Blue (6) Large Skipper (12) Brimstone (1) Speckled Wood (1) Burnet Companion,(2) Speckled Yellows and several of the wave moths."



White Admiral



Large Skipper

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (1 "First this year"), Small Blue (5), Small Skipper (2 "First this year"). "Sun/Cloud, windy, cool".

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158750) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158350) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474800158800) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474800158800) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1).

Wednesday 8th June

Tim Graham reports from Magdalen Hill (SU509291) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4 "Males"), Six Spotted Burnet (50 "Numerous newly emerged"). "20 minute walk at 8:30. Too windy for most butterflies. Blues were in sheltered areas, and deep in the grass. Six spotted burnets were often feeding on Knapweed."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yewtree Hill Reserve (SU455264) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (8), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (4 "Male"). "12:30 - 1 pm. Butterflies seen in sunshine between downpours."

Mark Tutton reports from Havant Thicket (SU722102) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Large Skipper (2), Comma (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm, west (SU598093) where the following observations were made: Peacock (50 Larval), Brimstone (3 Larval).

Tuesday 7th June

Roger Pendell reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU792432) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Large Skipper (5), Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Speckled Wood (4), Large Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1), White Admiral (1 "My first of the year").

Tim Graham reports from Alresford (SU583316) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I've just recently returned from the Island for a couple of days and I visited several sites that I have never visited before and one I hadn't visited for a few years. The first was Carisbrook Castle, which has been on the website over the past few weeks and I was pleasantly surprised how good the site was. Its got the traditional moat around the castle, but with very steep sides and the Eastern facing slope would give some of our traditional chalk downland sites a run for their money with species, and wildflowers. There are also good areas of Cowslip as well. Species seen were as follows: Speckled Wood (1) Marbled White (13) Meadow Brown (22) Small Heath (2) Glanville Fritillary (1) Small Tortoiseshell (5) Small Blue (1) Common Blue (2) Large Skipper (3). I also visited one of favourite sites from many years ago, where I used to

count over a hundred Dark-Green Fritillaries on a good day well over a decade ago. On this day I saw battling the windy weather was Speckled Wood (2) Meadow Brown (14) Small Heath (17) Glanville Fritillary (1) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Small Copper (1) Common Blue (1) Adonis Blue (15) majority of these being males and still in very good condition. Large Skipper (2) Dingy Skipper (3) Tennyson Down: Common Blue (12) Brown Argus (2) Large Skipper (2) Speckled Wood (1) Small Tortoiseshell (2) Dingy Skipper (1) Adonis Blue (3) Small Heath (1) Red Admiral (2)."



Meadow Brown Marbled White

Sunday 5th June

Stuart Read reports from Wootton Recreation Ground (SZ538923) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "flying at speed across the cricket pitch!").

Tim Graham reports from Alresford (SU584316) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "Feeding on Valerian").

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ606986) where the following observations were made: Barred Yellow (1 "disturbed in daylight").

Saturday 4th June

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (7 "2 nectaring on Alder Buckthorn, 2 on Bramble"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Earliest ever record for this site").

Sue Davies reports from Headon Warren (SZ307859) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2), Common Blue (5), Glanville Fritillary (3 "on lanslip at W end of Warren"), Large White (1 "F"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1). "Sunny and hot but stiff N breeze 3-4 up on Warren".

Dave Ryves reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU542102) where the following observations were made: **Dark Green Fritillary** (1), White Admiral (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I visited one of the very few sites left where the Silver-Studded Blue and Small-Pearl Bordered Fritillary fly together, and today after the sun managed to come out they were flying in very good numbers. The Small -Pearl Bordered Fritillary was still in very good shape and (14) were observed, and the Silver-Studded Blue was seen and were in pristine condition (30) of these were counted. The moth count was very good as well, with the Clouded Buff seen in good numbers, and these moths are one of my favourites, a big powerful flier, and pretty good looking too. A ghost moth was observed and many Common Heaths, male and females. Yellow Shells added to the counts as well. There were many Orchids about with small Crab spiders ready to pounce, on any unfortunate insect who visits these for nectar. Portsdown Hill Transect: I also visited my transect route, on the way home, and the counts were as follows: Speckled Wood (1) Meadow Brown (15) Peacock (1) Comma (1) this was one of the new summer variants, Brimstone (4) Small White (3) Green Hairstreak (1) Small Blue (9) Holly Blue (1) Large Skipper (8)



Common Heath Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary Silver-studded Blue

Mike Gibbons writes: "I saw my earliest ever White Admiral today in the Bentley Wood car park area. It was very active late afternoon flying low over the ground occasionally landing with wings flat out. I also saw good numbers of Small pearl-bordered Fritillaries, 20+ at least including a freshly emerged female. Also seen were 8 Large Skippers, 1 Small Copper and a slightly tatty male Brimstone. Earlier I visited Timsbury where I saw a fresh Small Tortoiseshell."

Robert Guest reports from Near Odiham (SU751493) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (2), Large Skipper (1).

Robert Guest reports from Near Odiham (SU753490) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "I also saw 3 or 4 Small Tortoiseshells and many Meadow Browns in the same area, although not at this precise location."

Andrew Hutchison reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU509291) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (25), Small Blue (7), **Gatekeeper** (4), Large Skipper (6), Small Heath (4), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Meadow Brown (1), Large White (1), Brown Argus (1), Six Spot Burnet (300 "Hundreds seen, many more in a mass emergence."). "There were Six Spot Burnets in such abundance, emerging and mating on the same grass stalk, crowding onto the flower heads around the meadows."

Stuart Read reports from waste ground adjacent to Albany Prison (SZ488909) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Meadow Brown (2). "The small tortoiseshells were all very fresh and taking nectar from blackberry bushes."

St George's Down reports from St George's Down, Newport (SZ506879) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (7), Meadow Brown (10), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (4). "A very hot afternoon and I was expecting to see more butterflies on the down. Good to see some Small Torts, though; this year will hopefully witness a further recovery in their populations."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ470913) where the following observations were made: "I entered the forest at Noke Common Gate and there were good numbers of Meadows along the ride towards Mark's Corner. Not too many elsewhere in the Forest, but it is very early in the season and numbers will build as we go further into June. I also saw several fresh-looking Brimstones and it has been suggested to me that these might be the second brood! Unusually early, but it has been an exceptionally warm and sunny Spring."

Cheryl Turkington reports from Noar Hill (SU738323) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1 "Not on the reserve but along the first path just before the cottage close to the first entrance to the reserve.").



Small Blue

Small Blue

Steve Mansfield reports from Southrope (SU679445) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Nashes Green (SU6745) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (2).

Bruce Graham reports from Worthy Down (SU48013459) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1 "Clearing on railway embankment"), Small Blue (10 "Edge of field at bottom of embankment"). "Wild-plants include Bird's Foot Trefoil. Field/embankment bordered by trees and scrub.".



Green Hairstreak

Phil Lowe reports from Botley Wood (SU539100) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Grizzled Skipper (6), Common Blue (3), Small Copper (5), Brimstone (3), Large Skipper (20), Comma (4), Meadow Brown (8). "All though an excellent site to see Silver-washed and White Admirals, all too early this year. What little of Common Blue's were present are hard to find now. Had been excellent display of Dingy and Grizzled Skippers this year. Large skippers in abundance too may to count.".

Chris Hall reports from Ively Meadow (SU850545) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "seen at rest on grass"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (9), Brown Argus (3), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (1). "Surprisingly few butterflies considering the warm sun (24 C). Some grasslands are beginning to look droughted following three months of low rainfall (just 35mm locally).".

Geoff Rapley reports from Spearywell/ Mottisfont transect (SU305270) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "I'm having a good time - yesterday it was an early SWFrit in the Forest, and now another one + a unexpected White Admiral on the transect. And only just beaten by Dave Green.").

David Lobb reports from Lordswood (GU35621836) where the following observations were made: Beautiful Golden Y Moth (1 "Came to bathroom light "), Common Wave (1 "Attracted to outside light in garden"). "Report from garden - little butterfly activity in the area but moths are growing in number as I have planted to attract both butterfly and moth with plenty of larval and adult nectar plants. I think I have the correct names of the moths in the photographs but unlike butterflies they are more numerous and only a small variation in some species.".



Beautiful Golden Y

~~Common Wave~~
Cream Wave

David Tinning reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: **Purple Hairstreak** (1).

Ron Bryan writes: "I thought other members might be interested in detail of a footpath we traversed on 4th June at Abbotstone, a hamlet just north of Alresford. Grid ref: 554343 to 564345. This is a sort section of the Wafarers Way, with varied hedgerow and wild perennials alongside. In a space of about half an hour my wife and I saw 10 different species of butterflies, most of which I think I was able identify. One I didn't see, but a knowledgeable dog walker I spoke to, had just see a silver washed fritillary (I was sad I hadn't) The butterflies I saw were, brimstone (male and female), large and small whites, speckled woods, meadow browns, holly blue, tortoiseshell (only one of these) small skipper and orange tips. Tis is the highest number of differnt butterflies I have seen in such a short time. There was one , I think a moth, I saw earlier which I am still trying to identify. This was at ref : 572345. I will enclose a picture, anyway. All in all, I was chuffed, and hope this is useful.



Silver-ground Carpet

Friday 3rd June

Tim Doran reports from IBM Lake, Cosham (su649052) where the following observations were made: **White-letter Hairstreak** (4 "in usual elms - my first of year").

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse coppices (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (3), Speckled Wood (13).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Brimstone (5 Larval), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (3), Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (5 Larval), Red Admiral (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Small Heath (1), Brimstone (6 Larval).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: **White Admiral** (1 "Earliest ever sighting at Pamber by 7 days").

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs IOW (SZ348856) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (20 "mostly male 1 mating pair"), Common Blue (6 "faded tatty"), Small Blue (20 "fresh specimens male & female"), Dingy Skipper (10), Large Skipper (3), Small Heath (10), Glanville Fritillary (20), Burnet Companion Moth (1), Large White (1 "Female"). "very hot and sunny E breeze F 3-4 Butterflies v active in shelter of old track down to bay."



Adonis Blue



Dingy Skipper



Burnet Companion

Tim Doran reports from Portsdown Hill (SU642064) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "my first of year"), Small Blue (3), Meadow Brown (2 "my first of year"), Brimstone (3), Large Skipper (1).

Stuart Read reports from Arreton Down (SZ534872) where the following observations were made: . "Very hot afternoon and surprisingly quiet butterfly-wise at one of the Island's premier butterfly sites. Meadow Browns are just beginning to emerge. Otherwise, just a couple of Common Blues and Small Heaths to report."

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ485876) where the following observations were made: . "Not too much butterfly activity to report. Glanville Fritillaries are still in evidence however and it was nice to see a pristine Small Tortoiseshell nectaring on Red Valerian. I'm interested to hear the comments of other members on the permanence of the Glanville colony at Carisbrooke. The food-plant is plentiful and the butterfly has enjoyed several good seasons at the Castle."

Alan Wingrove and Tom Dunbar report from Broxhead Common (SU809375) where the following observations were made: **Silver-washed Fritillary** (1 "Briefly seen on bramble on edge of common."), Silver-studded Blue (25).

Geoff Rapley reports from Howe Copse (SZ325998) where the following observations were made: **Silver-washed Fritillary** (1 "Late morning in full sun. Taking off from the ground about 20m away, in a large opening in the oak wood cleared last winter. No doubt about the identification (colour+size) and seen with Simon King ..no, not that one."), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Ed Merritt reports from Fawley Inclosure (SU408054) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (7 "6 males and 1 female, some flying in the evening sunshine").



Silver-studded Blue

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ29629837) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (2), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (2 "males"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Small Copper (1), Silver-studded Blue (2 "males"), Small Skipper (1). "a mid day count around the garden at shirley holms found my first meadow browns and small skipper of the year plus a couple more fresh silver studded blue males, which look out of context in the flower meadow on trefoil and oxeye daisies as opposed to the usual heathland backdrop."



Small Skipper



Silver-studded Blue

gary palmer reports from shirley holms heath (SZ29599849) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (32). "a short walk onto a small area of the heath after work found 32 silver studded blue, but still hardly a thing to nectar on, which could no doubt force the early dispersal of the colony this year in order to find nectar."



Silver-studded Blue

Dave Green reports from Spearywell Wood (SU304271) where the following observations were made: **White Admiral** (2 "Two males patrolling recent clearings. ").

Tim Graham reports from Hursley (SU421253) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Fram, Boarhunt (SU602094) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (10 Larval), Peacock (100 Larval).

Andrew Brookes reports from Cams Bay (SU592054) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 Larval), Peacock (100 Larval).

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU607074) where the following observations were made: Peacock (100 Larval).

Andy Bolton reports from Boundary Hall, north Tadley (SU595624) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (10), Common Blue (13), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Thursday 2nd June

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Common Blue (14), Large Skipper (4), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (13), Brimstone (3), Brown Argus (2), Green Hairstreak (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (20), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Blue (60), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (10), Wood Tiger (4), mother shipton (1), burnet companion (3), Eyed Hawk-moth (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Last night 01 June I decided to put out my moth trap for the first time in my back garden. I only had it on for about three hours because it seemed to light up the whole of Southsea, it looked like a scene out of the close encounters of a third kind. There were lots of moths flying around the light for the first hour or so, but I decided I turn it off by midnight. In the morning there was nothing in the trap except for this rather lovely Small Elephant Hawk Moth, which warmed its self up after a few minutes after being taken out of the trap and went on its way."



Small Elephant Hawkmoth

Chris Hall reports from Hawley Common (SU831577) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (18 "all males"). "This is a double first: my earliest ever silver-studded blues for the NE Hampshire heaths by two weeks and the first for the western end of Hawley Common, which used to be overgrown by young trees but now forms part of the grazed heath managed by the Wildlife Trust. Mainly cloudy so most were put up by walking through the heather, and no other butterflies seen."

Andrew Brookes has found a Comma pupa on a trial elm cultivar 'Patriot' at Great Fontley Farm.



Comma

David Tirling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (6 "taking nectar from common vetch"), Small Skipper (1 "very fresh male"), Meadow Brown (6 "males taking bramble nectar"), Small Heath (11), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (11 "including 2 mating pairs;taking nectar from tufted vetch"), Mother Shipton (4), Burnet Companion (2 "taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil").

Anne McCue & Mick Langridge reports from Martin Down (SU050187) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2 "Rather tired abberations"), Chimney Sweeper (2 "Both flying at Grim's Ditch along from Sillens car park"). "The first Adonis was seen at the top of Bokerley Dyke near Hanham Hill and the other just below the Dyke on the Pentridge path. Neither was in particularly good condition."



Adonis Blue



Chimney Sweeper

Wednesday 1st June

Stuart Read reports from Medham (SZ499938) where the following observations were made: . "The Small Heath is now the predominant butterfly in the rough pastures at Medham. Green Hairstreaks, Dingy Skippers and Grizzled Skippers are still on wing and have now been joined by Large Skippers, Common Blues and Meadow Browns. I also sighted a Glanville Fritillary, which is pretty much ubiquitous this year."

R G Breakwell reports from Garden in Leigh Park Havant. (SU710076) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1 "Feeding on Honeysuckle.").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Large Skipper (3 "first sighting this year"), Small Blue (2), Common Blue (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Green Hairstreak (1). "Sun & cloud, breezy, cool".

Peter Eeles reports from Silchester Common (SU620623) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (40 "A great hour spent at Silchester Common, my local Silver-studded Blue site. The SSBs have been out for a few days now, and I managed to see around 40 in total, but only a single female. I guess this bodes well for a good showing, given that the males typically outnumber females by a factor of 2:1, so many more are likely to emerge over the next week. I only found one emerging, and it wasn't attended by ants, unfortunately!"), Brimstone (1 Pupal).



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue



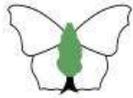
Brimstone

Mike Gwilliam writes: "Dr. Richard Jones who is the Portdown Hill Countryside Officer for Portsmouth City Council, has reported seeing a [Marbled White](#) on 1st June this year in Candy's pit which is located in Compartment 10 of the Ports Down SSSI, Map Ref: SU665062."

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Tuesday 31st May

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ485877) where the following observations were made: Comma (0). "You can but admire the tenacity of butterflies. For four days in a row it'd been cool, grey and windy. But today, the skies cleared and they emerged from their bunkers to enjoy the warmth of the sun. Glanville Fritillaries are still on wing at Carisbrooke Castle; I counted 12 in the moats this afternoon and also saw Common Blues, Small Heaths, a Dingy Skipper, a dishevelled Small Copper, a Brown Argus and some freshly-looking Meadow Browns."

Roger Pendell reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU656067) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (9), Small Blue (5), Meadow Brown (2), Green Hairstreak (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1 "Female"), Red Admiral (1).

Hannah Hardman reports from Portsdown Hill (Footpath South of Fort Purbrook) (SU675063) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Large Skipper (1), Small Blue (3), Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (10), Painted Lady (1). "Not many butterflies but plenty of Common Spotted and Pyramid Orchids".

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ606986) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "taking nectar from white valerian").

Sunday 29th May

Philippa Gordon reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506293) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (4), Chalkhill Blue (1 "I am sure the attached photo is of a Chalkhill Blue as it was so much paler than the Common Blues but I realise this is very early so apologies if I'm wrong!"), Common Blue (30), Green Hairstreak (4), Large Skipper (10), Small Blue (20). "A rather blustery afternoon at MHD but the butterflies were still active and the sighting of a possible Chalkhill Blue was a definite highlight!". (The consensus of opinion on the UK Butterflies Forum (<http://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/phpBB/viewtopic.php?f=14&t=5234>) is that Philippa's butterfly is a female Common Blue aberration.) (Piers Vigus has kindly identified the aberration as *fusca-supracaerulea*)



Common Blue - female ab. *fusca-supracaerulea*

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158400) where the following observations were made: [Ringlet](#) (1 "In gorse").

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (4748001587500) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200158100) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200157750) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Colin Baker reports from Silchester Common/Odiham Common (SU624622/SU749523) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (7 "1 FM Silchester Common"), Small Heath (5 "Silchester Common"), Common Heath (4 "2M/2FM Silchester Common"), Meadow Brown (4 "Odiham"), Common Blue (4 "Males/Odiham"), Burnet Companion (5 "Odiham"), Yellow Shell (1 "Odiham"). "Still buzzing from seeing Heath Fritillaries for the first time yesterday, the high winds of today were not going to keep me in, so I went to Silchester Common (SU 624 622) in search of early Silver-studded Blues. In a ten-minute walk I found one and followed him to a nearby dried out pond with clumps of grasses/sedges where I found a further seven sheltering from the gale force winds. I had my annual struggle to get photos of the twitchy Common Heath moths as they continually move from one place to another in a way that makes one wonder how they ever manage to reproduce. Butterflies seen included 7 Silver-studded Blues(1 Female) 5 Small Heath. Moths seen 4 Common Heath (2M/2FM) On my way back home I called into Odiham Common (SU 749 523) to find the drought conditions that helped the Silver-studded Blues do not seem to be helping the Six-spotted Burnet pupate as very low vegetation height meant I only found pupa in a small part of the common where the previously dried grasses seemed tall enough. Butterflies seen included my first Meadow Brown of the year but generally numbers were consistent with late May to early June, although with this very unusual season, anything goes. Butterflies seen: - Meadow Brown 4, Common Blue 4M, Small Copper 1 Moths seen: - Burnet Companion 5, Yellow Shell 1."



Common Heath
Grass Wave



Silver-studded Blue



Yellow Shell

Dave Pearson reports from Magdalen Hill Down (North) (SU509292) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4 "Four males"), Small Blue (3 "Two males, one female"), Large Skipper (2), Cuckoo (1), Willow Warbler (1 "Singing"). "REVISED RECORD WITH CORRECT MAP REF. Note that I only visited the North part of the reserve and that nothing was flying due to the inclement weather."

Saturday 28th May

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (200 Larval).

Graham Birkett reports from Eastern Clearing, Bentley Wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Argent & Sable (2). "Light cloud, cool and breezy. 1.00 - 1.40. Surprising to find anything flying at all. Only a single Speckled Wood elsewhere in the Wood in the previous hour and a half."

Friday 27th May

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (9 "Including 3 females,taking nectar from Bird's-foot Trefoil & Meadow Vetchling").

Tim Graham reports from Bentley Woods - Eastern Clearing (SU26002930) where the following observations were made: **Essex Skipper** (1 "Picture available. Black on underside of antennae"), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (8 "2 female, 6 male"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2), Argent and Sable (2), Speckled Wood (2), Speckled Yellow (6), Cinnabar (1). "Grid reference is of location of Essex Skipper. All others seen around Eastern Clearing."

David Lobb reports from Lordswood Garden (SU385183) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Nectaring on Wall Flower in back garden"). "Not much activity butterfly wise lately, but the small mico was quite interesting -unable to identify."

Wednesday 25th May

Richard Stone writes: As part of my itinerary to see all the British butterflies during this season I visited Martin Down. I succeeded in adding the Large Skipper to my list of species for the year. My sightings were mostly made in the shelter of the Bokerley Dyke during the morning and were as follows: 3 Large Skipper, 2 Dingy Skipper, 3 Grizzled Skipper, 3 Brimstone, 1 Small Copper, 25 Small Blue, 5 Brown Argus, 9 Common Blue, 5 Brown Argus, 9 Common Blue, 7 Adonis Blue, 21 Small Heath. One magical moment lying in the grass on the dyke..... skippers and blues flitting around my head and Skylarks hovering overhead singing their shrill melodic song."

Chris Burkinshaw reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Small Blue (1), Small White (1). "Sunny, breezy & cool c.16C".

Mick Langridge reports from Sandhill, Gosport (SZ578995) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (1 "A very tired looking specimen"). "It was spotted on the ground briefly about 500m from the coast. There was a very strong SW breeze which would suggest it could have made the 4/5 mile hop from the IOW."



Glanville Fritillary

Tuesday 24th May

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ295984) where the following observations were made: **Silver-studded Blue** (13 "2 female"). "A short walk onto the heath at shirley holms confirmed the silver-studded blue are starting to hatch with both males and females present, not much in the way of nectaring flowers at the moment on the heath because of the dry explains why last week on the 17th i found a early record of a male in a local garden flower meadow, this record being the earliest ever for hants i believe?, it certainly is a strange year."



Silver-studded Blue Silver-studded Blue Silver-studded Blue

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (5), Grizzled Skipper (4), Brimstone (4), Green Hairstreak (22 "It has been a very good season for green hairstreaks at Eelmoor"), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (56), Brown Argus (6), Speckled Wood (9), Small Heath (25), Glanville Fritillary (2). "The Glanville Fritillary has now been present for at least six days. There were three on 19th, two today observed for about ten minutes around midday visiting flowers. One was still at the same spot at 4pm. NB. Eelmoor is a private site with no public access."

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD NORTH ROADS (SU718276) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (0), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (1), Small White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (0 Larval). "BEAUTIFUL DAY ONLY LIGHT WARM WIND,BUTTERFLIES POSSING".

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (34), Green Hairstreak (5), Brown Argus (9), Small Blue (9), Grizzled Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (3), Brimstone (4), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (1), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (1). "It was good to see the number of small blues on the north reserve scrapes".

Ashley Whitlock reports from the Isle of Wight: "I went over to the Island on the 25 for my bi-annual pilgrimage, although I really wished I hadn't, as I feel I was about three weeks too late. The Adonis Blue was just about shot away off of the slopes after all the tremendous windy conditions over the last week or so, and the Glanville Fritillary was all but finished, when normally on this date they are just peaking.The foodplantrs are really drying out as well and the down looked and felt like a dustbowl. The only good thing about this trip its good for the walk and fitness! Although I feel every year its getting harder. The sorry state of the counts were as follows: Bonchurch Down: Speckled Wood (1) Small Heath (6) Glanville Fritillary (2) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Brimstone (2) Small Copper (5) Common Blue (50+) Adonis Blue (34) Brown Argus (25) Large Skipper (1) Dingy Skipper (2). Wheelers Bay: Glanville Fritillary: (25) Red Admiral (1) Small White (9) Common Blue (32) Brown Argus (1) Dingy Skipper (3)"



Glanville Fritillary



Wheeler's Bay



Glanville Fritillary

Geoff Jones reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2 "males"), Small White (3 "including a female with upturned abdomen rejecting a male"), Brown Argus (1 "female"), Common Blue (1 "blue female"), Holly Blue (1), Cinnabar BF2069 (1). "Also a blue-tailed damselfly."

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "very old"), Speckled Wood (3 "1 extremely old"), Small White (1 "male").

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Comma (1 "old"), Speckled Wood (1 "very fresh").

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Sandhill (south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (4), Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (5), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (7). "Also Skylark singing."

David Tinling reports from Browdown South (east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (1 "male").

Geoff Jones & David Tinling reports from Browdown North (south-west), Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood").

David Tinling reports from Browdown South (west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "1 male, 1 female"), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker (north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood").

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (8 "males"), Udea Prunalis BF1390 (1 "very fresh, disturbed in my garden by day").

Chris Hall reports from Foxlease Meadows (SU8256) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "By Mallards Copse, my first of 2011."), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "nectaring on meadow thistles"), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (5), Common Blue (4), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (1), Golden-ringed Dragonfly (1). "A superb site for Flora but few butterflies around, despite warm sunshine. This was a marsh fritillary site 25 years ago."

David Tinling reports from Sandhill (south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "female taking nectar from Common Vetch"), Brown Argus (3 "males taking Buttercup nectar"), Common Blue (18 "males taking nectar from Buttercup, Common Vetch & White Clover"), Small Heath (6), Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (3 "Taking Buttercup nectar"), Yellow Shell (1 "flying in sunshine").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill (north-west), Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2 "females taking Common Vetch nectar"), Small White (1 "male"), Brown Argus (1 "male taking Common Vetch nectar"), Common Blue (25 "including 3 females & 1 mating pair"), Small Heath (17), Mother Shipton (1), Yellow Shell (1 "flying in sunshine"), Meadow Brown (1 "very fresh male").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker (south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tinling reports from Junkett Hill, Gosport (SU576002) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "including a female taking mayweed nectar"), Small Heath (18 "taking nectar from buttercup & mayweed").

B P Fletcher reports from Yew Hill BC Reserve and approaches (SU4526) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (23), Small Heath (3), Green-veined White (2), Small White (1), Large White (1), Brimstone (1), Small Blue (1), Brown Argus (1), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (1), Burnet Companion (1). "All but three of the Common Blues were seen on the Reserve."

gary palmer reports from barton on sea (SZ24389327) where the following observations were made: broad bordered bee hawk (1). "in a garden in barton on sea feeding on red valerian".



Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth

Monday 23rd May

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (300 Larval "small larvae in 3 clusters"), Small Heath (1).

Sunday 22nd May

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU729268) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "2MALE 1FEMALE"), Small White (1). "great walk in the sun".

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU725270) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "1m2f"). "beautiful summer day".

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I took (6) Photographers on the joys of 'macro' photography of which they had very little experience, although the weather wasn't very kind today, with leaden filled skies and showers we had an enjoyable experience at Oxenbourne Down. They learnt a lot and they all got some very satisfactory results, and I still had an eye on what was flying about, all be it in very few minutes of brilliant sunshine."

The following was seen Small Heath (3) Comma (1) Brimstone (4) Large White (2) Small White (6) Green -Veined White (3) Small Copper (5) Common Blue (50) Brown Argus (1) Large Skipper (1) Dingy Skipper (6) Grizzled Skipper (10). Many Speckled Yellows, Cinnabar Moths and Macro Moths. Some of the photographic results:"



Pyrausta aurata



Small Copper



Small Heath

Andrew Brookes reports from Cams Bay (SU591054) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Peacock (200 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (40 Larval).

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Arboretum (SU370385) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (5 Larval), Brimstone (10 Larval), Small White (2).

Mark tutton reports from Bentley Wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (20), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Argemone and Sable (1).

Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (2 "Males"), Common Blue (11 "8 Males 3 Females including a mating pair."), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (1), Dingy Skipper (11), Grizzled Skipper (2), Cinnabar (1), Pyrausta aurata (2). "A final visit to Chalton Down before heading back West to Cornwall. A cold morning where the temperature reached 14.5°C. Not a lot was flying except Skippers. The site will be worth a visit next month when many Marbled Whites will be present."



Common Blue



Grizzled Skipper

Saturday 21st May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Bentley Wood today to count some Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries and the count was very good (48) with several being seen in a recently coppiced wood, which is now overgrown with coarse grasses and lots of Bugle for nectaring. Other species of note were Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (5) Common Blue (3) Dingy Skipper (2) Grizzled Skipper (4) Not many species due to the fact it was very cool when I arrived only really heating up about 11:00. By then I had arrived at Stockbridge Down and the following were seen Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (4) Duke of Burgundy (5) Peacock (1) Brimstone (9) Small White (7) Green Veined White (3) Brown Argus (1). The Duke of Burgundy is now looking like a small version of a faded Speckled Wood, and I doubt very much if its going to last out the month, which would of unheard of a decade ago!"



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Common Blue

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ247996) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2 "female worn"), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7 "all fresh, 1 female"), Green Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (3 "male"), Brimstone (3 "female"). "a short walk in the forest found the above".



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Mike Gwilliam writes: "Walking back to my car having completed a transect walk on Ports Down, I was surprised to find a male **Meadow Brown** which appeared to be sluggish and possibly, had recently emerged. I cannot recall having seen this species so early but then everything seems to be following the trend this year.

Rupert Broadway reports from Beacon Hill, Exton (SU605224) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (8), Large White (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (6), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (30), Brown Argus (10), Small Heath (12).

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill north-east (SU461575) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (8), Small Copper (3), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (8), Brown Argus (3).

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill north-west +summit (SU457574) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (41), Small Heath (37 "having a very good spring."), Brown Argus (4), Speckled Wood (3), Dingy Skipper (3), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Wood Tiger (1 "a lovely surprise and very active.").

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ474910) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (16), Speckled Wood (9), Brimstone (8 "6m 2f"), Common Blue (8), Grizzled Skipper (2), Red Admiral (2), Comma (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Large White (1), Small White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ485878) where the following observations were made: . "I walked around Carisbrooke Castle this afternoon and was delighted to see Glanville Fritillaries on wing. I counted 25+. They have been recorded here before, but not to my knowledge in such numbers and it looks as if they have perhaps established colonies here and on Mount Joy. The moats were also host to abundant Common Blues, Brown Argus, Small Heath and Dingy Skippers."

Mike Mackrill reports from Newton Nature Reserve (418908) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (3), Common Blue (25 "Numerous"), Grizzled Skipper (6).



Common Blue Common Blue Glanville Fritillary

Chris Edwards reports from Yew Hill (SU45362687) where the following observations were made: **Meadow Brown** (1 "one male meadow brown around hedge on footpath to Yew Hill").

Ian Pratt reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ472901) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Small Heath (1). "Parkhurst Forest is a woodland to the north-west of Newport, Isle of Wight (United Kingdom). The site is partly a site of special scientific interest. It consists of both ancient woodland, relict heathland and plantation woodland. The woodland is freehold owned and managed by the Forestry Commission. It is 395 hectares in area and the second largest forest on the Isle of Wight. It is open to the public." (Wikipedia) Why is it that I always come away disappointed from Parkhurst Forest. Is it the serried ranks of factory farmed conifers? or the large wastelands planted up with more conifers? or the dark interior? or the lack of butterflies? I am sure the Forestry Commission have plans to improve the bio-diversity but at the moment for pearl-bordered fritillaries where this was the only site on the IOW it appears to be RIP. This afternoon in glorious sunshine with no wind- almost perfect butterfly weather- in an hour's walk through the Forest I saw two butterflies- a common blue and a small heath. And my team lost in the Blue Square Premier play-offs!".

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (15), Brimstone (10 Larval), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Neslon Reservoir (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20 Larval), Common Blue (5).

Pete Durnell reports from Lymington-Keyhaven Nature Reserve (SZ315923) where the following observations were made: **Grayling** (1 "On the ancient Highway. Very early "). "Also seen and photographed by another observer but I did not get their name".

mark tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (4), Small Blue (27 Egg), Common Blue (5), Green Hairstreak (2). "Managed to find the kidney vetch - but there are only five or six small clumps. It seems this has not flowered early - unlike the small blues emergence - but the females have located it and I found numbers of eggs laid in unopened buds as well as the few flowers that have opened."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Pitt Down (west) (SU4129) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (8), Grizzled Skipper (5), Common Blue (31), Small White (2), Dingy Skipper (6), Brimstone (4), Large White (1). "No Small Blues here today even though this was a very good site for them in 2004 - 2005."

Friday 20th May

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down. (SU042192) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2), Brimstone (2), Brown Argus (6), Common Blue (22), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (4), Large Skipper (3), Large White (1), Small Blue (60), Small Heath (12), Speckled Wood (1). "All seen between 0900-1430, sunny until approx 1100 then very cloudy and quite cool."

Richard Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Duke of Burgundy (20), Common Blue (20 "19 Males 1 very blue Female"), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (13), Dingy Skipper (13), Common Carpet (3), Mother Shipton (3), Brimstone Moth (1), Burnet Companion (2), Cinnabar (1), Green Carpet (1), Pyrausta aurata (3). "My main reason for making a trip from my new home in Cornwall back to Hampshire was to see the Duke of Burgundy Fritillary at Noar Hill. I have been reading that it has been having a good year. During a nearly 3 hour visit I saw 20 which was good considering that the weather was very cloudy with brief periods when the sun burned through the clouds, the temperature was 16°C. Notable sightings included a very striking blue aberration of a female Common Blue which I managed to photograph and a Green Hairstreak which I spotted on a slope from some distance away with wings closed waiting for the sun. I was able to literally sit next to it admiring how the light reflected on different parts of the green underside."



Duke of Burgundy Common Blue Green Hairstreak

Thursday 19th May

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU59574889) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1), Small Blue (5). "Warm, sunny day, little wind".

Mike Mackrill reports from Mount Joy Cemetery Newport IOW (491878) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1), Glanville Fritillary (8), Dingy Skipper (7), Small Heath (12), Common Blue (20 "Numerous"), Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Its pleasing to see that the Glanville Fritillary was still present actually saw three together on the wing at speed "in close formation " for the want of a better word."



Small Blue



Glanville Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Cams Bay (SU591053) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (300 Larval).

Chris Hall reports from West Eelmoor (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Brimstone (2), Small White (1), Green Hairstreak (5), Common Blue (10), Small Heath (6), Cinnabar (2).

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (main site) (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (16 "in three locations"), Grizzled Skipper (7 "numbers apparently declining now"), Brimstone (4), Green Hairstreak (18 "plentiful currently"), Small Copper (4), Common Blue (83 "not all grasslands visited"), Brown Argus (4 "including two in courtship flight"), Peacock (1 "very faded"), Small Heath (24), Fritillary (3 "all nectaring on birdsfoot trefoil"), Burnet companion (6), Cinnabar (18), Fox Moth (2). "The Fritillaries were observed closely for several minutes while nectaring on birdsfoot trefoil. I am not very familiar with the spring fritillaries because they are all locally extinct in this part of Hampshire, but made detailed notes and conclude they were Glanville! A colleague visited the location on 20th when conditions were more cloudy but saw one at the same location and also concluded it is Glanville Fritillary. NB. Eelmoor is a private site with no public access."

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (6 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Holly Blue (1 "female"), Wall (1 "male taking nectar from Buttercup & Dandelion"), Speckled Wood (9).

Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "5 Male 3 Female"), Small White (3), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small Heath (2), Red Admiral (1), Common Blue (28 "23 Male 5 Females including a mating pair."), Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (1), Green Hairstreak (2), Dingy Skipper (21), Grizzled Skipper (10), Large Skipper (1 "Male"), *Pyrausta aurata* (7), *Pyrausta purpuralis* (4), *Nemophora degerella* (2), Brimstone Moth (1), Burnet Companion (2). "Made a trip back to Hampshire following my move to Pendeen in Cornwall earlier this year, visiting my old haunts in company with my father. One of my favourite sites where we spent just over 2 hours with the temperature was 17.5°C. There were good numbers of Skippers and I was pleased to see a pair of Green Hairstreaks which usually fly near the more scrubby areas. While sitting for lunch a bright orange insect flew past which I soon recognised as a male Large Skipper (my first sighting this year among one or two other species on the day). I can also record seeing a Brimstone Moth fly past me which was promptly eaten in flight by a female Blackbird. I managed to get a photo with the distinctive moth wings protruding from the bird's mouth!"



Common Blue



Brown Argus

Tuesday 17th May

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ29629836) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "male"), Silver-studded Blue (1 "male"). "In the garden at shirleyholms today found an interesting site, in the flower meadow part of the garden i came across a couple of common blue males roosting in the long grass as it was cool and cloudy, but i also found a very early male silver studded in with them and ive not seen them out on the heath yet?"



Silver-studded Blue



Common Blue

Monday 16th May

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250931) where the following observations were made: *albonia geofrella* (7), Small Heath (11), Holly Blue (2), Small Copper (2), Orange-tip (1), Small White (2), Brimstone (2), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (3), little thorn (1). "A short walk mid afternoon across the common on a cooling breeze found the above."

*Albonia geofrella*

Little Thorn



Speckled Wood

Philippa Gordon reports from Martin Down (SU052193) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (30 "2 females"), Brimstone (4 "2 females"), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (6), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (10), Small Blue (40), Small Copper (10), Small Heath (9).

Andy Bolton reports from edge of Paul's Copse, Binley (SU427543) where the following observations were made: Small White (10), Orange-tip (1 "female"), Small Heath (1), Brown Argus (4).

Andy Bolton reports from nr. Beech Hanger Copse, Crux Easton (SU427551) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4).

B P Fletcher reports from Yew Hill BC Reserve and approaches (SU4526) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (53), Small White (2), Green Hairstreak (1 "Ovipositing on Bird's-foot Trefoil"), Dingy Skipper (1), Brown Argus (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Small Heath (6), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (1 "A solitary male"), Speckled Wood (3), Small Blue (2), Large White (1), Brimstone (3). "A very good range of butterflies for this site so early in the year."

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200157750) where the following observations were made: Large White (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476550158100) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474850158750) where the following observations were made: **Small Skipper** (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474900158500) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475300158300) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475250158600) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158850) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Sunday 15th May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I went to Martin Down and specifically to look for the Duke of Burgundy in Kitts Grave, unfortunately I was unsuccessful for a second year in succession. However the areas I was looking in seemed to have had some conservation work which will no doubt aid the specie in the future. There is good clumps of Cowslip dotted around the site, with many large scrubby areas. Species of note were : Speckled Wood (4) Small Heath (5) Small White (1) Small Copper (1) Small Blue (2) Common Blue (5) Brown Argus (3) Dingy Skipper (2) Grizzled Skipper (1) Latticed Heath, Burnet Companions, Silver 'Y' (2). I then spent about two hours over the road in Martin Down in the Bockerly Ditch area, and the following species were of note: Small Heath (27) Peacock (1) Brimstone (15) Orange Tip (2) Small Copper (2) Small Blue uncountable I stopped at 100+, incredible numbers so nice to see they are doing so well at this site. Also the Common Blue was up to 100+ as well with the Adonis Blue getting its highest score for many years at (27) Brown Argus (24) Large Skipper (1) Dingy Skipper (13) Grizzled Skipper (11) many Burnet Companions and Cinnabar Moths."



Small Blue



Small Heath

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (11), Large White (2), Small White (1), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Blue (7).

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm (SU600092) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (12 Larval).

Saturday 14th May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I've just come back from an excellent morning in the New Forest, where in all the 25 years of butterflying and counting Pearl-bordered Fritillaries in different locations, I've never come across this specie in such good numbers. In an Inclosure between 08:00 and 10:30 I counted in excess of 200 individuals. Many were very worn and threadbare, but there are still very good examples of females in very good condition. They were seeking out good areas where there are good flushes of violets. Several of the Inclosures which were felled in the last decade have areas of Pine trees up to 10 feet tall, and obviously these will shade out any areas where the Pearl's breed in a few years. The specie count wasn't great, it never seems to be in the forest. Several Dukes were seen and a Small Heath, Several Common Blues and Speckled Wood's. Also noted along with Speckled Yellow moths. I would wonder how Mr Frohawk would see the New Forest today, probably unrecognisable?"



Three of the 200+



Typical Inclosure in the New Forest



Female PBF at rest

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ473909) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (20), Brimstone (15 "10m 5f"), Speckled Wood (11), Common Blue (9), Grizzled Skipper (5 "enjoying a resurgence in the forest!"), Red Admiral (5), Comma (2), Wall (1), Peacock (1), Large White (1), Dingy Skipper (1 "not seen in the forest before"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (0 "no sightings this Spring, sadly").

Colin Baker reports from Martin Down (SU047190) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (18 "2FM"), Green Hairstreak (2), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (5 "1FM"), Small Heath (12), Dingy Skipper (7), Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (5 "Bentley Wood 3"), Small White (1), Small Blue (15), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (26), Speckled Wood (1), Small Copper (1), Duke of Burgundy (1), Burnet Companion (2 "Martin Down"), Mother Shipton (1 "Martin Down"), Speckled Yellow (75 "Bentley Wood"), Common Carpet (1 "Bentley Wood"). "An early 8-30 start at Martin Down (SU047190) in full sunshine found most of the butterflies sheltering from the cold wind along paths, hollows and the Dyke. A female Adonis Blue that had just emerged and was unable to move, being laden with ova, was very quickly mated only for the pair to be constantly interrupted by interlopers. By 10am the clouds prevailed and the temperature dropped so I left to visit Bentley wood (SU261292) to see the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary for the first time this year. It was looking like rain when I arrived but thankfully the weather improved and I was able to watch a female ovipositing before she retreated to tall stems of grass out of the cold wind. As I was leaving I sighted a mating pair of Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary to end a very enjoyable morning. Speckled Yellow moths were in such high numbers that it seemed possible to count them by weight. Having seen two mating pairs I decided to return home in time to see another big match. Butterflies seen:- Martin Down Adonis Blue 18(2FM); Green Hairstreak 2; Brown Argus 2; Common Blue 5(1FM); Small Heath 12; Dingy Skipper 7; Grizzled Skipper 1; Brimstone

2; Small White 1; Small Blue 15. Moths Burnet Companion 2; Mother Shipton 1 Butterflies seen:- Bentley Wood Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary 26 (2FM); Speckled Wood 1; Small Copper 1; Duke of Burgundy 1; Brimstone 3. Moths seen:- Speckled Yellow 75; Common Carpet 1."



Adonis Blue



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Mark Tutton reports from Brighstone Down (SZ423843) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (10), Dingy Skipper (30), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (6), Cream Spot Tiger (1). "Sarah and I had a couple of lovely days on the isle of wight and spent the first day at Compton Bay where despite the wind we came across plenty of Glanvilles and Adonis Blues as well as two fresh Large Skippers - our first of the year. Today we discovered two small disused chalk pits on Brighstone Down which were teeming with butterflies including numbers of Glanvilles some way from the coast. We retired to the Pointer Inn at Newchurch for lunch [highly recommended] when I nearly squashed a beautiful Cream Spot Tiger on the doormat!!! After a couple of quick pictures - much to the amusement of the locals we released it in a much safer location. A very enjoyable trip".



Cream-spot Tiger

Mark Tutton reports from Compton Bay (SZ373847) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (15), Adonis Blue (12), Dingy Skipper (7), Green Hairstreak (2), Large Skipper (2), Small Copper (2), Brown Argus (4).

Andrew Hutchison reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU509291) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (20), Green Hairstreak (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Heath (3). "A bit breezy in the afternoon, but plenty of common blues on the wing in the sunnier spells."



Common Blue



Large Skipper

Paul Keen reports from Brading Down (SZ598867) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (5), Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (20).

Hazel Rouse reports from Garden in Havant (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Pyrausta Aurata (4 "Regularly here on catmint").

Friday 13th May

mark swann reports from new forest (SU339096) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3).

Graham Dennis reports from Upper Inhams Copse (SU620614) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Common Blue (1), Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (1), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Martin Down NNR (SU047188) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (18 "15M and 3F including mating pair"), Brown Argus (8), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (10), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Blue (14), Common Blue (2), Small Heath (12), Small Copper (1), Large Skipper (1).



Adonis Blue



Adonis Blue

Mike Mackrill reports from Mount Joy Cemetery Newport IOW (491878) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (7 "These were located in a small area of the cemetery (1/8 of the whole area) so it may well be there were others on the wing in this area"), Green Hairstreak (1).



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary

Paul Keen reports from Compton Down (SZ367853) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (5), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (3), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (2), Small Heath (1).



Glanville Fritillary

Paul Keen reports from Newton Harbour NNR (SZ419907) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (5), Grizzled Skipper (1), Common Blue (20), Small Heath (5).

Thursday 12th May

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton, Northern Tracks (SU355485) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (2 "Mating"), Small White (1). "A weak list for a poor area on a day with a cool north wind".

Graham Dennis reports from Ron Wards Meadow (SU600607) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (60).

Graham Dennis reports from Upper Inhams Copse (SU620614) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (8), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (5), Orange-tip (10), Burnet Companion (2), Mother Shipton (1).

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Grizzled Skipper (2), Large White (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (1), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (22), Speckled Wood (3). "All species were seen in the eastern clearing between 0830-1030. Rather cloudy but with intermittent sunshine and quite breezy."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3 Male 1 Female"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Common Blue (9), Dingy Skipper (7), Grizzled Skipper (2). "Sightings recorded this morning."

Bernard Dempsey reports from Bentley Wood (SU262294) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (16). "On entering the lower meadows at Bentley Wood on Thursday afternoon I found this impish looking SPBF waiting for the sunshine. I almost touched it with my wide angle lens and it didn't move! 16 Small Pearls all told flying with some faded and tatty Pearl Bordered, still many Brimstones and Speckled Yellow Moths. The Blue Bugle feeding this new generation of Small Pearls."



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Geoff Jones reports from 'Lee on the Solent (My garden) (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Broad-bordered Bee hawk Moth (1 "Nectaring on valerian - seen again today on the same plants"). "This is the second occasion I have seen this species in my garden - previously about 3 years ago. Two visits in two days must be unusual. I have taken a number of accurate and detail images of the Hawk Moth for reference".



Broad-bordered Beehawk Moth Broad-bordered Beehawk Moth

paul Keen reports from Wheeler's Bay (SZ573776) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (4), Common Blue (2).



Glanville Fritillary

Wednesday 11th May

Andy Bolton reports from Field nr.Cowdown, Andover (SU382432) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (22), Common Blue (11), Burnet Companion (4).

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown (SU648063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Beautiful fresh male").

DAVID JODE - SUSSEX BRANCH reports from MOTTISTONE MANOR GARDEN (SZ405838) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (1).

Tuesday 10th May

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU714250) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (4), Orange-tip (1 Larval).

Graham Dennis reports from Burnt Common (SU623644) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (1), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (5), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (1).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Orange-tip (2), Common Blue (2 "male"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Meadows NNR (SU562621) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (4 "This species occurs here intermittently and this is the best showing for 4 or 5 years."), Small Copper (6 "A good start to the season."), Common Blue (3), Orange-tip (2), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (1), Mother Shipton (2), Brimstone (1), Burnet Companion (2 "a mating pair seen").



Green Hairstreak



Burnet Companion

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalkpit (SZ366854) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (12), Brown Argus (6), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (20), Glanville Fritillary (3), Green Hairstreak (1), Large Skipper (1), Small Blue (10). "By two weeks the earliest large skipper sighting in over ten years."

Andy Bolton reports from Butler's Copse, Ashford Hill (SU561618) where the following observations were made: Drab Looper (8 "Seen a good three weeks earlier than the 2010 first brood").



Drab Looper

Trevor Carpenter writes: "Paulsgrove Chalk Pit - I counted 29 Small Blues along the bottom of the chalk pit between 5 and 6 this evening."

DAVID JODE - SUSSEX BRANCH reports from HATCHET POND (SU364010) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Common Blue (1).

Monday 9th May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Another visit around the Meon Valley sites, and the Duke of Burgundy looks as if its waxing and waning at certain sites. On Southern facing slopes its now looking very ragged and quite faded, whilst on Northern slopes it looks very fresh and looks like it should be at this time of the season. On Old Winchester Hill I located one in amongst some really thick scrub, but they are very hard to find here. On such a large site they are like looking for a needle in a haystack. However other species are doing very well and the Common Blue and Small Heath are very common now. The counts were as follows Small Heath (46) Duke of Burgundy (49) Red Admiral (1) Small White (5) Brimstone (3) Small Copper (5) Orange Tip (9) Common Blue (73) Holly Blue (2) Small Blue (33) Brown Argus (2) Dingy Skipper (27) Grizzled Skipper (2). I then went onto Portsdown Hill to do my transect and the following were seen: Speckled Wood (2) Brimstone (16) Small White (5) Green-Veined White (1) Orange Tip (2) Green Hairstreak (4) Small Blue (10) Common Blue (3) **Large Skipper** (1)

Sue Davies reports from Kingston Boatyard (SZ504945) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (3), Setaceous Hebrew Character Moth (1), Cinnabr Moth (3). "Industrial sight-west facing slopes trimmed fairly short, plenty of vetches."



Dingy Skipper



Setaceous Hebrew Character

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU677063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (1). "I have seen very small numbers of small blue at this site - possibly three individuals all males - most restricted to a stretch of no more than 50m and at present. I have not seen any Kidney Vetch at all. It will be interesting to see what materializes - they may need some help if they are to flourish."

Richard & Ed Merritt reports from Lower Exbury (SZ432990) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Brown Argus (1), Orange-tip (1), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (1).



Green Hairstreak



Brown Argus

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small White (17 "including 2 females"), Small Copper (5), Common Blue (8 "males"), Holly Blue (25 "males"), Speckled Wood (5), Mother Shipton (5).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males"), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (5 "taking buttercup nectar"), Holly Blue (1 "male").

Penny Raynor writes from Chalkhill, South Warnborough (SU 716475) Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary "Ted found this in the party of the garden we have turned into a wild flower meadow. No idea where the nearest colony is. Any idea as to why it should turn up would be welcome."

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (476400157800) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (476150158050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474600158800) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

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Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158300) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Large White (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475300158300) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (3), Small Heath (1).

Sunday 8th May

Chris & Lotte Edwards reports from Martin Down (SU042190) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (10), Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (3), Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (4).

Ashley Whitlock reports on the Butser Hill Field Trip: "When we all gathered in the Butser Hill car-park, it looked very bleak with very dark clouds over head, and blowing a gale, it didn't offer much hope for a good butterflying day. In fact it took right round to the North-Eastern slopes of Ramsdean down before anybody spotted anything, and that was a Duke of Burgundy with its wings folded and trying to keep its head down from the cross winds. However at this point I decided to move behind a line of hedges, and here in a sheltered spot we at last found several Dukes flying about, and Dingy and Grizzled Skippers as well. The sun had shone briefly, and hope was getting up that the afternoon would be a lot better. We took our time descending down the Western side of Ramsdean Down as it was very slippery. At the bottom we had some lunch and here the weather seemed to be perking up as the clouds were moving swiftly and the sun shone and the temperature was rising, and so was the butterfly count. We were encountering many Dukes, many were in very good condition , I suspect many had only just emerged. One male I saw was the 'semibrunnea' Osthelder which is very dark and chocolate in colouration, with very little in the way of Orange markings. We had Colin Beyer and Patrick Fleet to help with the impressive Moths we had seen, several of note were a mating pair of White Ermine, and Wood Tigers were seen on the the Butser Hill slope.By the time we had got around to the steep slope of Butser the sun was out and it was very warm, and the insects were flying around in droves! The impressive counts were as follows: Duke of Burgundy (77) Small Heath (22) Red Admiral (3) Brimstone (7) Large White (1) Small White (4) Orange Tip (1) Green Hairstreak (17) Small Copper (20) Common Blue (22) Brown Argus (1) Dingy Skipper (40) Grizzled Skipper (30); Equally impressive were the moths: Many Cinnabar Moths, Common Carpets, Speckled Yellows, Burnet Companion, Treble Bar, Mullaine caterpillars, White Ermine, Wood Tigers, Cream Spot Tiger caterpillars. Mint Moths. I personally would like to thank everybody for making what looked like a dark and dismal walk into one of the most enjoyable days...many thanks.



White Ermine



Ramsdean Down from Butser



Wood Tiger

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6 "All Males"), Duke of Burgundy (1), Grizzled Skipper (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (3). "The Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and Duke Of Burgundy were in the damper, eastern section of the clearing."



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU344155) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (2 Larval "almost fully grown on wych elm and english elm"), Green Hairstreak (6 "2 females oviposting on birds foot trefoil"), Common Blue (37), Small Copper (2), Brown Argus (6), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (2). "brown argus and white letter hairstreak are breeding on the reserve. all english elm on the reserve is elm suckers which are currently thriving."

Rupert Broadway reports from Yew Hill (SU453264) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (10), Brown Argus (4), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (4).

Rupert Broadway reports from Yew Hill (SU453264) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (10), Brown Argus (4), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (4). "Best selection of spring downland species I've seen at Yew Hill for a number of years, despite the overcast and breezy conditions. Nice to see Dingy there for the 2nd consecutive year."

Bob Holder reports from Nr Standing Hat CP (SU317029) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (0), Common Blue (4), Brimstone (1). "Wonderful to stumble on this unknown (to me) colony."

Bob Holder reports from End of Hurst Castle Spit (SZ300907) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (3).

Keith Godfrey reports from Fletchwood Copse (SU331108) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1).

Hilary Higgins reports from Barnes High, IW Coastal FP (SZ438808) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (3).

Chris Button reports from West Wellow (SU290190) where the following observations were made: Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth (1). "An individual which, over the last 10 days or so and for a few minutes each day, has been coming to Aubretia in my Dad's garden in West Wellow."



Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth

Saturday 7th May

Colin Baker reports from Odiham Common (SU749523) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Orange-tip (5), Brown Argus (2), Small White (1). "With the threat of impending showers I decided to make the short trip to Odiham Common (SU 749 523) to check on the state of emerging moths and to photograph Orange-tip larva. Seeing a Ragged Robin plant (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) was the catalyst to also seeing my first Forester moth of the year but my moth highlight was seeing a Small Yellow Underwing for the first time. Mother Shipton were emerging along with a reasonable show of Burnet Companion and unrecognisable micro moths. In the warm overcast condition most butterflies were seen with wings outstretched taking in the warmth. Altogether another short but interesting visit to my favourite common".



Mother Shipton



Forester



Small Yellow Underwing

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ474911) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15 "13m 2f"), Small Heath (12), Grizzled Skipper (2), Red Admiral (6), Wall (2), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1). "Sadly, no sightings of any Pearl-bordered Fritillaries yet this Spring. The species has been surviving in very small numbers for some years. Much work has been carried by Forest Enterprise with a view to improving habitat for butterfly populations, but there is no evidence that the PBF has responded. It would be a tragedy if this butterfly is lost in Parkhurst and the Isle of Wight."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ475910) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (0). "It's good to read the reports of what appears to be a very successful for the Pearl-bordered Fritillary in Hampshire. Here on the Isle of Wight, I fear that our remaining colony is now extinct. Such a sad realisation...."

mark swann reports from Bentley Wood (SU259293) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (13 "all freshly emerged"). "a very late afternoon visit had me see 21 species of butterfly . p.b.f were everywhere in very good numbers. also dukes were seen in 5 separate areas of the wood. argent and sable and 8 narrow bordered bee hawk moths seen."

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551092) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (4), Orange-tip (4 Larval), Red Admiral (10 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (80 Larval).

Friday 6th May

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711263) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 Egg "all on honisty"), Orange-tip (1 Larval "on lady smock").

Mike Wildish reports from Harrow Way / Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8), Peacock (2), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Martin Down- Bokerley Ditch (SU043193) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (2), Small White (3), Small Heath (32), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Blue (18), Grizzled Skipper (12), Common Blue (8), Adonis Blue (4), Brimstone (8), Brown Argus (5), Small Copper (2), Orange-tip (2), Dingy Skipper (6).



Small Blue

Roger Pendell reports from Martin Down - Kitts Grave Woods (SU036202) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (5), Small Heath (4), Peacock (6), Green Hairstreak (1), Dingy Skipper (4), Small White (3), Brimstone (25), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Small Copper (2), Holly Blue (1), Common Blue (7), Brown Argus (2), Grizzled Skipper (3), Large White (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Keyhaven (SZ313921) where the following observations were made: Wall (3 "All males"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (1), Orange-tip (2). "Short visit to walk the "Ancient Highway" between Lower Pennington Lane and Keyhaven."



Wall

Philippa Gordon reports from Abbotstone Down (SU583359) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (20), Common Blue (2), Grizzled Skipper (5), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (16).



Brown Argus

Robert Guest reports from Blackbushe, Yateley (SU812589) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Small Heath (2), Dingy Skipper (2), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1).

Elaine Rice reports from Brighstone Down (SZ422843) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1 "Photo ID"), Glanville Fritillary (1), Dingy Skipper (10), Common Blue (5), Mother shipton moth (1).

Elaine Rice reports from Jersey Camp (SZ438911) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Small Heath (4), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (2 "male"), Large White (1). "A burnet moth seen but not known if 5 spot or 6 spot - very early!"

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "including 1 female"), Green-veined White (1 "taking hawthorn nectar"), Holly Blue (2 "male & female"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2 "1 ovipositing on gorse"), Small Copper (1 "taking buttercup nectar"), Brown Argus (2 "males"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Small White (2 "males"), Mother Shipton (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small Copper (1), Brown Argus (8 "males"), Common Blue (16 "males"), Small Heath (6), Peacock (1), Mother Shipton (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), Common Blue (5 "males"), Small Heath (10).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "3 Male 3 Female"), Small White (6), Large White (1), Orange-tip (3 "Males"), Small Heath (1), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Common Blue (7), Small Copper (1), Dingy Skipper (9), Grizzled Skipper (2). "A morning spent at Chalton Down where the temperature was 17°C."

B P Fletcher reports from Yew Hill BC Reserve and approaches (SU4526) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (16), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (2), Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (3 "All on the reserve"), Dingy Skipper (9 "All on the reserve"), Common Blue (24), Brown Argus (1), Small Heath (16 "10 on the reserve").

Thursday 5th May

Mike Duffy writes from Martin Down: "In a visit between 08:00 and 11:00, I saw the following butterflies 2 Adonis Blue, many Grizzled Skippers (45 minimum), 3 + Dingy Skipper, a few Small Blue, 2 + Common Blue, 5 + Brown Argus, 10 + Small Heath, 3 + Green Hairstreak, 1 Brimstone, 1 Speckled Wood, 1 Green Veined White and a Cinnabar moth."



Adonis Blue



Small Blue



Cinnabar

Roger Pendell reports from Butser Hill Grandfathers Bottom (SU714201) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (30), Green Hairstreak (9), Dingy Skipper (35), Small Copper (18), Small Heath (22), Grizzled Skipper (15), Common Blue (7), Brown Argus (1), Small White (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down Original Reserve (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Orange-tip (5), Green Hairstreak (27), Large White (2), Brimstone (18), Small Heath (5), Small Blue (3), Common Blue (32), Red Admiral (2), Brown Argus (37), Grizzled Skipper (6), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Cowes cycleway (SZ504924) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5 "4m 1f"), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (4), Holly Blue (3).

Stuart Read reports from Medham, Northwood, IOW (SZ499940) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (3), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (1), Orange-tip (1), Dingy Skipper (20). "This field is a real find, and it's supporting a very large colony of Dingy Skippers. The duration of my visit was less than 15 minutes and I counted over 20 Dingies in a very small section of the site in that time. They were very active and battling not only one another but anything else that impinged on their space!".

david Beeson reports from Harewood Forest (SU404453) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2 "at least two").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Mother Shipton (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (5 Pupal).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan(north-west)(including Fort Rowner),Gosport (SU592011) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males"), Holly Blue (5 "males"), Speckled Wood (9).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan(south-west)(including Fort Grange),Gosport (SU589001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking Red Campion nectar"), Small White (11), Green-veined White (5 "3 males & 2 females,taking nectar from Herb Robert & Red & White Campion"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brown Argus (2 "males"), Common Blue (3 "males"), Holly Blue (3 "males").

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Green Hairstreak (2 "taking bluebell nectar"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth (1 "taking bluebell nectar; on the body were 2 black bars and below them 2 orange-yellow patches on either side of a narrow black central line,clearly visible through binoculars at 2.5m. ").

Wednesday 4th May

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711262) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Orange-tip (1 Egg).

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (su278482) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (3), Small Blue (6), Small Heath (1), Duke of Burgundy (2), Brown Argus (6), Green Hairstreak (4), Comma (1).

mark swann reports from new forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (531), Common Blue (1). "superb numbers on the wing . still only a part count as didnt get south of the railway line and missed some good core areas."

David Buckler reports from Noar Hill (SU740320) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (0), Dingy Skipper (0), Brown Argus (1), Orange-tip (3), Small Heath (3), Peacock (2), Green-veined White (3).

David Buckler reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU800430) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth (1 "Fed on bugle briefly."), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (2), Brown Argus (1), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (3). "Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth, did not appear to have thick dark banding of broad bordered, and was more bumble-bee like, similar to photo in 2009 report."

Mervyn Grist reports from Shipton Bellinger - West (SU2145) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (17), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (1), Small Heath (6). "Visited this area with Mike Wildish and searched alongside the Wiltshire border. The Grizzled Skippers survive despite the extreme rabbit grazing."

Mervyn Grist reports from Shipton Bellinger - Halters Hole (SU2144) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (3), Grizzled Skipper (5), Brimstone (5), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (1). "Extension of visit with Mike Wildish alongside the Wiltshire border. Some scrub areas sheltered from the strong breeze."

Lynn Fomison reports seeing the first ever Green Hairstreak in her garden. Lynn suggests we all keep a good watch for unusual butterflies in unusual places as the warm & fine weather is encouraging species to disperse.

Andy Bolton reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (67 "Numbers are well up to scratch."), Small Blue (8 "Very good and very early for this small colony- a mating pair also seen."), Grizzled Skipper (4), Common Blue (13), Green Hairstreak (2), Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (4), Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (1), Comma (1), Burnet Companion (1).



Small Blue

Alex Newman reports from 106, Giffard Drive, Farnborough, GU14 8QD (SU858565) where the following observations were made: Swallowtail (1 "1 adult female landed on a rough patch of grass next to a compost heap"). "1 adult female landed on a rough patch of grass next to the compost heap in my garden. It was there only for a couple of minutes as before I got a chance to get my camera it had flown away."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Flew briefly over garden"), Mint Moth (1 "Busy laying eggs on Water Mint").

Tuesday 3rd May

dave joan harrop reports from butser hill (su714210) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (14), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Copper (15), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (10). "should have sent in but got distracted, a good walk from car park over ramsdean down, then down in to rakes bottom and back to car park".

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Woodfidley (SU3404) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Common Blue (2 "Female"), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (1).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Cowes cycleway (SZ503926) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6 "5m 1f"), Speckled Wood (3), Green Hairstreak (3), Grizzled Skipper (1), Common Blue (1), Brown Argus (1), Red Admiral (1 "being bullied by a speckled wood, on whose patch of dappled shade it was intruding!"), Wall (1), Large White (2), Small White (2), Small Heath (2). "I discovered a butterfly haven in a rough pasture abutting the cycle-path. There, I saw the Wall, the Grizzled Skipper, the Small Heaths, the Brown Argus and the Common Blue. This little haven is located near Medham and is well worth a visit. I intend to explore it more thoroughly next time I ride along the cycle-path."

Sue Davies reports from roadside at start of path to St Catherine's Oratory (SZ492765) where the following observations were made: Wall (4).



Wall

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (2), Green Hairstreak (4), Holly Blue (3 "2 female"), Common Blue (3 "male"), Small Copper (2 "male"), Brimstone (1 "female"), Orange-tip (4 "2 female"), Small White (5 "1 female"), Large White (2 "male"), Green-veined White (2 "male"). "in the garden in the forest, found the above."

dave joan harrop reports from butser hill (su714210) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (14), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Copper (15), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (10). "should have sent in but got distracted, a good walk from car park over ramsdean down, then down in to rakes bottom and back to car park".



Duke of Burgundy

Grizzled Skipper

Unknown caterpillar

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I ventured into the Test Valley area and looked at how the woodlands and meadows were doing, especially part of the Thytherley woods project. I started off on the Hampshire side of the border in the Bentley Wood complex, and here the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary has been doing really well, especially in the grassy areas of recently coppiced areas, large areas have been removed of Pine trees, and here the grassy areas are alive with the PBF. I also looked at areas where the Duke flies and in Bentley Wood it was recorded in the Eastern Clearing in late April, which must be one of the earliest recordings of the Woodland variant ever recorded. In a recently coppiced woodland strip nearby to a National Trust site the Duke has moved into this area, from a nearby meadow. I went to other sites and the full complement of recordings are as follows: Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (126) near one site they were recorded flying along a minor road! Duke of Burgundy (49) Brimstone (19) Orange Tip (12) Small White (8) Green -Veined White (9) Small Copper (4) Common Blue (4) Grizzled Skipper (9) Dingy Skipper (1) Speckled Wood (4) Holly Blue (2) Large White (1) Many Speckled Yellows, Broad-Bordered Bee Hawk Moths were also noted in a meadow.



Pearl-bordered Fritillary Typical coppiced woodland

Karen White & Mary Osborn reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (61 "Super to see so many of these today.").



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Pearl-bordered Fritillary

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Winterdown Copse Roadside (SU388355) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (4), Duke of Burgundy (14 "Some were patrolling the roadside verge"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7). "Seen from the road opposite a large barn. The coppiced wood enables you to see some way in, and we saw one mating pair of Dukes through binoculars."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Bentley Wood East Clearing (SU2629) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Small White (1), Orange-tip (2), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Duke of Burgundy (2), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (39).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Basking on Pulmonaria"), Mint Moth (1 "Investigating Water Mint").

Monday 2nd May

Lisa Baker-Richardson reports from Stockbridge Downs (SU372352) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Small Heath (1), Grizzled Skipper (12), Small Copper (6), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (1), Green-veined White (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (2), Brown Argus (3), Red Admiral (1).

dave joan harrop reports from New Forest (SU334038) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (15), Speckled Wood (6).

Chris Edwards reports from St Catherines Hill, Winchester (SU48432801) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2).



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Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551092) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (60 Larval), Small Heath (1).

Thelma Smalley reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU511295) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (200 "From the entrance towards the corral saw at least 100, many were basking in the hedgerow. Lots more seen while walking down to area E and still more at the eastern end of the Original.").

R Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (1), Green Hairstreak (7), Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (3), Holly Blue (3).

Mervyn Grist reports from Pilot Hill south east (SU3958) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (8), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Copper (24), Brown Argus (21), Common Blue (58), Small Heath (12). "With Graeme Davis traverses were made along two levels of this large west facing hillside that is distant from the Pilot Hill Transect. The slope's aspect cut off the strong wind giving a warm afternoon micro-climate - hence the species numbers.".

Andy Bolton reports from Stubbington Down, Kingsclere (SU520570) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7 "In adjacent thick scrubby woodland"), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Copper (0 "Nectaring on dandelion."). "Little seen due to exposed location on this very windy day.".

Andy Bolton reports from The Warren, nr. Kingsclere. (SU515566) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (15), Brown Argus (13), Dingy Skipper (28 "More abundant than I've ever seen at this site."), Small Heath (6), Grizzled Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (4), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Suitable looking nettle patches around."), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (2), Small Copper (2), Pyrausta nigrata (2). "A very satisfactory visit.".

Andy Bolton reports from Combe Hole, nr. Kingsclere. (SU511569) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (2), Dingy Skipper (6), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (2).

Andy Bolton reports from roadside nr. Micheldever Station (SU520446) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Sunday 1st May

Ashley Whitlock writes from Beacon Hill NNR: "Today I visited one of those sites that I only seem to visit at the end of the butterfly season, however today I was pleasantly surprised what I saw. Over the last couple of seasons, there have been efforts to see if the Duke of Burgundy still exists at this site, and in 2009 a major survey was carried out in its main flight period, and in 2010, it was also surveyed, and this year 2011, I thought I would go and have a look for myself. The site is vast, and is well over a mile from the car-park before you even hit any downland, which looks remotely like anything that resembles what a Duke of Burgundy would even think about flying around in. Most of the site is grazed by sheep, especially on the very steep southern slopes, this is obviously to keep the sward the right height for the sheeps fescue to grow in for the Silver-Spotted Skipper. I ventured well over to the Northern and Eastern slopes, and here it was full of Cowslip, which is Abundant. The scrub is not ideal in places, but it has pleasing areas of sward height and scallopes on the fringes of the downland where Dukes would or could be found. I spent well over an hour on site, with my wife in tow, with an extra pair of eyes at a site like this you certainly need them! It was not ideal conditions with a very strong cool eastern wind, and a very sultry sun which only seemed to have any effect when the wind occasionally dropped. I had almost given up when I decided to look at a small area of scrub before getting back onto the track back up to the car-park. I had thatureka moment, one male Duke was flying around in a small scrubby area defending its territory against Small Coppers and Dingy Skippers. I was so pleased, I find seeing one here is more exciting than 50 or so at Noar Hill! The full count was as follows: Speckled Wood (2) Small Heath (2) Red Admiral (5) Brimstone (22) Small White (2) Green-Veined White (5) Orange Tip (6) Green Hairstreak (3) Small Copper (11) Common Blue (10) Holly Blue (2) Brown Argus (2) Dingy Skipper (31) Grizzled Skipper (13) Common Carpet Moth (5)."



Duke of Burgundy



Beacon Hill NNR

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Broughton Down (SU291289) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (7), Brown Argus (4), Dingy Skipper (3), Common Blue (4), Large White (1), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (1).

peter gardner reports from westbury park (SU651234) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (1), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (3), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (5), Speckled Wood (3), demoiselles (1).



Beautiful Demoiselle



Dingy Skipper

gary palmer reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (9 "male"), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (15), Green-veined White (4). "afternoon walk in the forest found the above".

Roger Pendell reports from Bentley Wood Eastern Clearing (SU258291) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (30), Speckled Wood (3), Small White (1), Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (6), Green-veined White (3), Grizzled Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (1).

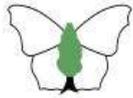


Pearl-bordered Fritillary

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Saturday 30th April

[peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west \(SU699271\)](#) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (0 Larval).



Small Tortoiseshell larva

[Thelma Smalley reports from Fob Down \(SU575333\)](#) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Large White (4), Small White (10), Orange-tip (3), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Blue (4), Brown Argus (3), Holly Blue (5), Peacock (1).

[Hannah Hardman reports from Portsdown Hill \(footpath south of Fort Purbrook\) \(SU677063\)](#) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Holly Blue (29), Small White (8), Speckled Wood (7), Green Hairstreak (3), Common Blue (21), Small Copper (2), Small Blue (3). "This area is a good location for Green Hairstreaks, Small Blues and Small Coppers. Unfortunately not today but in past years I have also seen Dingy Skipper here."

[Cressida Wheelwright reports from Manor Farmhouse, Moundsmere \(SU625432\)](#) where the following observations were made: Adela reaumurella (200 "Swarming in Magnolia stellata tree in full sunshine"), Holly Blue (1 "In garden"), Orange-tip (1 "In garden"), Brimstone (1 "in garden"). "I didn't know what the large black flies with extremely long antennae were until I looked them up on the web!".

[Stuart Read reports from St George's Down \(SZ506879\)](#) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (9), Holly Blue (3), Comma (1), Peacock (2), Small Copper (1), Large White (2), Small White (2).

[Stuart Read reports from Firestone Copse \(SZ554911\)](#) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "9m 1f"), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (1), Orange-tip (1).

[Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down \(SU504291\)](#) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (8), Common Blue (14), Brimstone (19), Green Hairstreak (52), Orange-tip (8), Grizzled Skipper (10), Small Heath (7), Brown Argus (5), Small White (6), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (3).



Brown Argus

[Mark Tutton reports from the New Forest](#) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (23), Speckled Wood (5).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

[Mark Tutton reports from Magdalen Hill Down \(SU501293\)](#) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (14), Brown Argus (14), Common Blue (13), Brimstone (8), Orange-tip (3), Holly Blue (1), Small Heath (10), Grizzled Skipper (9), Dingy Skipper (3). "My first visit to MDH as part of the HIOWBC photography workshop lovely reserve with lots to see A credit to all concerned. thanks to the organizers fo a great day."

[Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse area Yarmouth \(SZ358890\)](#) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Brown Argus (2), Comma (1), Holly Blue (2), Large White (2), Orange-tip (9), Peacock (7), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (2), Small Tortoiseshell (6), Small White (5), Speckled Wood (2), Wall (3). "lovely woodland boundary and meadow to south of Mill copse, always reliable site for Wall, Brown Argus, sun,warm sheltered from cool N wind F4-5".



Featured area

B P Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU5030) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (22), Peacock (3), Holly Blue (7), Orange-tip (16), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (1), Green Hairstreak (36), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (14), Brown Argus (1).

David Tinling reports from Exbury Estate (SU428008) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 male & 1 female"), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (4 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (2 "1 male & 1 female"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(south-west) (SZ419999) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (3 "males"), Dingy Skipper (21), Green Hairstreak (4), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (2 "1 male & 1 blue female"), Speckled Wood (2), Silver Y Moth (5), Mother Shipton (1), Burnet Companion (1).

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(south-east) (SZ421997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(north-west) (SZ418001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(north-east) (SZ423005) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males").

Friday 29th April

Andrew Hodgson reports from Martin Down (SU037200) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (0).



Green Hairstreak

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU710265) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 Larval "on plant in the garden,has eaten two eggs").



Orange-tip

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ572783) where the following observations were made: **Adonis Blue** (3), Brown Argus (20), Common Blue (8), Small Copper (3), Orange-tip (1), Dingy Skipper (1). "Speckled yellow moth as well. Brown arguses are in pristine condition and remind me of the Terry's plain chocolate orange!".

R Boyd reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647211) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Green-veined White (1).



Small Copper



Grizzled Skipper



Green-veined White

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Royal Wedding Day - Despite all the hype, with an extra day off, I thought I would chance my arm in the Queen Elizabeth Country Park area. The weather was very cool to say the least, and finding anything was a struggle from 10:00 until 12:00 when the sun did shine and the temperature went up by at least 5 degrees. I found the Duke of Burgundy is still wandering and found it in the Butser Hill car-park and a good number in a scrubby area on top of Ramsdean Down, where Ive never noted them before. At Oxenbourne the count was well over double figures for the first time for many years. So things this year have been good so far, and its still just April! The final total for the Duke was (72) other species of note were Small Heath (4) Red Admiral (1) Peacock (1) Brimstone (64) Large White (1) Small White (7) Green-Veined White (1) Orange Tip (12) Green Hairstreak (1) Small Copper (21) the best count Ive ever had in the spring especially in April! Common Blue (17) Holly Blue (2) Brown Argus (1) Dingy Skipper (56) Grizzled Skipper (40) also a Mother Shipton Moth Several Speckled Yellows."



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy



Grizzled Skipper

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU702258) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (11), Holly Blue (4), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (2), Small White (1).



Orange-tip



Red Admiral

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ471909) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14 "10m 4f"), Speckled Wood (9), Small Heath (3), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Grizzled Skipper (1). "Conditions were generally overcast. A nightingale was in song in thicket near the pond: one was heard in the same location last Spring."

Thursday 28th April

Mike Duffy writes: "In a 3 hour plus walk around the Keyhaven/Pennington area, in North Easterly winds, very few butterflies on the wing, 1 Wall Brown, 3 Speckled Wood and a Small White, plus a Hairy Dragonfly , were the only insects of note seen."



Wall

Alan Thornbury reports from Bradley Wood (SU459516) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1 "Male"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (5), Brimstone (4), Peacock (3), Large White (1). "All species were seen in the wide glade at the southern end of the wood."



Duke of Burgundy



Grizzled Skipper

Wednesday 27th April

Ashley Whitlock, Duke of Burgundy Co-ordinator, writes: " I was intrigued by the report of the Duke of Burgundy at Charlton Down sighted by Roy Symonds. It doesn't come at any great surprise to me as I think they are elsewhere in this small area near to Queen Elizabeth Country Park. There have been sightings from Compton Down in the 1970's on the Hampshire side. Also Idsworth Down would be worth a look, as it has surprised myself in the past with the Silver-Spotted Skipper in 2009.I also think there maywell be an isolated colony in Barnetts Copse, based on good areas of Primrose, these may well have come from the fragmented colonies from the West Sussex areas of the West Harting Downs. Females have a tendency to wander from the main colonies looking for fresh Cowslip, an example eggs have been found in Wiltshire 30 miles away from a main colony, so these areas are well worth a look."

R. Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1).

Rupert Broadway reports from Yew Hill (SU452265) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (3), Green Hairstreak (2), Speckled Wood (2), Common Whitethroat (1 "Singing."). "A lunchtime wander around Yew Hill just as the sun was trying to break through produced the first sightings of Green Hairstreak I've had at the reserve for a number of years."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU704260) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (0), Red Admiral (0), Orange-tip (1).



Green-veined White



Orange-tip



Red Admiral

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "Male"), Orange-tip (7 "5 Male 2 Female"), Holly Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (15), Grizzled Skipper (2). "A trip this morning to Chalton Down where the temperature was 17°C."

gary palmer reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Brimstone (29), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (2), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5 " all male"). "A late afternoon walk in the forest found the above".



Pearl-bordered Fritillary Pearl-bordered Fritillary Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (Paulsgrove Quarry) (SU635066) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3 "All males"), Common Blue (1 "Male"). "This is the first time I have ever recorded Small Blue and Common Blue in April!".



Small Blue

Small Blue

Maurice Opie & Kevin Coker reports from Westbury Park (SU659234) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small Copper (1), Duke of Burgundy (10 "minimum number seen"), Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (20 "minimum number seen"), Dingy Skipper (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (14), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (2), Comma (1).



Duke of Burgundy

Green Hairstreak

Duke of Burgundy

mark swann reports from new forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (300). "only managed to get through 3 enclosures normally do 7. on one ride would normally be lucky to get 10 but today broke the 100 with at least 20 freshly emerged. found p.b.f s emerging in loads of new areas".

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "Males"), Brown Argus (2), Small Heath (1). "Seen on South East end of the Original at lunchtime".

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (13 "a strong emergence for this site"), Grizzled Skipper (17 "already well-dispersed in suitable grassland"), Brimstone (16), Small White (2), Green Hairstreak (7 "some nectaring on hawthorn blossom"), Small Copper (4 "My first of 2011, and the earliest Eelmoor record since 2002"), Speckled Wood (6), Small Heath (3 "the earliest site record by over two weeks"). "No common blues seen, but they must be imminent in this exceptional April weather".

Tuesday 26th April

Roger Pendell reports from Rotherlands LNR (SU767237) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8), Orange-tip (9), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Small White (3), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2).

peter gardner reports from froxfield green lane (SU707276) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (11), Orange-tip (9 "5m 4 f"), Holly Blue (5), Red Admiral (2), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).



Orange-tip

Small Tortoiseshell

Mark Tutton reports from Paulsgrove Chalk pi (SU638065) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (14), Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (7), Small White (7).

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2), Holly Blue (22), Brimstone (7), Orange-tip (4), Green Hairstreak (5), Speckled Wood (4), Large White (3), Small White (7), Common Blue (4), Small Blue (1). "Had my first common blues of the year and also my first small blue which I have not seen here in recent years - a sign of good things I hope".

mark swann reports from new forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (100). "looks like we are in for a bumper year for pearls . knew things might be good when a couple were flying in the car park but got into the forest numbers were staggering every foot step sent a p.b.f up. stopped counting at 100+ .also best show of bugle and other nectar sources for years .only visited one site so numbers for the whole forest could be massive. if you do one butterfly trip this year make sure its to the new forest not to be missed".

Dave Law from the Dorset Branch writes: "Made a trip from Dorset to Noar Hill and was,nt disappointed . 40+ Duke of Burgundy of mixed sex throughout all of the pits , many of the females egg laying . Also Orange tips (5),Dingy Skipper (10) , 1 Grizzled Skipper and a Holly Blue around the holly tree , presumably laying as well and a couple of Speckled Woods . On the way home I stopped at Bentley Wood to see 30 + Pearl Bordered Fritillaries flying rapidly around the Eastern Clearing with only 2 being female which again were egg laying . Numbers of PBF are building nicely with the females just starting to emerge . Also seen were 5 Grizzled Skippers , Brimstones , Orange Tips and Specked Woods , but the

highlight was an immaculate female Duke which was fighting of the attention of 2 confused male PBF which would not leave her alone . With eggs being layed so early by the Dukes at Noar Hill the chance of a partial second brood cannot be discounted !!!"

David Nordell reports from Blackgang Chine, Chale IW (SZ510748) where the following observations were made: Wall (1), Small Copper (2), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (12), Small White (4), Holly Blue (5).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "2 female"), Orange-tip (4 "3 male"), Green-veined White (4 "all male"), Small White (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (5), Small Copper (1 "male"), Green Hairstreak (3), Holly Blue (3 "2 female egg laying"). "day spent working in the garden at shirley holms, plenty of butterflys about except for lack of nymphalids at the moment, but made up for by my best green hairstreak tally in 14 years."



Green Hairstreak

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Cowes cyclepath (SZ501924) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (8 "7m 1f"). "The Orange Tip is having a phenomenal year! Saw a number of other "whites" that I couldn't identify."

Philippa Gordon reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260296) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1 "Female. Really surprised to see her here, thanks to Dave from Sturminster Newton for pointing her out! Whilst we watched her she attracted the attention of 2 male PBFs who were clearly confused!"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (30 "there were at least 25 males and 5 females if not more. "). "Bentley Wood yet again proved to be a most spectacular location for a walk this afternoon, every step across the Eastern clearing sent up one or two PBFs and we were very excited to see the Duke (or should that be Duchess?)".



Duke of Burgundy



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (3), Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Sue Davies reports from Tennyson down (SZ324853) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "male, cliffside habitat see pic"), Grizzled Skipper (17 "very variable colouring from black/white to chestnut"), Holly Blue (1), Large White (3 "2 male 1 female"), Orange-tip (3 "male"), Red Admiral (7), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (2), Wall (1 "down cliff photographed with long lens"). "areas cleared in last 2 years providing v good habitat for Grizzled skipper".



Grizzled Skipper



Grizzled Skipper



Wall

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (3 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (50 Larval).

Monday 25th April

Mark tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU677063) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (9), Holly Blue (15), Large White (2), Brimstone (5), Orange-tip (3), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (1 "First of the year"), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Four Spotted Chaser (0 "First dragonfly of the year "). "Quick 45mins at my local site and just fabulous - butterflies were everywhere and I cannot recall seeing quite so many Holly Blues for a long time - hope the summer continues in this vein! First Small heath and a female Four Spotted Chaser started the day just great."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited several sites within the Butser Hill complex today Oxenbourne Down is now becoming rapidly overgrown in many parts of the site, but on a good note I did see the Duke in a completely new area, with lots of scrub, but very little Cowslip of note. Other sites visited was Butser Hill and the surrounding area, here the Duke is thriving, with many slopes covered in Cowslips, especially on the North-western facing sides. The counts were as follows Duke of Burgundy:(35) Speckled Wood (4) Red Admiral (4) Peacock (3) Brimstone (16) Green-veined White (2) Orange Tip (14) Green Hairstreak (3) Small Copper (7) Dingy Skipper (21) Grizzled Skipper (41)"



Small Copper



Little Butser Hill



Green Hairstreak

Martin Pitt reports from Stockbridge Down E (SU381349) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (6), Green Hairstreak (4), Small Copper (2), Brimstone (60), Grizzled Skipper (14), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (6), Small White (4), Comma (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1).

Jon Stokes reports from Portsdown (SU618064) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1 "Astonishingly early small blue today. In 30 years of studying this colony, this is the earliest I have ever recorded by some three weeks. A cracking, newly emerged male. "). "Had a call from my father at lunchtime saying that he had a male small blue in the garden (a large chalk downland garden on Portsdown, with its own colony of small blues). Thinking that he had mistaken a holly blue, I went to check as he was so insistent, but to my great surprise there was a beautiful, freshly emerged male small blue. In 30 years of studying this colony, this is the earliest record by some three weeks, and was an amazing late April sight."

Alan Thornbury reports from Botley Wood (SU546102) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (6 "At SU546102"), Grizzled Skipper (3 "At SU546098"). "It's good to see that Grizzled Skipper fortunes in Botley Wood continue to improve, with 9 seen there during a late afternoon visit today. They were seen in two different locations either side of the electricity substation access road - 6 in the east-west ride at SU546102 and a further 3 in the open swathe at SU546098."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ474909) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (35 "25m, 10f"), Holly Blue (9), Speckled Wood (5), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Small White (10).

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ509877) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (25 "17m, 8f"), Holly Blue (8), Speckled Wood (6), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Copper (1), Large White (2), Small White (2). "Also, a orange-brown butterfly that I was unable to identify, but could have been a Wall Brown."

Stuart Read reports from Mount Joy cemetery (SZ495877) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2 "fighting vigorously!"), Holly Blue (3).

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708207) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (10), Duke of Burgundy (20), Small Copper (4), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Heath (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Orange-tip (3).

David Lobb reports from Lordswood (GU35621836) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2 "one flying past back garden and the other taking in the sun on a camelia bush"), Brimstone (2 "On the wing one male and one female"), *Adela reaumurella* (1 "Noted on Wall Flower in back garden until chased off by a hover fly").



Adela reaumurella

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ575783) where the following observations were made: [Brown Argus](#) (8), [Wall](#) (4), Small White (3). "First of season for both wall and brown argus. The brown argus were very fresh and the walls very lively making them almost impossible to photograph."

Steven Penn reports from Noar Hill (SU738323) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (4), Green Hairstreak (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Large White (1), Common Carpet Moth (1).

Steven Penn reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU792432) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (3), Slow Worm (1), Common Carpet Moth (1), Cuckoo (1 "Calling from outside reserve boundary"), Buzzard (1), Sparrowhawk (1), Kestrel (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7 "Males"), Small White (6), Brimstone (2 "Males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (5), Dingy Skipper (12), Grizzled Skipper (4). "A wonderful morning the temperature was 17°C."

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood (SU5310) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1 "First for me since the early 1990's"), Grizzled Skipper (20 "All over the wood, in every suitable ride"), Dingy Skipper (4).

Andrew Brookes reports from Cams Bay, Fareham (SU585055) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Brimstone (12 Egg), Orange-tip (8), Small White (3), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (6).

Andrew Brookes reports from Grub Coppice margin (SU601087) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (2), Small White (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Boarhunt Mill meadow (SU606091) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Red Admiral (2 Egg), Peacock (2), Holly Blue (1).

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs (SZ3485) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3 "all male"), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (2 "male"), Small Heath (3). "weather sunny, hot, northerly wind F3-4 photos of all species to confirm and habitat shots".



Small Copper

Sue Davies reports from Compton Lanslip West (SZ369849) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5 "males"), Glanville Fritillary (1), Small Blue (3 "males"), Small Copper (2), Small Copper (0). "Extreme western end of lanslip very dry- large patch of kidney vetch accessible half way up cliff- see photo- small blues present".



David Holt reports from Bentley Wood (SU259292) where the following observations were made: Argent & Sable (1 "pitched briefly three times within view"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (16 "very fresh"), Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (4 "along the main track"), Grizzled Skipper (2 "Barnridge Copse"), Speckled Yellow (2 "Barnridge Copse (in cop)"), Puss Moth (0 "Almost comatose"). "PBF seen at three locations along the main track as well as in the East clearing. The Puss Moth was near the two Dragonfly ponds."



Argent & Sable



Puss Moth



Speckled Yellow

Sunday 24th April

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited several Duke sites within the Meon Valley again today and the Duke has surpassed itself for the last week in April. Such numbers are unprecedented at this time of the year. I do not think in all my time I've been the Duke Co-ordinator I've seen so many at this time of the year. The only downside to all of this is if the weather breaks, with inevitably it will, they will suffer with any wet and windy weather, and they will be all but over by the middle of May. One site visited Westbury Park I noted them in (2) new areas, one was seen on the footpath leading up to the site, and one was also seen on territory on the edge of the habitat, where the scrub is now sufficient to support them on the side of the farmers fields! The general countdown was Duke of Burgundy (98) Small Heath (2) Grizzled Skipper (8) Dingy Skipper (8) Green Hairstreak (2) Orange Tip (22) Brimstone (15) Holly Blue (2) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Red Admiral (4) Peacock (4) Comma (1) Small White (10) Green Veined White (3) Speckled Wood (3) Silver 'Y' Moth (1) and at least (2) Cuckoo's."



Duke of Burgundy



Westbury Park



Dingy Skipper

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (19), Orange-tip (1), Large White (4), Speckled Wood (26).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Noar Hill (SU745320) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (13), Duke of Burgundy (12), Orange-tip (6), Peacock (1), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1). "All observations made within around 60 minutes."

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from National Trust land NE of Selborne (SU746341) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (10).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Wick Hill Farm (SU754352) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "In good condition").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Binswood Common (SU759368) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from King John's Hill, E Worldham (SU756375) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from E Worldham (SU752379) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU706269) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (10), Red Admiral (3), Orange-tip (21 "15m 6 f"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (7), Comma (2), Large White (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1).



Holly Blue



Holly Blue



Orange-tip

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown Cycleway (SZ502871) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (8), Small White (8), Holly Blue (1). "Also, a Red Admiral and a Small Tortoiseshell and more Orange Tips at Whitecroft's cricket ground."

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (3), Holly Blue (5), Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (6), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (3). "A short walk across the common and down into becton bunny found the above".

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3).

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Dingy Skipper (32), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (10), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Headley Gravel Pit (SU511627) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (2), Large White (2), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (3), Speckled Wood (2).

Saturday 23rd April

Ian Pratt writes: " Today I visited Wheelers Bay, Ventnor where I saw 7 [Glanville Fritillaries](#).



Glanville Fritillaries

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Jonathan Cook reports from New Forest (su3202) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7 "6 Male 1 Female"), Brimstone (6 "5 Male 1 Female"), Small White (2), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (2), Dingy Skipper (10), Grizzled Skipper (4). "A hot morning with temperatures reaching 24°C. No sign of the Duke of Burgundy Fritillary that I saw yesterday but good numbers of Dingy Skippers."

peter gardner reports from butser hill lower slopes (SU708208) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (8 "7m"), Brimstone (3 "2m"), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (1), Duke of Burgundy (16), Grizzled Skipper (7), Dingy Skipper (3), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Peacock (2).



Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Burgundy

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260296) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (16 "Most if not all males."). "16 Pearl-bordered Fritillaries seen mainly in the northern and eastern sections of the Eastern clearing. Most were very active in the warm midday sunshine. The highlight was finding a newly emerged male, hanging underneath a bramble leaf, antennae right back and in the final stages of expanding its wings before flight. After a few low level and uncertain flutterings, it finally took off after about 15 minutes, and wasted little time in starting to chase its cousins!"



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

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Mark Pike reports from Martin Down. (SU049199) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (18), Dingy Skipper (8), Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (10), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (15), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (2), Small Blue (1 "Earliest I have seen one, very fresh."), Small Copper (4), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (5).



Small Blue

Rupert & Sharron Broadway reports from Danebury (SU323378) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (20), Dingy Skipper (6), Green-veined White (5), Brimstone (20), Green Hairstreak (2), Orange-tip (1), Small Heath (1). "Perfect weather and good to see so many spring butterflies."

Friday 22nd April

Paul Ritchie reports from Magdalen Hill (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (16), Peacock (2), Holly Blue (19), Green Hairstreak (46), Small White (4), Red Admiral (2), Grizzled Skipper (9), Large White (3), Brimstone (17), Speckled Wood (2), Small Copper (5). "I lead a small trip around Magdalen Hill for two fellow enthusiasts, arriving at 10.30am and leaving at 1.30pm. My partner Sue was doing the count. Compared to the previous day a Grizzled was spotted along the top path (new section) and quite a few of the Green Hairstreaks were feeding along the bottom path (old section) where the Small Coppers were present".



Green Hairstreak



Small Copper



Grizzled Skipper

Paul Ritchie reports from Noar Hill (SU739320) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (38), Dingy Skipper (15), Holly Blue (4), Small White (6), Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (12), Green Hairstreak (1), Peacock (1). "After our morning trip to Magdalen we headed over to Noar Hill for the afternoon and were blessed with plentiful Dukes and a good number of Dingy's, which were the purpose of our visit."



Duke of Burgundy



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes East (SU365465) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (4), Green-veined White (1).

Mark Litjens reports from Noar Hill (SU745315) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (10), Duke of Burgundy (20), Orange-tip (7), Holly Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (6). "Mike Duffy and I visited the site 08:30 -> 10:00 today. Dukes were out in good number and we probably didn't see all of them."

Colin Baker reports from Keyhaven & New Forest site where the following observations were made: Adela reaumurella (40), Small Copper (2), Brimstone (4 "6 @ New Forest site"), Small White (1), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (5 "8 @ New Forest site"), **Pearl-bordered Fritillary** (1), Lead Belle (3). "Again at Keyhaven today, butterflies were more to be seen in singletons rather than the numbers usually associated with such beautiful weather. At SZ 310 919 I found what could only be described as a flock of Adela reaumurella micro moths dancing on top of a hawthorn hedge, like a swarm of flies one moment and vanishing the next. Butterflies seen Small Copper 2, Brimstone 4, Small White 1, Peacock 3 & Speckled Wood 5. On my return home I decided to visit one of my favourite sites in the New Forest and found the butterfly I had hoped but not expected, namely the Pearl-bordered Fritillary. As a clearly recently emerged specimen the vivid orange shone in the late afternoon sun and just looked incredible. Butterflies seen Pearl-bordered Fritillary 1, Speckled Wood 8, Brimstone 6, 1FM. Moths seen Lead Belle 3. For me today it was a good, Good Friday!!".



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Adela reaumurella

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalk Pit (SZ363854) where the following observations were made: **Common Blue** (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (8), **Small Blue** (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1), Grizzled Skipper (4), Small Heath (1), Small Copper (1). "Earliest record for small heath and common blue ion over 10 years for me. Glanville Fritillaries seen today at Wheelers Bay but not by me."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (5 "4 Male 1 Female"), Orange-tip (7 "6 Male 1 Female"), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (3), Comma (1), Duke of Burgundy (1), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (4). "My father Roy Symonds, whom I have been submitting reports on his behalf since I moved to Cornwall earlier this year, phoned me with exciting news from Chalton Down. He reports seeing a Duke of Burgundy Fritillary land on the turf close to the entrance. Unfortunately he did not have his camera with him, but was convinced that he would have been able to capture a photograph. We have both visited this site for the past 15 years and have never seen this species here before, despite the habitat being perfect for it. I believe the closest colony exists 2-3 miles away so maybe it may have originated from there, although I do not believe this species is this mobile? Richard and Roy Symonds."

R Bryant reports from Noar Hill (SU743320) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (20), Orange-tip (9), Green Hairstreak (1), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (29), Holly Blue (15), Green Hairstreak (31), Speckled Wood (7), Orange-tip (17), Peacock (2), Grizzled Skipper (7), Green-veined White (1), Small White (3), Large White (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (19), Small White (6), Holly Blue (2), Duke of Burgundy (20), Dingy Skipper (6), Brimstone (4), Large White (2), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2).

Justine Saunders reports from Netley Abbey park (SU458086) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "I'm pretty sure this was a Holly Blue as opposed to Common Blue as it was pale blue underneath and lacked the numerous markings underneath"), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1).

Paul Crook reports from Noar Hill (SU739324) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (20), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (10), Small Heath (1 "First one in Hampshire this year?").



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy



Small Heath

Thursday 21st April

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Orange-tip (8), Small White (3), Green-veined White (4), Large White (7), Peacock (3), Peacock (Egg), Speckled Wood (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Down E (SU385345) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Brimstone (26), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (9), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm (SU601093) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Peacock (100 Egg), Orange-tip (4), Small White (2), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Brimstone (10 Egg), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Brimstone (5 Egg), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Down W (SU375345) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Orange-tip (6), Holly Blue (2).

Andrew Brookes reports: It is indeed an unusual spring when the Orange Tips outnumber their rivals. At Boarhunt Woods, out of the 7 species / 39 butterflies seen, 8 were Orange Tips, closely followed by Speckled Woods, with 7.

Roger Rowe reports from Colden Common (SU47972166) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1 "Female"), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1). "In a friend's back garden".

Paul Ritchie reports from Magdalen Hill (SU510291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11 "Males and females, some courting"), Green Hairstreak (30 "Plenty of activity along upper path (new section), and 2 feeding on lower slope"), Green-veined White (0), Grizzled Skipper (8 "All activity on lower slope"), Holly Blue (12 "Mostly on the upper path, new section"), Large White (4), Orange-tip (16 "12 Males & 4 females"), Peacock (4), Small Copper (3 "On lower slope"), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (3 "Along lower path"). "Like last year a fantastic display of Green Hairstreaks along the upper path of the new section. Grizzled Skippers very flighty by 11.00am. Just a note that 6 Pearl-bordered Fritillary were spotted at Bentley Wood (eastern clearing) today. I could not confirm as I did not have time to see them."



Grizzled Skipper



Holly Blue



Green Hairstreak

Martin Pitt reports from Pennington (SZ321936) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Small Copper (1), Small White (2), Orange-tip (5).

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708208) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Dingy Skipper (3), Duke of Burgundy (14), Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (11), Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (12), Peacock (3), Small Copper (3), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (1). "Sarah and I had a great afternoon with Dukes being the most numerous butterfly - i think my count was conservative. This year we encountered DoB along the entire length of the bottom encountering the first just into the woods at the north end and the last about half way up the climb to Butser with individuals at regular intervals. One specimen was very worn and had obviously been out for a few days. We also had good views of two Ring Ouzels in the scrub. I took a [poor] photograph of an unusual specimen that appears to have two dark spots on the underside of the front and hindwings."



Duke of Burgundy

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708207) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Peacock (2), Large White (1), Duke of Burgundy (10), Small White (1), Dingy Skipper (7), Grizzled Skipper (3), Orange-tip (2), Red Admiral (1), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (1).

Thelma Smalley reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU511295) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1 "seen in area E"), Green Hairstreak (1 "seen near the corral"), Brimstone (24), Orange-tip (20), Holly Blue (8), Peacock (4), Green-veined White (2), Small White (2), Small Copper (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU744318) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (18 "13 Male 5 Female"), Brimstone (4 "Males"), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (4), Red Admiral (1), Duke of Burgundy (13), Speckled Wood (5), Dingy Skipper (5). "Pleased to see the Duke of Burgundy Fritillary's thriving and also saw my first Dingy Skipper's this year. The temperature was a hot 23°C."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Noar Hill (SU740322) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (23), Green-veined White (3), Duke of Burgundy (30), Dingy Skipper (6), Brimstone (7 "All female."), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (3). "Also saw a Stoat."

A bright hot morning on Martin Down had me see, my first **Small Heath** of the year, 15 + Grizzled Skippers, 1 Common Blue, 20 + Speckled Wood, 2 Peacock, 10 + Brimstones, 5 Orange-tip, 2 Small white, before I retired slightly cooked.

Wednesday 20th April

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU705266) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (19 "15m 4f"), Orange-tip (4 Egg), Brimstone (2 "im 1f"), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2).



Orange-tip egg

Roger Rowe reports from West Down reserve (SU38543905) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 Larval), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (5), Brimstone (5). "Warm sunny day."

Roger Rowe reports from Romsey (SU34492091) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (2). "Sunny weather".

Alan Thornbury reports from Butser Hill (Rake Bottom) (SU708206) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1 "Fresh male"), Grizzled Skipper (5), Dingy Skipper (1). "These 3 species seen within 20 yards of the metal gate at grid ref. Time did not allow further exploration of the valley."



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Alan Wingrove and Tom Dunbar reports from Beacon Hill near Warnford (SU605224) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (22), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (11), Duke of Burgundy (1).

Alan Wingrove and Tom Dunbar reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Grizzled Skipper (18), Green Hairstreak (5), Small Copper (6), Duke of Burgundy (1 "2 hours searching on NW edge").

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Brimstone (20 Egg), Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (2), Small White (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1 "First recorded in 12 years monitoring. "), Holly Blue (1), Small White (2).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down Original (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (11), Green Hairstreak (25), Brimstone (36), Holly Blue (8), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (3), Grizzled Skipper (5 "including a mating pair"). "Morning visit with BC, plus a longer walk later."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU5030) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (27), Green Hairstreak (12), Small White (2), Brimstone (30), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (13), Peacock (3), Grizzled Skipper (6 "5 in the SE corner"), Green-veined White (2), Small Copper (4 "Along the bottom edge of extension including chalk grassland area E").

Tuesday 19th April

Mike Wildish reports from Facombe, south (SU391579) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Facombe, north (SU395585) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (1), Comma (1). "Seen by Mervyn Grist and I on the way to Pilot Hill transect. First time we have seen dingy south of the Hill. On the Hill itself we both saw Small Coppers - Spring has come to the Hampshire Mountains!".

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU704264) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (19 "15m 4f"), Brimstone (2 "1m 1f"), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (8), Brimstone (7), Holly Blue (6), Grizzled Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (3), Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (2), Small White (1).



Grizzled Skipper



Green Hairstreak

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Orange-tip (6), Holly Blue (6), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Chineham Business Park, Basingstoke (SU651556) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (3).

Andy Bolton reports from Basing Wood, Chineham (SU644556) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5), Brimstone (2), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (3).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU6926) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (15 Egg "4eggs").

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (4 "2 male 2 female"), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (3 "1 female 2 male"), Small White (1 " male"), Speckled Wood (2 "female"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Green Hairstreak (1). "in the garden in shirley holms found the above. also counted 478 green winged orchids in flower the wildflower meadow."

Hazel Pratt writes: "Alec and I paid a lunchtime visit to Bentley Station Meadow for the first time this spring and were truly impressed by the wonderful variety of wild flowers in bloom. Butterflies seen: Orange tip (20+); small white (2); brimstone (6); Peacock (2); speckled wood (1) We also heard our first cuckoo of the year. A very enjoyable visit."

Monday 18th April

Mike Wildish reports from Tracks N of Charlton (SU355485) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Charlton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Brimstone (6 "4 Male 2 Female"), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Sightings from this morning where the temperature was 18C."

Neil Ludford reports from Portsdown Hill (top of skew road) (SU619068) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Brimstone (10 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Small White (5), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (5 "male").

Kelvin Richards reports from Odiham Common (SU754520) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "By canal at Broad Oak bridge"), Green-veined White (2 "By canal at Broad Oak bridge"), Speckled Wood (1 "By canal at Broad Oak bridge"), Holly Blue (2 "In clearing at SU754524"), Orange-tip (2 "In clearing at SU754524").



Comma



Green-veined White



Speckled Wood

R Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Pair, mating flight display (flutter-dancing)"), Orange-tip (3 "Males, roaming flight "), Speckled Wood (5 "Males, territorial perching on new fence posts "), Longhorn moths (30 "large nos, golden metallic wings, dancing display on spindle"), St.Marks flies (100 "Huge nos on oaks").

Sunday 17th April

Lisa Baker-Richardson reports from Broughton Downs (SU283332) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (7), Brimstone (11), Orange-tip (4), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Andover Town Centre (SU365455) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Old Micheldever Rd (SU375452) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (2), Speckled Wood (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Old Micheldever Rd (SU375452) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Cow Down Interchange (SU385447) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Orange-tip (7), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (12), Duke of Burgundy (6), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Comma (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Brimstone (4), Speckled Wood (1).



Duke of Burgundy



Dingy Skipper

Hazel Pratt writes: "This morning Alec and I visited Noar Hill again arriving at approx 10.30 am in bright sunshine. We were still hoping to see our First Duke of Bugundys. This time we were successful and saw 5. More importantly we again saw a Dingy Skipper. This time Alec spotted it in the deep chalk pit on the opposite side of the path from where I had seen it yesterday. This time I had my basic camera with me and the butterfly stayed around long enough for me to get some photographs of it, although on examination I find they are not of a very high quality. Other species seen: Orange tip 9(m), Brimstone 2 (1m 1f), Speckled Wood 1."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ474906) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (32), Peacock (9), Holly Blue (8), Large White (1), Comma (2), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (6), Orange-tip (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Meon Valley sightings A perfect butterflying day with my specie the Duke of Burgundy now coming out in force (10) being seen today, with two males being seen drying their wings on the top of dead Knapweed. One of the specimens had bent forewings which made it look very bizarre, however this did not hinder its flying capabilities. The hedgerows are full of Orange Tips and Brimstones, some of the best counts Ive had at this time of the year. Other specie counts were as follows Small Tortoseshell (1) Peacock (2) Brimstone (20) Small White (2) Green Veined White (1) Orange Tip (15) Holly Blue (1) Grizzled Skipper (1).



Duke in perfect pose Typical Duke downland with good cowslip Duke with bent wings

Peter Eeles reports from Longstock Park (SU36733884) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawk-moth (1 "Nectaring on Bugle"). "I was so impressed with this sighting at the Longstock nursery, home to the National Buddleia Collection, that I bought the bugle plant!".

From Tony Baines..... At Tweseldown near Aldershot today spotted a Painted Lady looking for all the world like it was "hill topping". It was repeatedly flying around the commentary tower on the hill in the centre of the racecourse for a long period settling from time to time to take in some sun.

Paul Brock writes: "I found this Pearl-bordered Fritillary larva today munching away on violet flowers in the New Forest."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Philippa Gordon reports from Noar Hill (SU742324) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (2), Dingy Skipper (1 "flying rapidly around the first deep chalk pit on the right, sadly couldn't get a photograph of it as it only stopped briefly"), Duke of Burgundy (5 "4 males and 1 rather tatty looking female"), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (5 "4 males 1 female").



Duke of Burgundy

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708207) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Comma (1), Grizzled Skipper (10), Orange-tip (11), Peacock (3).

Rhona Smythe reports from Sea House, Brownwich (SU518033) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1 "Nectaring on flower in garden").



Small Copper

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Winnall Moors NR (SU487299) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (3), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1). "7 Water Voles seen, but no obvious signs of Scarlet Tiger caterpillars".

Saturday 16th April

Lynn Fomison writes: This past week the flowers of blackthorn have made a lovely sight against blue skies. An even better sight if a butterfly was spotted nectaring too. Flowering will soon be over so please take your chance in the next few days to check on the location of good blackthorn hedges. Why? Well once the flowers are over blackthorn is not that easy to spot especially in mixed hedges. Identifying the location of good untrimmed hedges now is important as hopefully you will be able to walk in those locations next August and September & look out for Brown Hairstreak. This butterfly is currently only recorded in two areas of the county of Hampshire - around Noar Hill & a wide area around Shipton Bellinger. A search for this butterfly continues on the Isle of Wight where adequate blackthorn hedges exist. The experience of Upper Thames branch in Oxfordshire was that winter searches for eggs revealed the presence of the species in many more locations than previously known. We can but hope that a similar situation exists in Hampshire.



Blackthorn Blossom

Lisa Baker-Richardson reports from Stockbridge Downs (SU37753607) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Orange-tip (15), Peacock (3), Green-veined White (3), Large White (2), Grizzled Skipper (2).

Mike Duffy writes: "A mid morning visit to Noar Hill had me see , 2 Peacock, 2 Speckled Wood, 7 + Orange-tip and my first Duke of 2011.



Duke of Burgundy



Peacock

Mark Litjens reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU535096) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Comma (4), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (9), Orange-tip (5), Brimstone (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU707209) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (2), Brimstone (2).

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ507879) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (2).

Stuart Read reports from Mount Joy (SZ494878) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "the cemetery is awash with cowslips - a really impressive display!".

Hazel Pratt writes: "Today my husband and I visited Noar Hill at about 12.30 pm in the hopes of sighting a D of B butterfly. This was our third visit this week. All have been unsuccessful. On entering the site via the entrance farthest from Selbourne we met a young man who was leaving. He said he had seen 9 D of Bs so we were hopeful. The weather had been briefly sunny but the sky was now beginning to cloud over. There was little sign of butterfly activity. As I was approaching the first of the central chalk pits along the 'main' path I saw, on the left hand side and close to the path, a small butterfly fly low to a short dried grass hummock and settle. I was able to approach to within about 18" and get a good view of it. I soon realised it was far too dull and brown to be a D of B and had the colouring and markings of a **Dingy Skipper**. (I have seen Dingy Skippers on Noar Hill and other sites in the past but had not been expecting to see one on this visit). I studied it until it flew to another hummock nearby where I was able to get even closer to it and study it again. I did wonder if it was a moth because the abdomen area was somewhat furry and it had its wings spread out but it did not have feathery antennae. After less than a minute it flew off, I lost sight of it and never saw it again. We stayed at Noar Hill for about another hour and a half during which time it became increasingly cloudy and cool. We never saw any other butterflies. On arriving home I studied our butterfly books and am convinced that it was indeed a Dingy Skipper and in the 'basking' position. I had not seen one in this position before. I was initially reluctant to report this sighting as I realise it is very early for the Dingy Skipper. Also I was the first to see a D of B at Noar Hill last year and know that that sighting was regarded with scepticism by some more experienced observers. Unfortunately I cannot supply a photograph as I did not have my camera, which is only a very basic compact one, with me. I hope some other visitors to Noar Hill this week end will also see this butterfly and report it too."

Colin Baker reports from Odiham Common (SU750521) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (9), Green-veined White (1). "A fruitless visit to the coast in overcast conditions on Saturday was to end interestingly but philosophically at Odiham Common where I checked on roosting butterflies on two good patches of Lady's Smock (*Cardamine pratensis*) last night. The patterns of life were laid bare before me when I found one pair roosting, facing each other with antennae entwined, another pair were mating, a female was roosting next to her previously deposited ova and for two males the Russian roulette of choosing the right flower found the wrong chamber as they fell prey to ambushing spiders. As I was emotionally charged by the latter it was hard not to intervene, until I realised this would change nothing and besides is the life of the Orange-tip so different to our own?"



Orange-tip



Orange-tip



Orange-tip & spider

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622051) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 Egg), Orange-tip (4), Orange-tip (2 Egg), Holly Blue (1), Small White (1).

Friday 15th April

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU659063) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (9 "5 Male 4 Female"), Brimstone (7 "6 Male 1 Female"), Holly Blue (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinning reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (4 "males"), Holly Blue (9 "males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (15 "including a courting couple").

David Tinning reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male"), Peacock (2).

Ashley Whitlock writes from Noar Hill: "Noar Hill Its never good trying to plan Butterflying around our rather fickle weather, although all in all it turned out not too bad a day. I spent 2 hours with my wife looking around a very 'cool' Noar Hill and never saw a bean, even passing a rather disgruntled recorder who seemed to have had enough. But dead on mid day the sun shone the temperature went up at least 5 degrees, and the Duke did play a part in the day. We saw at least (7) males which were not very active but never the less were the first of the year, for me. Other species which did decide to show their faces were Peacock (1) Brimstone (1) Small White (2) Orange Tip (3). I then went onto Portsdown Hill and decided to my first transect of the year, which turned up the following species: Speckled Wood (10) Comma (2) Brimstone (6) Small White (2) Orange Tip (3)."

Alan Thornbury reports from Noar Hill (SU742319) where he recorded 6 Duke Of Burgundy (5M, 1F). The female was encountered along the track approaching the eastern gate, whereas the males were in the central chalk pits, including a couple of very fresh ones. In the weak sunshine the males spent most of their time basking on low vegetation, making the occasional short flight or on one occasion "duelling" with another male. 3 photos below including the female.



Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Burgundy

Thursday 14th April

John Woodson reports from Magdalen Hill Down reserve (Notknown) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (3), Orange-tip (4), Holly Blue (6).

peter gardner reports from farlington marshes (SU680042) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), BROWNTAILED PILLARS (0). "PETERS POND".



Brown-tail Moth

Speckled Wood

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Common Plume Moth (1 "flying in daylight in my garden after being disturbed").

Tuesday 12th April

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown Cyclepath (SZ500874) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Orange-tip (3 "all male"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2).

Stuart Read reports from Cowes-Newport cycleway (SZ498929) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (2 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1 "female"). "early afternoon in the garden found the above".

David Tinling reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male in my garden"), Red Admiral (1 "very fresh"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (4 "including 1 in my garden & 1 taking dandelion nectar").

David Tinling reports from Military Road to Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ608978) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Crab Wood (East) (SU437295) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Peacock (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Afton CP carpark,Freshwater,IOW (SZ359856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (3 "2 in combat after a female it seemed").

Colin Beyer reports from Magadalen Hill Down (SU508292) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Grizzled Skipper (2). "The Small Copper seen on the Original Reserve was a Blue Spotted Aberrant form. The Grizzled Skippers were seen on the Extension".



Small Copper

Monday 11th April

Mike Wildish reports from Middle Wyke (SU405492) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Orange-tip (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "2 Male 1 Female").

David Tinling reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "female").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Winnall Moors NR (SU487299) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (15), Peacock (3), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Countryfile was right, this is a good place to see Water Voles.".



Speckled Wood

Mark Litjens reports from Hursley (SU430255) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Comma (2), Small White (2), Holly Blue (2).

Sunday 10th April

Sarah Jefferies reports from Binfields Woodland Park (SU658545) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Alison Phillips reports from Noar Hill (SU736323) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1).



Duke of Burgundy

Colin Baker reports from Noar Hill (SU744318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (5 "3M,2FM"), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (3), Orange-tip (7 "Males"), Small White (1), Comma (1), Holly Blue (5), Brimstone (4 "1FM,3M"). "With the excitement of yesterday I was not expecting too much at Noar Hill (SU 744 318) today, but how wrong I was, when in the company of Dave Shoot we were both to share the once in a lifetime experience of watching the courtship and mating of a pair of Duke of Burgundy. As the female flew over the male he chased her to a bush about ½ metre high and with stiff wings at ¾ open he quivered the wings before they flew to another point where he again repeated the action before the pair mated. Butterflies were not in high numbers but the "Dukes" are trying to beat the forthcoming weather, forecast constantly by the call of a Yaffel(Green Woodpecker).".



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU5534) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (10), Brimstone (20 "11 M 9 F"), Orange-tip (15 "8 M 7 F"), Small White (1), Holly Blue (10), Green Hairstreak (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Green-veined White (1).



Green-veined White



Holly Bue



Speckled Wood

Stuart Read reports from Newtown (SZ429905) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (2), Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ472907) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (22), Peacock (8), Comma (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (2), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1), Small White (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Car park (SZ359856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (1). "First of the season for me for green hairstreak and grizzled skipper - earliest for me by about a week over the last 11 years!".

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ245995) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (2). "An afternoon walk along the main ride and into the clearings found the above, a couple of the female brimstones were busily egg laying on the buckthorn leaf buds."



Brimstone

Mark Hallett reports from Shepards Chine IOW (SZ450792) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2), Peacock (3 "1 flew in from far out to sea"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Glanville Fritillary (75 Larval "along chine").

Mark Hallett reports from Whale Chine IOW (SZ467782) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Small White (1), Glanville Fritillary (50 Larval "along chine").

Barry Lees reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"). "I am a visitor from the Highlands of Scotland and was delighted to see my favourite butterfly."

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male taking nectar from bluebell & garlic mustard"), Orange-tip (1 "male").

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU412136) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (10), Large White (2), Speckled Wood (21).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU412137) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ577001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "including 1 female"), Small White (4 "males").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU581999) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "including 1 female taking dandelion nectar"), Small White (2 "males"), Peacock (1).

Mark Litjens reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU536095) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (11), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (1), Brimstone (12).

Martin Pitt reports from Silchester Common (SU619623) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (3), Common Blue (1).

Saturday 9th April

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton (SU355465) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3), Comma (1).

Alison Phillips reports from Waterworks Road (SU465237) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Orange-tip (1).

Colin Baker reports from Magdellan Hill Down (SU500292) where the following observations were made: Peacock (7), Speckled Wood (1), Grizzled Skipper (7), Green Hairstreak (8), Comma (1), Holly Blue (4), Brimstone (8 "2 FM"), Orange-tip (9 "MALES"), Small White (2). "Like many others I to made an early morning visit to Magdellan Hill Down and was not to be disappointed by this magnificent site. One again I played party pooper, this time to a mating pair of Grizzled Skippers found on the lower slopes. My target species were Holly Blue, Green Hairstreak & Grizzled Skipper so I can feel very satisfied that this was achieved before noon. Just another beautiful breathtaking butterfly day!!!!".



Green Hairstreak



Holly Blue



Grizzled Skipper

peter gardner reports from NOAR HILL (SU727325) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "1MALE 2 FEMALE"), Peacock (1), **Duke of Burgundy** (1), Orange-tip (7 "4MALE 3 FEMALE"), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU710206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Comma (3), Grizzled Skipper (3), Orange-tip (7), Peacock (4).

Dave Miller reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3 "one courting pair"), Comma (1), Orange-tip (6), Green-veined White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ475909) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (28 "18m, 10f"), Peacock (13), Comma (7), Orange-tip (2 "both sightings in the heart of the forest - a very pleasant surprise!"), Holly Blue (2), Small White (2). "Warm and sunny - a perfect day for butterflies!".

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ506879) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "in Burnt House Lane"), Red Admiral (4), Peacock (1).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (1), Comma (2), Peacock (10), Speckled Wood (1), Small Copper (3). "a circuit around barton common and down into becton bunny found the above".



Brimstone



Small Copper

Mark Russell reports from St Georges Down (SZ50738776) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505292) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (6), Brimstone (34), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (6), Comma (2), Holly Blue (7), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Included in the Brimstones was a female on the ground with wings fully open rejecting the advances of a persistent male".



Brimstones

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Meon Valley Sightings Despite looking at several sites for the Duke of Burgundy yesterday, Noar Hill seems to have won again this year, but things are looking up for the specie and if 2009 and 2010 was anything to go by the Duke should have a good year in

2011. Species observed yesterday were as follows Small Tortoiseshell (2) Peacock (5) Comma (3) Brimstone (8) Small White (1) Green Veined White (1) Orange Tip (3) Holly Blue (1) and a Silver Y moth."

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (8 "All male"), Green-veined White (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (10).

Friday 8th April

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD NORTH ROADS (SU719276) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (0 "1FEMALE 3 MALE"), Speckled Wood (1).



Small Tortoiseshell



Speckled Wood



Orange-tip

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "4 Male 1 Female"). "A sunny morning temperature 18°C."

Alan Thornbury reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508291): 8 Green Hairstreak seen this afternoon, 2 along the track at the top of the extension with 6 more along the western edge of the extension, mainly lower down. Two Grizzled Skippers were seen on the original reserve - a mating pair no less! Orange Tip numbers are building well with a noticeable increase even during my 2 hour visit. 10 males and one female seen. A very enjoyable afternoon in fabulous weather! Photos of mating Grizzled Skippers and Green Hairstreak below.



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper

Leanne Baker reports from St James Rd (SU404139) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

mark tutton reports from Woodhouse copse iow (SZ528929) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (4), Comma (5).

Philippa Gordon reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Green Hairstreak (2 "Rather high in a Hawthorne, wish I'd taken my telephoto lens!"), Holly Blue (13), Orange-tip (30 "Very active around the Garlic Mustard"), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3).



Orange-tip



Green Hairstreak



Holly Blue

David Nordell reports from Pelham woods (SZ536764) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Quarley (SU275436) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Ampert Wood (SU285436) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Ampert West (SU296442) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Ampert Village (SU305445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Brimstone (3), Peacock (3), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (2). "My legs ache! But it's worth it on such a rare fine weather day in early April".

Alison Phillips reports from Hilliers Arboretum (SU376235) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (10 "Orange Tips in abundance"), Painted Lady (1).

Mick Langridge reports from West Of River,North Browndown (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1m,1f"). "I saw a male drop down into the edge of some bramble and as I crept towards it for a photo I saw the open female with the male alongside. Both were still with no attempts at courtship and after a couple of minutes the female flew off in to the distance. At least I have a picture of an open wing brimstone."



Brimstone

Mick Langridge reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606974) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1). "I was only able to grab a couple of record shots of this newly emerged butterfly as it quickly worked its way along the the front of the south-facing mound and out of the fresh sea breeze."



Small Copper

Mark Hallett reports from Porchfield (SZ447911) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "female").

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices (SU587095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Orange-tip (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn wood (SU619129) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (4), Small White (1), Orange-tip (2).

Thursday 7th April

peter gardner reports from froxfield (su713266) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).



Orange-tip

Maurice Pugh reports from Blashford Lakes (SU151080) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "All males"), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (3). "Seen during a lunch time walk around Blashford Lakes".

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Orange-tip (7), Holly Blue (4), Peacock (4), Green-veined White (1), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).



Holly Blue

Colin Baker reports from Odiham Common (SU759528) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (11 "7 Male 4 Female"), Brimstone (7 " Male"), Peacock (3), Comma (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Orange Underwing (3). "With roadside verges covered with Early Dog Violet (*Viola reichenbachiana*), Lesser Calandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) & Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) it was not difficult to find Orange-tips and Brimstone as they helped themselves to the spring bounty, and so it was at Odiham Common this lunchtime. The highlight of the visit happened as I was photographing a female Orange-tip, a male flew over my shoulder and instantaneously copulated within a couple of seconds as I continued taking shots. No courtship involved with this pair just a case of making hay while the sun shone and who could blame them. Frustratingly I saw 3 very active Orange underwing moths that seem to have evaded my camera for yet another year. A beautiful day interlaced with beautiful butterflies, doesn't get better!!!"



Orange-tip

Brimstone

Orange-tip

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU726262) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (10 "7males 3females"), Comma (1), Brimstone (3), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).



Orange-tip



Orange-tip



Small Tortoiseshell

Paul Ritchie reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (88 "Granted some were probably repeaters"), [Green Hairstreak](#) (6 "We went there hoping - and were rewarded nicely"), Holly Blue (17), Orange-tip (17), Painted Lady (1 "Such a pleasure after last year's limited sightings"), Peacock (17), [Grizzled Skipper](#) (1 "Another we were hoping to find, but just the one"), Small White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (9), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Comma (3), Red Admiral (3). "A fantastic and highly-rewarding afternoon at Magdalen Hill Down. Never fails to provide, and today the site provided plenty! Stayed much longer than we expected because we didn't want to leave! Thanks to Patrick for pointing out the Painted Lady and thanks to all the members we met at the end of the day/".



Holly Blue



Orange-tip



Painted Lady

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "4 Male 3 Female"), Orange-tip (1), Comma (1). "A sunny morning where the temperature was 20.5°C."

Heather Anthony reports from Titchfield Haven (SU5302) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Worn specimen"), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mick Langridge reports from North Browndown, Gosport (SZ584995) where the following observations were made: [Small Copper](#) (1).

Mick Langridge reports from Old Moat, Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "Mating Pair").



Small White

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking sea radish nectar"), Green-veined White (1 "male taking nectar from red dead-nettle").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking gorse nectar"), Peacock (2).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (7).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "including 1 female"), Small White (3 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (5), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (4 "males"), Speckled Wood (2).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (3 "All males"), Scarlet Tiger Moth (3 Larval "feeding on a pink garden form of Comfrey").



Scarlet Tiger

Wednesday 6th April

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (5), Large White (1), Small White (1), Peacock (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (su713266) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "flying continously around the garden".

Mike Wildish reports from Stoke Hill (SU393512) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Stoke Rd nr Little Leafy Grove (SU395505) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Orange-tip (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Stoke Rd nr Ashley Copse (SU378485) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (1).

John Hunt writes: "Two Holly Blues and one Green Veined White in my back garden, SU728544. First Bartley Heath transect of the year revealed 8 Brimstones, 1 Orange Tip, 3 Peacocks and 1 Comma."

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (1), Orange-tip (2 "both males").

Peter Hunt reports from Woodhouse Copse,Whippingham,IOW (SZ510941) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"), Comma (5), Large White (1), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (4 "1 female"), Speckled Wood (4).

mark tutton reports from southwick (SU643083) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Peacock (3).

mark tutton reports from hayling billy trail (SU720040) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1).

Maurice Pugh reports from Eyeworth Pond, Fritham (SU228146) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (25 "All but two were males"), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (1). "Spent a couple of hours at Eyeworth Pond photographing birds. The Brimstones were flying through at regular intervals."

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ246995) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "1 female 8 male"). "after work mid afternoon a brief run through the inclosure main ride i passed 9 brimstone".

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU348152) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (17 "all males"), Holly Blue (2), Red Admiral (3 "all were females egg laying"), Small Tortoiseshell (7 "inc mating pair"), Brimstone (5), Speckled Wood (2), Small White (2), Peacock (7), Comma (9). "good emergence of orange tips today with numbers appearing to increase by the hour".

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor Marsh (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17 "also several more nearby, beyond the site boundary"), Peacock (3 "scarce this spring so far"), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Orange Underwing (1). "Also today, the first Holly Blue in my Fleet garden (SU 81 53), 18 days earlier than the first in 2010, 14 days earlier than the first in 2009."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Comma (1).

Paul Ritchie reports from Bentley Wood (SU258292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (52), Comma (4), Large Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (8), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Holly Blue (1). "Brimstone's still the predominant species at Bentley Wood on our second visit of the year. Nice to spot my first Holly Blue at last, although at a distance".

Mark Russell reports from Haylands Plantation, Ryde (SZ583908) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Comma (1), Small White (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Buck Hill (near King's Hat, New Forest) (SU37740562) where the following observations were made: Emperor Moth (3 "Two males and one female").



Emperor Moth

Roy Johnson reports from Oxstall Meadow,Gosport (SU583003) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (SU468319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Holly Blue (1 "our first of the season").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Oliver's Battery (SU459278) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "males"), Small White (6 "males").

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "males"), Small White (4 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (3).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "female").

Sunday 3rd April

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Sleeper's Copse, Ashford Hill (SU562612) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1). "The earliest I've ever seen this species."

Saturday 2nd April

Peter Hunt reports from My Back garden,madeira lane,Freshwater IOW (SZ3287) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ474918) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3m, 1f"), Peacock (5), Comma (2). "Warm, but frustratingly sunless!".

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ506880) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Painted Lady (1 "successful hibernator or early migrant?").

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708208) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (2), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Petersfield Heath (SU754229) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males").

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "males in aerial combat").

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking on nettles").

Friday 1st April

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

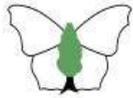
David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1).

Mick Langridge & David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Road(east),Gosport (SZ601985) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

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Monday 28th March

J M Clark reports from Cygnet Court, Fleet (SU816553) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "males").

Paul Ritchie reports from Durley Mill (SU524149) where the following observations were made: Comma (6), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (3), Speckled Wood (1). "Surprisingly no Brimstones spotted today, but I did encounter my first Speckled Wood of the season".

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Meon Canal Path (SU5303) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Chris Hall reports from Cove (SU857546) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Seen at rest on bushes beside Southwood Golf Course.").

Rupert Broadway reports from Badger Farm, Winchester (my garden) (SU462280) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1 "my 1st of the year").

Sharron Broadway reports from Badger Farm, Winchester (my garden) (SU462280) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Sunday 27th March

R Forster reports from Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ591991) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "In garden").

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ476908) where the following observations were made: Peacock (12), Comma (13), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1). "A circuit of the forest in fine weather. Did the same walk at the same time last Sunday and failed to see a single butterfly!".

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (6). "short walk around barton common at mid day found the above.".



Peacock

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down Viewpoint Car Park (SZ383842) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Just one butterfly spotted today at this location,enjoying a very sunny spot.".



Peacock

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "Single Comma near the scrubby area at the northern end of the slope.".

Paul Ritchie reports from Keyhaven (SZ309919) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Peacock (8), Large White (1).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (10).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Stockbridge Down (SU381348) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (1). "All three butterflies seen close to the bottom car park.".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (1 "male").

Saturday 26th March

R Boyd reports from Clanfield (SU703157) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "On laurel hedge").



Holly Blue

Mike Wildish reports from Ridges Copse South (SU385495) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Ridges Copse North (SU385503) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Roger Forster reports from Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ592991) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "In my garden for a few minutes").

gary palmer reports from littlewootton inclosure, (SZ225985) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (2). "Took a walk around the back of little wootton inclosure to the marl pits in the morning, only butterflies seen as above all nectaring on a pussy willow, occasionally descending to bask."



Small Tortoiseshell

gary palmer reports from ballard meadow, new milton (SZ241955) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (3), Peacock (1), Brimstone (3 "1 female, 2 male"), Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "mid day and a walk around ballard meadow found the above."



Comma



Peacock

Richard Carpenter reports from Beacon Hill (SU5822) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Richard Carpenter reports from Exton (SU6020) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ505880) where the following observations were made: Peacock (8). "Also saw a peacock in the grounds of the IOW College and a Brimstone near Matalan!"

Mike Gibbons writes: "Saw my first **Green-veined White** at West Christchurch today (26/3/11) along with a Small Tortoiseshell. On the 25th I saw a male Holly Blue fly through the garden."

Paul Ritchie reports from Swanwick Nature Reserve (SU509103) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Red Admiral (1), Comma (4), Orange-tip (0), Peacock (4), Small White (1).

David Tinling reports from Gosport Wildgrounds(west) (SU579011) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (1).

David Tinling reports from Gosport Wildgrounds(east) (SU581006) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Comma (2).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (6).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Small White (4 "males").

Friday 25th March

Maurice Pugh reports from Home address, Cadnam (SU303133) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "All males"), Orange-tip (1 "My second Orange-tip"). "Seen in the back garden at lunch time".

R. Boyd reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU643213) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Peacock (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "4 males, 2 females, the first female Brimstones I've seen this year").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Tidworth, Old Rectory Area (SU235469) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (1), Peacock (2). "Seen during sycamore bash with Mervyn Grist, J&J Moon et al".

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I was invited up to a farm in the Clanfield area to have a look at potential conservation projects in close proximity to Butser Hill and other well known Butterfly sites. The first thing that I saw was a dead Purple Emperor that had flown into a greenhouse on the site, in July 2010 and the conservation officer had put into a plastic box. The site is on a hill, and there is a lot of small copses around and quite a major wood to the west of the area, so there could well be an Assembly area for the butterfly here, as the site is on quite a steep slope.. He said the butterfly seemed 'exhausted' which could only mean he was chasing a male off of his territory, or he was chasing a female. Must have a look in the season of 2011. The chalk downland part of the farm has a lot of potential but needs a lot of grazing, and if managed in the right way could well be a staging post for the Duke in and the area, as it is only about half a mile from Grandfathers bottom.

I also visited one of my old haunts on the Hants Sussex border called Barnett's Copse and here was noted Brimstone (21) Comma (2) Peacock (5) Small Tortoiseshell (1) also here there is good areas of Primroses, within a heavily coppiced beech woodland, although the Duke has never been noted from this site.

On my own patch of Milton Lock the following was observed Comma (2) Small White (1) Peacock (2)."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU659063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "6 Males and 3 Females"). "An afternoon walk around the Eastern end of Portsdown Hill where the temperature was 16°C."

COLIN BEYER reports from MAGDALEN HILL DOWN (SU505292) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male.").

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (7), Peacock (3), Comma (2). "On my walk along & near the Gosport coast I saw Brimstone 1,Small White 5,Small Tortoiseshell 15,Peacock 13,Comma 15,Total 49.Late afternoon cloud prevented me from reaching my half-century!"

Thursday 24th March

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hursley (SU4225) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hillier's Arboretum (SU376236) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (2).



Comma

Peter Gardner writes: "i observed 2 sts and 2 brimstones in my garden in froxfield on the most bieutiful day"



Brimstone

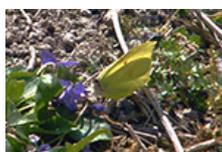


Small Tortoiseshell

Peter Gardner writes: "after a beautiful day in my garden ,we whent to henwood su479298[east of westmeon]where we observed brimstones 10 comma 4 peacocks 2"



Comma



Brimstone



Peacock

Mark Rolfe reports from Ranvilles Lane, Fareham (SU549052) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1).

Paul Ritchie reports from Shawford (SU475255) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Orange-tip (1 "Male flying downstream along footpath."), Comma (4), Small Tortoiseshell (6). "A delight to see my first Orange-tip pf the season. Unfortunately too active to attempt a photo. Commas & Small Tortoiseshells feeding on nectar in the sunshine."



Comma



Small Tortoiseshell

Roger Pendell reports from Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve (SU801353) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "All males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Comma (1).

Colin Baker reports from Fleet Pond Carpark (SU824553) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (2), The Engrailed (1), Adela cuprella (9). "A short visit to Fleet Pond car park provided my first Peacock of the year along with 2 Brimstone. On a 200M walk near the heather area I found a beautifully camouflaged moth, The Engrailed (SU823553) followed by 9 stunning longhorn moths Adela cuprella (I think)(SU823552) as they danced around the tops of Sallow always landing on the catkins no doubt searching for females. It was fascinating how the lighting changed the appearance of these micro moths as the enclosed photos show."



Adela cuprella

Adela cuprella

Engrailed

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (8).

Wednesday 23rd March

Richard Hart reports from Warsash Common (SU503057) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Terry Hotten writes: "Seen this morning: Male Brimstones and Orange Underwing Moths at both Caesars Camp (SU842506) and Claycart Bottom (SU845512), Aldershot. Male Brimstones seemed to be fairly numerous in the Aldershot area, generally."

Mike Wildish reports from Upper Clatford (SU355435) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5).

Mike Wildish reports from Rooksbury Mill (SU355445) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

peter gardner reports from HENWOOD (SU650221) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Comma (4), Peacock (2).

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Maurice Pugh reports from Home address, Cadnam (SU303133) where the following observations were made: **Orange-tip** (1 "Male"), Brimstone (1 "Male"). "Seen in the garden during the afternoon".

Stuart Read reports from Newport-cowes cycleway (SZ502920) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "at Pinkmead"), Small White (1 "also at Pinkmead"). "The fine weather will surely induce more butterflies to wake up from their winter sleep!".

Clare Dell reports from Hawley Meadows (SU855596) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Comma (1), Peacock (2), White sp (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Woolmer Pond (North) (SU7832) where the following observations were made: Orange Underwing (1), Brimstone (1 "male"). "Total of 12 Brimstone on full circuit of Woolmer Forest perimeter - all males."



Orange Underwing

Steve Mansfield reports from Woolmer Pond (south) (SU7831) where the following observations were made: Orange Underwing (2), Brimstone (5).

Steve Mansfield reports from Squiresfield Hanger, Blackmoor (SU7632) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "The Brimstone was the only female seen on a day when 17 males seen. Cuckoo-flower in bloom."

Steve Mansfield reports from Noar Hill (SU7431) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (4), Red Admiral (1). "Also Bee Fly."



Comma

Comma

Steve Mansfield reports from Bolle Road, Alton (SU7038) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Battered individual on lawn"), Peacock (1).

Chris Hall reports from Pyestock Heath (SU8253) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Comma (8), Peacock (2 "The first I have seen this year."), Orange Underwing (1). "Spring truly arrived today. The first butterfly was in the garden soon after 10am. During a five mile walk in early afternoon Church Crookham - Pondtail - Pyestock - Eelmoor Bridge the butterfly total was Brimstone 22 (including two females), Comma 10, Peacock 3 and Small Tortoiseshell 2. Also ladybirds (mainly 7-spot), bumble bees, solitary bees, gorse shield bugs, bee-fly; skylarks singing."

Paul Ritchie reports from Bentley Wood (SU258292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (42), Comma (8), Peacock (4), Orange Underwing Moths (20). "A first outing to Bentley Wood in glorious sunshine witnessed the highest count of Brinstones both male and female - so far this year, along with Commas, Peacocks and several Orange Underwing Moths taking water from the path puddles. Another dozen or so Brinstones were spotted on the journey in from Romsey."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female"). "The temperature was 17°C on a hot sunny morning."

Lynn Fomison reports from Mount Pleasant (SU643307) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2). "My last view of the mating pair that I had first observed on the underside of a rhubarb leaf on 15th March was at 2pm on 23rd. By 3.15pm they had departed. Interesting that they remained in cop for so long!"

Peter hunt reports from Shippards Chine, Isle of Wight (SZ378842) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (100 Larval "Numerous Larval webs"). "Just within 50 yards of the car park and many larval webs to be seen. A good prospect for a successful season on the Isle of Wight for the Glanville Fritillary".



Glanville Fritillary larva Glanville Fritillary larva Glanville Fritillary larva

Brian Fellows reports from Brook Meadow (SU7506) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Distant, but unmistakable").

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Small White (1 "male").

Tuesday 22nd March

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ501878) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "on the approach to Merstone Station"), Brimstone (1 "gayly plying the cyclepath at Horringford"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "negotiating the busy roundabout at Coppins bridge!"), Comma (1 "in a meadow adjacent to the river path from Newport to Shide"). "Three other sightings, which were either commas or small tortoiseshells!"

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (sz296983) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Brimstone (2 "male"), Small White (4 "male"). "In the garden at shirley holms, by mid day found the above, the 4 small white all visible at one time."



Comma

Bob Whitmarh (RWh) reports from Bereweke Avenue (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking wild cherry nectar"), Comma (1 "taking wild cherry nectar").

Monday 21st March

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Warsash Garden (SU494053) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Melville Street Ryde IOW (SZ595925) where the following observations were made: **Holly Blue** (1). "Seen on laurel tree as usual at this time of year."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6). "The temperature was 12°C."

Roy Symonds reports from Old Idsworth (SU740143) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "A single male flying alongside the hedgerow."

Roy Symonds reports from The George Inn, Finchdean (SU738127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "A single male flying next to the pub."

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "All males"), Comma (1).



Comma

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (Original Reserve) (SU506293) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Tony Baines writes: "Small Tortoiseshells have been very scarce up here in Odiham over the past few years, especially at this time of year. But good news so far...the first butterfly sightings of the year for me on Odiham Common were 2 Small Tortoiseshells followed by 2 male Brimstones and a Comma. For the past three years I have had 2 or 3 Peacocks hibernating in my garage and this year the first one emerged, flapping at the window, this morning. But this afternoon, much to my delight, a Small Tortoiseshell also appeared. Hopefully they are on the up around here, and long may that continue!"

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Warsash Garden (SU494053) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Mark Hallett reports from Woodhouse copse IOW (SZ528929) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Comma (8).

Hannah Hardman reports from Garden in Drayton (SU669059) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "Basking in the sunshine on their favourite spot on the garden wall "), Brimstone (6 "All males seen flying through the garden").

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Cowes cycleway (SZ497948) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "at the Cowes end of the cycleway").

Paul Ritchie reports from Durley Mill (SU526142) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Peacock (4). "A few Brimstone and my first chance of obtaining a photo of a Peacock during a short walk around Durley Mill."



Peacock

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "taking nectar from winter-flowering honeysuckle in my garden").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on nettles").

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from West of River Alver (west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (6).

Mark Litjens reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU536095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14), Comma (4).

Sunday 20th March

Anne McCue reports from Anns Hill Cemetery W (SU600001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Saturday 19th March

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU5549360) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Peacock (1), Brimstone (4). "A FAN TASTIC DAY FOR BUTTERFLIES".

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU412136) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (4). "Beautiful warm day! Also saw large numbers of Jays and a few Green Woodpeckers among the many birds about."

Richard Carpenter reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU5309) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8).

Stuart Read reports from Walter's Copse, Newtown (SZ430903) where the following observations were made: Comma (5 "all enjoying the warm sunshine!"). "A fine March day and I saw my first butterflies of the year!".

Chris Hall reports from Velmead Common (SU8252) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Flying along sunny margin of Velmead Common"), Red Admiral (1 "basking on nettles"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "at nettlebed, SU 820529, my first of 2011").

Chris Hall reports from Pyestock Hill (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "at nettle bed in sunny glade, SU 831537"), Orange Underwing (1 "heath below Pyestock Hill"). "Good to see a total of three small tortoiseshells near Fleet today, though very thinly dispersed across the countryside at beds of nettles in full sun. Still no Peacocks seen this spring."

Mark Hallett reports from Porchfield IOW (SZ447911) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1).

Mark Hallett reports from Freshwater Bay IOW (SZ345855) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (1).

David Lobb reports from Lordswood (GU35621836) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Warm afternoon sunshine attracted the Comma to garden and in particular the wall of my house - my second butterfly of the year, with a male Brimstone over flying the house on Sunday 13th March being my first. Moth seen on the same day as the Comma.").



Comma



Yellow Horned

Anne McCue reports from North Browdown W (SZ579995) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Thursday 17th March

An update from Lynn Fomison on the mating pair of Brimstones... Not only are my Brimstones going for the earliest mating but are also going for the longest lasting! Its 8am Thursday & they are still in cop.

Wednesday 16th March

Anne McCue reports from Gilkicker (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3).

Anne McCue reports from Old Moat,Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (4).

Anne McCue reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592987) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU586001) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (1).

Jenny Sexton reports from Portchester Crematorium (SU607061) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males flying").

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU589002) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Garden Tiger BF2057 (1 Larval "woolly bear basking on concrete step").

Tuesday 15th March

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "At last my first garden butterflies of the year. Torts having a merry time chasing each other around in the sun and nectaring on the heathers."

peter gardner reports from froxfield (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "plus 2 brimstones".

Paul Ritchie reports from Miller's Pond (SU453110) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "Very active"), Comma (15 "Three in arial battle at one point"), Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "Warmest day of the year so far produced the best day for butterflies so far, with Comma's being the most prolific, followed by Brimstone, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell. Most of the action was to the eastern corner of Miller's Pond greenspace and all within a half hour window."



Comma



Small Tortoiseshell



Comma

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "males").

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6 "including 2 pairs in aerial combat").

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Comma (2 "taking wild cherry nectar"), Small Tortoiseshell (3 "courtship & nuptial chases"), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "male"), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "all seen in the morning in upper garden area".

Lynn Fomison found this pair of Brimstones today getting fruity on her rhubarb! Is this the first mating pair of the year she asks?



Brimstones

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Stockbridge Road, Winchester (SU471301) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "Nearby at Lee-on-the Solent the temperature reached 18C,and 17C at Southampton & Bournemouth,the highest recorded in the UK so far in 2011."

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Fritham Plain (SU2213) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (30), Comma (2). "Every patch of woodland held a few Brimstones."

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU586001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Anns Hill Cemetery,Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6).

john rowell reports from whippingham fields (SZ510935) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Monday 14th March

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "Mostly seen in morning. One taking nectar from blue Hyacinth"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Taking nectar from pink Erica carnea").

Terry Hotten writes: "Today's warm sunshine has brought out a number of Brimstone butterflies to Bramshill Common. I also saw a brown medium-sized moth that I provisionally identify as an Orange Underwing although I only saw it in flight taking off from an area of birch heathland."

Jane Brook reports from Bridge Road Car Park (SU74730609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Philippa Gordon reports from Hinton Ampner NT Gardens (SU594275) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking on the Hyacinths").



Small Tortoiseshell

Mark Hallett reports from Woodhouse Copse Isle of Wight (SZ528929) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1 "seen well on ivy on oak tree and in flight"), Comma (4).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (8 "including a courting couple basking on Alexanders with overlapping outstretched wings and the male just behind & above the female").

gary palmer reports from barrs ave, new milton (SZ246956) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "seen flying across garden".

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from 21 Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU586001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "One had two extra white spots on orange band"), Brimstone (1), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1). "I can't remember the name of the Red Admiral variation with the extra white spots. I have looked without success on various web sites - please can anyone help? Anne".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "f. bialbata, the form with a white spot on the red band of each forewing; also seen by Anne McCue.").

David Tinling reports from West of River Alver (west), Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Smithley's Copse, Axmansford (SU563607) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Andrew Hutchison reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU509291) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (3).

Sunday 13th March

Andrew Hutchison reports from Bartley Heath LNR (SU734536) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Saturday 12th March

peter gardner reports from ABBOTSTONE (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (0 "MALE").

Maurice Pugh reports from Denny Wood (SU333067) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "All males, flying along the edge of the campsite.").

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ239999) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "both male"). "whilst continuing the rideside broadening to provide future fritillary habitat with the "two trees forestry commission conservation team", two male brimstones were seen flying by, my first butterfly this year."

Ed Merritt reports from Ipley (SU38220804) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Longdown (SU36230917) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap Inclosure (SU34790987) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap Inclosure (SU347092) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5).

Ed Merritt reports from Churchplace Inclosure (SU338098) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), **Small White** (1 "My first for 2011").

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU586001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Eric Skinner reports from Alvara Road, Gosport (SZ604989) where the following observations were made: **Small White** (1 "male flying in my garden"). "Earliest(?) Sighting in Hampshire in 2011."

Andrew Hutchison reports from Old Basing (SU671539) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Friday 11th March

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "FLYING BEFORE THE CLOUD COVERED"). "having a flight before cloud covering".



Brimstone

Richard Seargent reports from Tice's Meadow (SU4875514985) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "First Butterfly of the year"), Comma (1), **Large White** (1). "All three species seen in a brief gap in cloud cover when the sun finally showed".

Wednesday 9th March

Geoff Rapley reports from Lower Flexford (SU428210) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "..2nd butterfly of the year").

Alison Phillips reports from Waterworks Road (SU465237) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (5).

Tuesday 8th March

Paul Ritchie reports from Lakeside Country Park, Eastleigh (SU445177) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (1). "At last my first sightings today of a lone Brimstone at Lakeside Country Park, Eastleigh - photo included - followed later by a Comma flying high in the trees at Netley Common".



Brimstone

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU8153) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "In my Fleet garden; one also seen later in Church Crookham (SU 81 52)"), Comma (1 "One in the garden, my first of 2011").

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU826537) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "One by canal towpath just east of Pondtail").

Chris Hall reports from Norris Hill (SU833533) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on sunny track margin").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Flying with temperature of 10°C".

Geoff Rapley reports from Halterworth, Romsey (SU371212) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "My first ..but I'm sure there have been loads already").

Geoff Rapley reports from Cadbury Wood, Mottisfont (SU305270) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "On the new transect route"). "..information passed on by Lee Hulin".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (2).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Monday 7th March

Robert Bryant reports from Wayfarers Walk, Totford (SU568382) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "On patrol in bright sunshine").

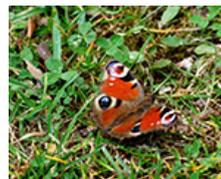
peter gardner reports from ITCHEN ABBAS (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "ALL SO 2 MALE BRIMSTONE".



Comma



Small Tortoiseshell



Peacock

Roy Symonds reports from Junction of Bartons Road with Petersfield Road, Havant (SU721081) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "Along the road side a male Brimstone".

Mick Langridge reports from Old Railway Path, Gosport (SZ605983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Basking"). "The school run was under way and as he couldn't get any peace he flew off just after I managed to grab this photo".



Comma

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU8153) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Circled three times around the sunlit part of the garden, around midday, shade temperature only 5C.").

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Also 3 Small Tortoiseshells again, making a Total of 7 for the day.".

Anne McCue reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592987) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU586001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

John Rowell reports from Woodhouse Copse (SZ530930) where the following observations were made: **Large Tortoiseshell** (3 "several seen since this date by other observers").

Sunday 6th March

Steve Mansfield reports from Bramshill Plantation (SU7561) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3).



Red Admiral

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Friday 4th March

Andrew Collins reports from Lorsdale Greenway, Shirley (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: **Speckled Wood** (1 "Very surprised to see this before I've seen Brimstone this year."), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Larkwhistle Farm Rd (SU521422) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Mervyn Grist and I went to this unloved 10k sq to 'beat up' the bird list on Birdtrack. This immaculate Red Ad was a welcome bonus.".

Robert Bryant reports from Hassock Copse (SU538364) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male - basking on verge in bright sunshine.").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3 "nuptial flights & courtship on Alexanders"). "After a series of nuptial chases the male courted the female by landing just behind and above her, with his forewings overlapping her wide-open hindwings. Eventually, following many nuptial flights and frequent episodes of courtship, mating was expected to occur deep in a nettlebed, the male settling beside her and curving his abdomen round to unite with hers.".

Wednesday 2nd March

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 "basking & flying").

David Tinling reports from Portsmouth Road, Lee-on-the-Solent (SZ572996) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying & basking on garden shingle").

Mick Langridge reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606974) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking"). "It was tucked well down in SW corner of the mound despite a cold NE breeze".



Small Tortoiseshell

Tuesday 1st March

Ed Merritt reports from Dibden (SU40590737) where the following observations were made: Common Quaker (1).

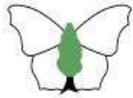


Common Quaker

Anne McCue reports from Old Moat, Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

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Thursday 24th February

Peter Gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male on dandelion").



Brimstone

COLIN R BEYER reports from CHERITON (SU577284) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Maurice Pugh reports from Home address, Cadnam (SU303133) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).



Peacock

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head (SU545026) where the following observations were made: **Comma** (1 "Basking on window ledge").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from 21 Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "My first butterfly of 2011").

Brenda Pomeroy reports from Weeke, Winchester (SU475308) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Tim Doran reports from Portsdown Hill (SU652081) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Brought out by the spring-like weather").

Lynn Fomison reports from Magdalen Hill Down Original Reserve (501 292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Seen by Patrick Fleet between 12noon and 1.30pm"), Peacock (2 "For a few years Patrick has suspected Peacocks hibernate in rabbit holes at MHD. He saw one of these Peacocks emerge from a rabbit hole and the other was basking near another rabbit hole").

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU 81 53) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flew around my garden in Fleet twice around 12.30, my first butterfly of 2011").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "flying & hovering over a bank of nettles near the sea").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Red Admiral (1). "During a half an hour's walk with a temperature of 13°C, my first butterfly sightings this year in Hampshire."

Mike Baker reports from Whitenap, Romsey (SU373208) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "First garden record for 2011").

Mr J G Moss reports from Hilliers Arboretum (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "Beautifully pristine flying in the woodland.").

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying").

Rachel Ball reports from Smithley's Copse, Axmansford (SU566609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Sunday 20th February

Annie Bone reports from East Meon (SU679219) where the following observations were made: Bumble Bee (1 "Cold day - isn't this very early?").

Saturday 19th February

Mevyn Grist reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU2146) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (17 Egg "Near Wilts border north-west of village"). "The Hampshire BH eggs were located by myself, Tom and Jean Smith, Laura Wallington and Avril Stevens after the final stage of systematically surveying a linear sequence of sites in Wilts, east of Tidworth. Team total for the day for this small part of East Salisbury Plain was 94 eggs. Both Hants and Wilts BC members took part. Brown Hairstreak is present at low density over a huge area and it is only possible to count on a rotating basis year by year. Detailed records will be sent to respective County recorders."

Thursday 17th February

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: [Small Tortoiseshell](#) (1 "basking & flying").

David Tinling reports from Anglesey Road, Gosport (SZ608990) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1 "male flying").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (2 "males basking & flying"), [Small Tortoiseshell](#) (1 "basking & flying"). "Nearby at Lee-on-the-Solent the temperature reached 13.3 C, the highest in the UK, in a NNE2 wind and unbroken weak sunshine."

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from House in Warsash (SU494053) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "Good condition, active, visiting Pansies in window box").

R Boyd reports from Old Winchester Hill car park (SU479298) where the following observations were made: [Peacock](#) (1 "Very fast flight").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery E, Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1).

Wednesday 16th February

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "basking & flying in my garden"). "Also in my garden a Buff-tailed Bumblebee was foraging on winter-flowering honeysuckle. In January a Red Admiral was seen at Gilkicker and another in a garden near the Haslar Sea Wall, Gosport."

Monday 14th February

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Posbrook (SU530040) where the following observations were made: [Painted Lady](#) (1 "Nectaring on Winter Heliotrope").

Pat Clipstone reports from Findon Road, Gosport (SU606016) where the following observations were made: [Painted Lady](#) (1 "taking nectar from Anemone coronaria "De Caen" in my garden").

Saturday 12th February

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes North (SU362475) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1 "Male").

Barrie Roberts reports from Bossington (SU330310) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1 "Male flying in sunlight in sheltered area alongside the road").

Anne McCue reports from Wendleholme, Warsash (SU489075) where the following observations were made: [Peacock](#) (1).

Thursday 10th February

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: [Double-striped Pug](#) (1 "flying inside my house").

Tuesday 8th February

Terry Hotten writes: "The beautiful spring weather brought out my first butterfly of the year; a female [Brimstone](#) seen flying at Cove.

Roger Pendell reports from Rake Garden Centre (SU806279) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1). "First butterfly of 2011-Happy Days".

Nick Walford reports from Rockford Common (SU167076) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1).

David Nordell reports from Blackgang Chine (SZ507732) where the following observations were made: [Peacock](#) (1). "Basking in the sun, Blackgang Chine at approx 3pm."

John Goodspeed reports from Leigh Park, Havant (SU711083) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1 "male").

Saturday 5th February

Dan Hoare reports from Winchester High Street (SU482294) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "Flying down the high street on a mild but gloomy day. 1st of the year!").

Thursday 3rd February

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "Flying around garden").

Tuesday 25th January

Mark Hallett reports from Whippingham Isle of Wight (SZ511936) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "my first butterfly of the year").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery East, Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "Basking in a rare splash of sunlight for this year"). "This my first sighting of the year. Later than recent years due to the cold, grey conditions and thus an unexpected pleasure."

Monday 24th January

peter gardner reports from noar hill (SU47942981) where the following observations were made: [Brown Hairstreak](#) (1 Egg "searched all of this area only found one").



Brown Hairstreak egg

Wednesday 19th January

Pat Skelton reports from Bursledon - garden (SU484104) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1).

Tuesday 18th January

David Tinling reports from Vectis Road, Gosport (SZ596992) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "basking & flying").

Saturday 15th January

Richard Carpenter reports from Meon Valley Railway Line (SU6015) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1 "Male. Alive but on static on path - might well have been blown out of its hibernation bush by the wind.").

Friday 14th January

Richard Symonds reports from Stoke, Hayling Island (SU722021) where the following observations were made: [Winter Moth](#) (1). "Observed on my kitchen curtain this evening, a male Winter Moth.".



Winter Moth

Tuesday 11th January

Tony and Jill Blakeley reports from milford on sea bowling green (sz289914) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "flying well in sunshine").

Sunday 9th January

ron bryan reports from 26 Pallant Gardens, Fareham (582064) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "resting on ledge of Patio Door"). "For a January day, it was bright, sunny and warmer than usual. An unexpected sight at this time of the year".

Richard Somers Cocks reports from Nore Barn Wood, Emsworth (SU73840529) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1). "It was a sunny, mild afternoon and the Red Admiral was sunning itself on the sea-wall. It was a fairly worn looking specimen".

Saturday 8th January

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU742319) where the following observations were made: [Brown Hairstreak](#) (13 Egg).

Friday 7th January 2011

Maurice Pugh reports from Home address (SU303133) where the following observations were made: [Peacock](#) (1 "Seen in the back garden at 1230pm").

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