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Friday 26th February

Stephen Harvey reports from Chandler's Ford (SU 444212) (85): Red Admiral 1 (on the wing).

Dr David Tinling writes: "On 8th Feb 2010 Peter & Margaret Bowker photographed a Red Admiral taking primrose nectar in their garden and saw a Small White flying over their garden at Kingston Road, Gosport, from the Hermitage Garden nearby. On the same day in 2008 two Small Whites were seen in Southampton."

Friday 19th February

Barrie Roberts reports from Rockford Lake, Blashford (SU158081) (2): Red Admiral "Flying."

Thursday 18th February

Sarah Patton writes: "It was super in the south east yesterday! I mentioned that butterflies might be thinking about appearing from hibernation and, sure enough, we saw a Red Admiral in Stubbington, Hampshire. Bet it has retreated again today!!!"

Penny Chamont writes from her conservatory in Kings worthy, Winchester: one female Brimstone butterfly "No idea how it came to be inside my house at 1pm."

Wednesday 17th February

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Red Admiral basking & flying at Ann's Hill Cemetery.

Friday 5th February

Helen Brock saw a Red Admiral flying around gardens in Lymington this afternoon

On 3rd February Patrick Fleet showed me this Lappet moth caterpillar, writes Lynn Fomison, on buckthorn on the extension at Magdalen Hill Down. Patrick had first spotted it on 21st January & not unsurprisingly it had not moved far 13 days later. I was very thrilled to see it as Lappet moth is only seen at MHD infrequently. Patrick explained that once the weather warmed up & it got active it would reveal more of the bright colouration towards it's head. Waring (Field Guide to Moths of Great Britain & Ireland) describes it as "most often found on small isolated bushes" as indeed his one was. He also describes it as "overwintering as a small larva". I guess this one was just over 2cm long. We hope we shall have the opportunity to watch it over the months to May until it pupates. Just hope it does not get eaten!



Lappet larva

John Moon reports from Norfolk House, Abbots Ann (SU329438) (85): Red Admiral, 1

Thursday 21st January

Dr David Tinling writes: "Dennis & Christine Bohea were amazed to see a very fresh male **Small White** at 5.30 pm on Thurs 21st Jan 2010 in their kitchen at Rowner, Gosport (SU583203). It had probably come in through the kitchen window from the ivy covered wall outside, where it had presumably emerged from its chrysalis in the morning sunshine. This is the earliest ever Hampshire sighting, beating 8th Feb 2008."

Sunday 17th January

David Shute writes: "I went on the Wildlife Trust Alresford bird walk this morning and we had a **Brimstone** flying along the hedge at Abbotstone Road. It's my earliest ever record for this species and after all this freezing weather I am amazed that it could emerge on the first sunny day."



Brimstone

Michael Skelton writes: "I was pleased to see a **Red Admiral** basking on the wall of a house in Boscombe (SZ1191)."

Friday 15th January

Martin King reports from Poulner (SU156063) (85): Red Admiral 1. "Flying through garden at 13.00"

Tuesday 12th January 2010

Peter Gardner writes: "I pulled my curtains back when this promising image appeared!! I hope a good start for 2010."



Snow Butterfly

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