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## Tuesday 29th April

Lynn Fomison is pleased to report that Patrick Fleet saw a Small Copper on the original reserve at Magdalen Hill Down on Friday 25th April. Patrick had also run a moth lamp at Magdalen on Saturday 26th and a number of interesting moths had been attracted including Nut-tree Tussock, Double-striped Pug and Knot Grass.

Dave Pearson writes: "Not Hampshire but you may be interested to know that there were several Wall Brown's on the wing at Winspit, Dorset last weekend. Has anyone been to check for emergence at Keyhaven?"

## Monday 28th April

Andy Barker writes: "Whilst on a management meeting at Magdalen Hill Down late this afternoon, I took a detour to the sheltered lower slopes. Not only did I find a Grizzled Skipper and a Green Hairstreak, but to my great surprise I also came across a fresh [Small Heath](#) flying briefly in warm sunshine before the clouds set in."

## Saturday 26th April

Colin Baker reports: "On Saturday I visited Magdalen Hill Down on the lower slope where I not only enjoyed the company of the butterflies but also the company of Roger Buchanan. (Hope the roof went well) I saw 5 Grizzled Skippers (One going at a Snails pace) in various state of repair along with 3 Peacocks & 8 Brimstone (5FM) (3M. I noted the female Brimstone's were hastily ovipositing on Alder Buckthorn even though the trees had yet to burst into leaf. (See photo) One the way home I stopped for what I thought was a female Orange-tip only to find it was a Green-veined White.



Grizzled Skipper



Brimstone



Green-veined White

Ashley Whitlock writes from Noar Hill "The following were seen Peacock (10) mostly seen in a farmers set aside next to Noar Hill. Duke of Burgundy (4) all males at present, one had been out several days. Brimstone (2) both females Orange Tip (4) all males, [Common Blue](#) (1) and Holly Blue (1). I'm very worried about the Cowslip situation, if its not the rabbits then its the sheep which seem to be overgrazing certain areas. And from Queen Elizabeth Country Park/ Oxenbourne Down After the Duke of Burgundy Convention in the afternoon several recorders and I went up to Oxenbourne Down to see the Duke of Burgundy site there. It was very late in the day for Dukes, and the site is not renowned for early sightings, but the following was seen Peacock (several by different recorders) Grizzled Skipper (1) Brimstone (3) and Orange Tip (2) seen in the car-park as I left

Sue Clark writes "A beautiful spring day saw the temperature rise to 20.7C in our Froyle garden with Orange Tips, Brimstone, Large White, Green Veined White and Holly Blue making the most of it. Also a *Pyrausta aurata* moth which seems quite early for this species. Unfortunately I missed getting a photo but did manage one of an Orange Tip and Holly Blue both nectaring from Honesty - not often you see a Holly Blue nectaring in my experience (saw one nectaring on Gooseberry flowers once) A walk to Bluebell woods added Peacocks, Commas and a Speckled Wood. What a shame that 5 days of rain are forecast!



Holly Blue



Orange-tip

Roger Buchanan sent in the excellent photograph of a female Grizzled Skipper underside (a view not often encountered) seen at Magdalen Hill Down.



Alan Thornbury wasn't the only one at Noar Hill early this afternoon looking for Duke of Burgundy. Hence no surprise that the only Duke conspicuous at that time had gathered quite an audience, some from as far as the North of England. Nevertheless this Duke seemed oblivious to all the attention, as he perched and basked for minutes at a time, occasionally flitting around the same few square yards of the penultimate chalkpit. After recording also his first male Orange Tip of the season as he exited Noar Hill, Alan then headed for Magdalen Hill Down. Here notable sightings included 8 Grizzled Skippers (all along the lower slopes), 3 Green Hairstreaks - and not forgetting Robin and Pat Turner!. Photos below.



Grizzled Skipper

Duke of Burgundy

Green Hairstreak

Geoff Jones writes "As the weather was find although a little too windy, we attempted a walk at Beacon Hill - but the wind from the South was too strong and we were disappointed in that we saw only a few Brimstones, a Peacock or two and a probable Red Admiral. An Orange Tip did put in an appearance but only at treetop height. We did hear our first Cuckoo though. After lunch we had a walk along the Wayfairers Walk out of the breeze then back through the village where I discovered a 3 female Orange Tip feeding on Garlic Mustard and a Holly Blue along with several m and f Brimstone."



Orange-tip

Piers Vigus reports "On a visit to Beacon Hill Warnford today I saw 3 Peacock, 1 male Holly Blue, 1 Grizzled Skipper, several Brimstone and a male Orange Tip. Actually my partner Lizzie saw the Orange Tip - I was chatting to Mr and Mrs Geoff Jones at the time, and can't possibly get away with trying to claim it as my sighting!"

Richard Symonds writes "Encouraged by the sighting of a Duke of Burgundy Fritillary, I visited Noar Hill (SU656065) around midday for an hour. The temperature was 19 degrees. I did locate a single female Duke of Burgundy Fritillary which was active but only flew a few yards before settling again. My count was: Brimstone (1M), Orange Tip (2M), Peacock (1), Comma (1) and Duke of Burgundy (1F). Later on the way to Chalton Down I saw four male Orange Tips that were nectaring on garlic mustard in a lane in Chalton village (SU730161) where I was able to get some photos. At Chalton Down itself (SU736156) the temperature was 18 degrees. A few Brimstones and whites were flying while on the slopes a pair of Grizzled Skippers flew up from the ground in a spiral flight pattern. My count was: Brimstone (1M), Green Veined White (1M 1F), Small White (1M), Orange Tip (1M), Comma (1) and Grizzled Skipper (4).



Grizzled Skipper

Orange-tip

Duke of Burgundy

Pat and Robin Turner visited Noar Hill in the morning and Magdalen Hill down in the afternoon. Sightings at Noar Hill were Peacock 7, Brimstone 3m, 5f, Duke of Burgundy 1 (thanks to Ashley Whitlock) Holly Blue 1, Orange-tip 3m. At Magdalen Hill Down they saw Peacock 2, Brimstone 2m, 3f, Holly Blue 2, Green Hairstreak 1, Small White 3, Grizzled Skipper 5.

### Wednesday 23rd April

Pete Eeles reports from Magdalen Hill Down Grizzled Skipper 3 Green Hairstreak 1 Peacock 2. "Although it was bright, it was also breezy! However, seeing a Green Hairstreak as soon as I entered the reserve soon put my concerns to bay, followed by a small number of Grizzled Skipper, and a single Patrick Fleet :)"

Simon Curson reports from Pignal Inclosure New Forest (SU317047) Peacock 1. "Looked for Pearl-borders, but none out yet."

Paul Guymer reports fro Magdalen Hill Down Extension and original reserve (SU511295) (34) On the extension, Peacock 2, Brimstone 1, Small White 1. On the original reserve, Peacock 1, and Green Hairstreak 1 flying along the lower path.

### Tuesday 22nd April

Geoff Jones and Robin Turner visited Magdalen Hill Down this morning in steadily improving weather. Sightings were 7 Peacock, 4 Brimstone

(3m, 1f ovipositing), 1 Comma, 2 Grizzled Skippers (in the same location previously seen by Patrick on the 14th), 1 Green Hairstreak and 1 Muslin Moth. Then on to Noar Hill in the afternoon where we saw 4 Peacock, 2 Brimstone and 1 **Duke of Burgundy**.



Grizzled Skipper



Brimstone ovum



Muslin Moth

Richard Symonds reports "In the late morning I visited Chalton Down at Old Idsworth (SU656065) where the temperature was 14 degrees and rising. En route I saw several male Brimstones, whites and a few male Orange Tips along the hedgerows. On the down itself several Brimstones were in flight and I saw a single Grizzled Skipper (my first sighting this year), which settled on leaf litter and finally on a primrose flower. My count was: Brimstone (4M 2F), Orange Tip (1M) and Grizzled Skipper (1)."



Mike Wildish reports from Smannell (SU385495) (84) Brimstone - 3 Peacock - 4; from Enham (SU370495) (84) Brimstone - 3 Peacock - 8 Small Tortoiseshell - 1; from Anton Lakes N (SU361475) (84) Brimstone - 6 Peacock - 2 Speckled Wood - 3 Orange-tip - 1 and finally from Anton Lakes W (SU357468) (84) Brimstone - 4 Peacock - 3 Speckled Wood - 1 Orange-tip - 1 Holly Blue - 2.

Andrew Bolton reports from Little Ham Farm, Axmansford, Tadley. (SU568607) (38) Speckled Wood 1, Small Tortoiseshell 1, Comma 1, Peacock 2, Brimstone 1.

Richard Seargent reports from Basingstoke Canal, Aldershot (2) Peacock x 7 Green-veined White x 1 Orange Tip x 4 Brimstone x 3. "A run between Queen's Avenue and Ash Embankment produced the butterflies listed. First Damelfly also seen (sp unknown)."

## Monday 21st April

Dr David Tinling writes "Speckled Wood and Common Lizard basking in my garden at Haslar (north-west) (SZ613986), Gosport, and a Whitethroat singing nearby. Sun 20th April: as I walked along the Gosport coast from Haslar to Lee Point, the temperature soared to 18.6 C at Lee-on-the-Solent, the highest in the UK. I saw my first swallow at Fort Gilkicker and heard my first Whitethroat and Sedge Warbler singing at Browdown North. Before heavy thundery rain in the afternoon I saw 62 butterflies, including the following. Brimstone(male), Small White (male) 3 (one taking dandelion nectar); Orange-tip(male), Peacock (taking dandelion nectar) and Comma at Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ595985), Gosport. Brimstone(male); Large White 2 males; Small White(male); Holly Blue(male); Comma; Speckled Wood in Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989). Large White 2 males, Peacock 7 (2 taking Blackthorn nectar); Comma 3; Speckled Wood 9; at Browdown North (east) (SZ582997). Brimstone 2 males (one taking dandelion nectar); Small White 4 males; Small Tortoiseshell 2; Peacock 3; at Carters Copse, Gosport (SU586001). Speckled Wood 5 at Browdown South (east) (SZ582992). Small White 3 males; Small Copper; Peacock; at Browdown South (west) (SZ575994). Wed 16th April; on my 67th Birthday walk I saw 45 butterflies in Gosport, including the following. Green-veined White (male) and 5 Speckled Woods in Ann's Hill Cemetery (east) (SU602002). Brimstone 2 males; Large White (male); Small White (male); Small Tortoiseshell; Comma 3; Speckled Wood; at Carters Copse, Gosport (SU586001) (also seen by Geoff Jones). Peacock 2; Comma 2; at Browdown North (west) (SZ579996) (also seen by Geoff Jones). Peacock 5; Comma 2; Speckled Wood 4; at Browdown North (east) (SZ582997).

## Sunday April 20th

Mike Wildish reports from Andover Newtown (SU355455) (85) Peacock - 1 Holly Blue - 1. "After yet another bout of cold and wet, suburbia attempts to come to life."

Mike Duffy writes: "With the weather warming up in the early afternoon, I went over to Basing Forest and saw 16 + Peacocks, none really fresh, 8 + Small White, 9 + Brimstones and 3 Orange-tip all male, however I think one of them should have been renamed "Lemon-tip" as the tips were yellow instead of orange."

Richard Symonds writes: "In the early afternoon I visited Noar Hill (SU656065) for an hour where the temperature was 14 degrees. Several male Brimstones were flying near the edge of the woods while Peacocks were attracted to the blackthorn blossoms. The Brown Hairstreak ova I have been observing is still intact. My total count was Brimstone (4M) Peacock (3) and Comma (1). Later a brief stop at Chalton Down at Old Idsworth (SU736156) revealed two male Brimstones.



Martin Hampton reports from Havant (85) (garden) 1 Holly Blue and 1m and 1f Orange tip.

Dave Pearson reports from New Alresford (SU579331) (84) Brimstone (1 male) Orange-Tip (1 male). "A brief walk at mid-day produced one male Orange-Tip in the same place I saw one at the end of March."

## Thursday 17th April

Dr David Tinling reports for Thurs 10th April: courting couple of Small Tortoiseshells at Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975). Sun 10th Feb: CORRECTION: LARGE TORTOISESHELL photographed on a white window ledge in Cambridge Road, Lee-on-the-Solent (SZ567999) and NOT a

Small Tortoiseshell as mistakenly reported earlier. While re-examining photographs more carefully I was amazed to discover my mistake made when my eyes were blinkered by limited expectations and my mind was closed to unlikely possibilities. Large Tortoiseshell was not even on the substitutes bench! This is the earliest-ever Hampshire sighting, at least in recent times, although one was seen in Portland on 27th Jan 2007. On 10th Feb 2008 one was also photographed in the Portland Observatory garden and mild S/SE winds had been blowing for several days so that these butterflies were probably early migrants that had hibernated on the continent. The one seen at Lymington by Pete Durnell on 14th March could also have been an early migrant that had gone back into hibernation. I find that a quick, easy and unmistakable way to distinguish between Large and Small Tortoiseshells is to look at the centre of the forewing where the Large Tortoiseshell has four large black spots, three of them at the corners of a triangle with the fourth near the middle of the triangle, whereas the Small Tortoiseshell has one very large spot and two small ones. This is not a method of identification that I have seen described anywhere.

### Wednesday 16th April

Thelma Smalley reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension Small Tortoiseshell 4 "Walking the transect I saw the tortoiseshells in sections 1 and 2. Met a couple who had seen 2 brimstones and 2 peacocks. The cowslips looked lovely in the sunshine."

### Tuesday 15th April

Richard Sergeant reports from Browning Barracks, Aldershot (SU863521) (Type: 84,86) Red Admiral x 1. "One individual flying around the small garden adjacent to the Dakota airplane." And also from the Aldershot Training Area (Various locations) (31,42) Brimstone x 2 Peacock x 2 Small Tortoiseshell. He comments "Sorry for lack of Grid Reference. I was taking part in a cross country run at the time and could not stop to log locations."!!

Mike Duffy writes "A late morning walk when I was near Longparish, had me see 2 Orange-tip, one of which was at rest, long enough for a few photos to be taken, also 2 Brimstone seen on the wing."



Orange-tip

Richard Symonds writes "This morning I visited Noar Hill (SU656065) for an hour and a half, the temperature was 8 degrees. Very little was on the wing. My count was a single male Brimstone, single Red Admiral and two Peacocks. I managed to locate the Brown Hairstreak ova that I photographed on my last visit which had not hatched. Heading south I saw a male Orange Tip on the roadside in The Causeway, Petersfield. A brief visit was made to Chalton Down at Old Idsworth (SU736156) where two male Brimstones were very active."

Paul Guymer reports from Magdalen Down Extension (SU511295) (34) Peacock 9, Small Tortoiseshell 7, Small White 1, Brimstone 1.

Mark Litjens writes "There was 1 Male Orange Tip along the lanes of Hursley village this lunchtime along with 1 Comma and 3 Brimstone."

Lynn Fomison writes from her Ropley garden. "I was thrilled today to see a male Brimstone - the first one since the snow. And even more thrilled to see my first Speckled Wood of the year."

### Monday 14th April

Richard Symonds writes: "Today I visited Chalton Down at Old Idsworth (SU736156), where the temperature was 13 degrees. I only saw 2 sightings but managed photos of both. The first was a male Green Veined White followed by a male Brimstone which was sitting near the base of a blackthorn bush. It did not seem very active and I even persuaded it to climb onto my finger!"



Green-veined White



Brimstone

Lynn Fomison is pleased to pass on this report from Patrick Fleet who was working at Magdalen Hill Down Original reserve today. During the morning two **Grizzled Skippers** were seen on Area 4 on the lower slopes. This was really pleasing as they were in an area where Patrick had removed brambles & cattle droppings which had resulted in the creation of bare patches that we know the GS really like. And as if that was not enough he then saw a **Green Hairstreak**. In the afternoon he saw an Orange Tip & Peacock. But no Brimstones were seen & this is quite unusual for MHD. Are other people failing to see Brimstones where they would expect to. Since the snow there have been none seen in my Ropley garden.

Richard Sergeant reports from Aldershot Training Area (SU854511) (41, 84,85) Peacock x 2, Green-veined White x 1. "Flying well in sunshine at deciduous woodland edge adjacent to the army football pitches." Richard also has the following sighting from North Camp, Aldershot (SU876536) (86) ~~White Plume Moth~~ x 1 Correction Emmelina monodactyla "One on the window of Kingfish Fish and Chip Shop. I am aware that this is an early sighting for this species."

### Sunday 13th April

Richard Coomber reports from Pennington Orange-tip - one. "A female in the garden at lunchtime was the first butterfly we have had of any kind in the garden since the snow a week ago."

Ian Pratt reports from Branstone, Sandown, IOW (SZ553834) (38) Small Tortoiseshell 1 "Last year I saw very few small tortoiseshells and the first only in June. This year has been much better so far."



## Thursday 10th April

Paul Guymer reports from Magdalen Down Extension (SU511295) (34) "Hoping for good sunshine on the 9th but only saw 3 peacocks on the extension. I saw 2 more peacocks on the 10th when it was cloudy, and then sighted a red kite passing over the down heading west."

## Wednesday 9th April

Lynn Fomison writes excitedly from her Ropley garden. "Just seen my first Orange Tip of the year - a female. It returned repeatedly to take nectar from some lovely soft violet hyacinths that I had only planted yesterday. The name of the variety is Splendid Cornelia. I have often had bumble bees on hyacinths but can't recall butterflies on them in previous years. A new flower for the butterfly garden!"



Mike Wildish reports from "East Anton (SU375465) (84) Speckled Wood - 1 Peacock - 1.

Geoff Jones writes: "This morning following a walk through the 'Old Cemetery where I hoped to find a Holly Blue but the wind being rather cold, I took a walk around the nearby Hermitage Conservation Garden and surrounding Anns Hill Allotments area where I saw Large White 1; Small White 7 including my first 'definite' **Green-veined White**. Later in the day I walked along Stokes Bay and near Stanley Park I found Peacock 5; Small Copper 1; Comma 1; Small Tortoiseshell 1 and Small White 1.

Thelma Smalley writes "Bentley Station Meadow (38 ) Peacock 5, Comma 2. Seen by Sue Clark when walking the transect. She noted in flower were: primroses, wood anemones, cowslips, ground ivy, celandine, dog violet and gorse. Rosettes of the leaves of common spotted orchid were showing. Lots of birdsong."

## Tuesday 8th April

Geoff Jones writes: "This a.m. at North Browndown/Carters Copse, Lee on the Solent/Gosport whilst a colleague and I were planning some conservation measures within the MOD Training Area, I saw Speckled Wood 2; Peacock 4; Comma 1. The weather improved even further this afternoon with warmer temperatures. While walking two energetic Spaniels in Stanley Park, Gosport I managed to spot: Peacock 5; Small White 1; Comma 2 and my first **Small Copper** 2 of the Spring.

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes West (SU355465) (84) Comma - 1 Peacock - 1 " Wot - no brimstones!"

Richard Hart reports from Hook Valley (SU500052) (84) Speckled Wood (1) "Ground colour distinctly Yellow."

## Monday 7th April

Dr David Tinling has sent in these recent sightings from the Gosport Area: Fri 4th April: 54 butterflies along or near the Gosport coast: Brimstone 2 males & 1 female; Large White 2 males; Small White 7 males & 1 female; Small Tortoiseshell 1; Peacock 26; Comma 10; Speckled Wood 4; as follows: female Small White taking grape hyacinth nectar and Small Tortoiseshell on the Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course (north-east)(SZ612981); female Brimstone and male Small White at Fort Gilkicker(SZ606975); Peacock 2 at Gilkicker (south-west)(SZ602979); Small White(male) 2 and Peacock at Stokes Bay Playing Field (SZ598983); Brimstone(male), Small White (male) 2, Peacock 2, Comma at Stokes Bay Old Moat (SZ595985); Large White 2 males Small White male, Comma 2, Speckled Wood 2 in Stanley Park(SZ592989); Peacock on Kingfisher Path by River Alver (SZ586993); Peacock 6 at Carters Copse (SU586001); Peacock 4 and Comma at Browndown North (east)(SZ582997); Peacock and Comma at Browndown North (west)(SZ579996); Brimstone(male) and Peacock 7 and Comma 2 in the Wildgrounds (west)(!SU579010); Peacock 2, Comma 3 and Speckled Wood 2 in the Wildgrounds (east)(SU581010). Wed 2nd April: Brimstone(male) in my garden at Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986). Thurs 3rd April: Brimstone(male) 2 and Peacock at Browndown South(west) (SZ575994);Brimstone(male) at Browndown South(east)(SZ582992);Small White(male),Peacock 4 and Comma at Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ595985). Light Brown Apple Moth, Epiphyas postvittana, flew in my kitchen window at Haslar (north-west), Gosport(SZ613986). Eileen Webb saw 2 Speckled Woods in her garden in Monckton road, Gosport(SZ608984) on 1st April. Dr Andrew Rintoul saw a Holly Blue on 1st April and a female Brimstone on 3rd April in his garden in Clayhall Road, Gosport(SZ604986).

## Sunday 6th April



Dan Hoare writes: "No butterflies in the snow at Yew Hill today, but a good example of the warmth of the south-facing banks in this photo, where the snow had disappeared within minutes."

Also see Lyn Fomison's Yew Hill Update [HERE](#)...

Andrew Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU 565613) (38,41,43) Brimstone 14, Peacock 6, Comma 3, Orange Tip 1. "These are the totals seen on and off transect on 4th April, for the first walk of the season. Good nos. of Brimstone already, & I never expected to see an Orange Tip. I wonder how many can survive the sudden temperature plunge."

## Saturday 5th April

Ian Pratt reports from Stenbury Down (SZ538789) (34) Small Tortoiseshell 2; Red Admiral 1; Peacock 2

## Friday 4th April

Richard Symonds writes "Here is a summary of sightings from the past 2 days: On 3rd April a single female Brimstone at Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156). On 4th April roadside sightings of a single male Orange Tip on A27 at Havant (SU718057) and female Brimstone at Petersfield Road, Havant (SU722095). At home in the mid afternoon a single Orange Tip in my garden at Stoke, Hayling Island (SU72250218)."

Geoff Jones writes "A pleasant day today so decided on a local walk - around 5 hours or so later I arrived home for my lunch. Butterflies seem to be increasing in number although I haven't yet seen a Holly Blue. (I met Ann McCue who told me she saw 2 this morning in the 'Old' Ann's Hill Cemetery in Gosport). I did see: Comma 3; Large White 2; Speckled Wood 7; Brimstone male 7; Peacock 8+; Small White 3."

Paul Guymer reports from Magdalen Down Extension (SU511295) (34) "A good day on the down today, nice sunshine and lighter breeze. Peacock (4), Brimstone (1), Small tortoiseshell (2), and I saw 2 Holly Blues flying together around some clumps of ivy on the wooded path near INTECH."

Mike Wildish reports from Picket Piece (SU385465) (84) Brimstone - 2 Small White - 1 and Picket Twenty (SU385450) (84) Brimstone - 7 Peacock - 4 and finally Old Micheldever Road (SU375453) (84) Brimstone - 8.

Bernard Dempsey reports from Back garden Bitterne Southampton (85) 1 Holly Blue 1 Speckled Wood. "Seen at 11.00 am."

## Thursday 3rd April

Richard Henry Angood Hart reports from Warsash (SU494053) (85) Orange Tip (1). "Also One male seen 04/04."

Mike Wildish reports from Thrupton (SU295455) (85) Brimstone - 9, and from Weyhill (SU315470) (85) Brimstone - 2. "I seem to have some sort of brimstone curse - can't see any others! Willow Warblers are in and singing, and swallows too. Nice to see Lapwings displaying at Thrupton"

Natalie Rogers reports from Field adjacent to Beechcroft garden, Curdridge (SU524136) (84) One Brimstone seen.

## Wednesday 2nd April

Dr David Tinling sends in these recent sightings from the Gosport area: Thurs 27th March: Peter Bowker saw two whites in the Hermitage Garden, Gosport (SU596004). Anne McCue saw 2 male Brimstones in Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) and 3 Peacocks and a Comma in Carters Copse, Gosport (SU586001). Sun 30th March: Brimstone 7 Males; Small White 1 male; Small Tortoiseshell 1; Peacock 5; Comma 3; including a female Small Tortoiseshell being courted by a male Peacock, were seen by Geoff Jones and/or Anne McCue and/or David Tinling at Carters Copse, Gosport (SU586001). They also saw Brimstone 2 males; Red Admiral 1; Peacock 1; Speckled Wood 1 at Browdown North (Oakwood) (SZ582999) and 2 Peacocks and a Comma at Browdown North (west) (SZ579996). Anne McCue saw 3 Commas at Browdown north (east) (SZ582997). Geoff Jones and David Tinling saw a Peacock in Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ585997) and David Tinling saw a Small Tortoiseshell and a Comma at Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ595985). Mon 31st March: Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Comma at Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ595985); 2 Speckled Woods in Stanley Park, Gosport, (SZ592989); Small White (male), Peacock and Comma in Carters Copse (SU586001), Gosport; Peacock and 2 Commas at Browdown North (west) (SZ579996); Peacock and 2 Commas at Browdown North (east) (SZ582997); Peacock, Comma and Speckled Wood at Browdown north (Oakwood) (SZ582999); 2 Commas on the Old Railway line, Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605983). Tues 1st April: Large White (male), 3 Commas and 3 Speckled Woods in Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989); 2 male Brimstones and 8 Peacocks in Carters Copse, Gosport (SU586001); 6 Peacocks and 5 Commas at Browdown North (east) (SZ582997).

## Tuesday 1st April

Lynn Fomison writes - "Just saw one male Brimstone at Bentley Station Meadow today. Lots of chiff-chaffs calling and saw a blackcap singing. In my garden it was a repeat of last Thursday as I saw Peacock, Brimstone and Comma. Interestingly the three Peacocks that had hibernated all winter were not in the shed in the early afternoon today ( 2 were there yesterday) & had not returned by 8pm this evening."

Paul Guymer reports from Magdalen Hill Down Extension (SU511295) (34) Peacock 1. "I only spotted one peacock butterfly today, flying over the extension in sunshine but still windy."

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