

Sunday January 27th

Ginnie Copsey reports "I saw a Peacock butterfly in our garden on sunny 27th January.SU 500193 Hall Lands."

Dr David Tinling has sent this series of sightings from the Gosport area between 22nd and 27th January. Tues 22nd Jan: Small Tortoiseshell seen flying in her garden in Fort Road, Gosport (SZ613985) by Mrs Pat Berry. Red Admiral seen in Royal Naval Cemetery, Clayhall Road, Gosport (SZ612987) by tree surgeons. Thurs 24th: Red Admiral taking Mahonia nectar in Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) seen by Anne McCue. Fri 25th: **Painted Lady** basking and flying in their garden at Behrendt Close, Elson, Gosport (SU604009), seen by Leslie and Elizabeth Martin, was undoubtedly the one seen there on 8th Dec. Three Red Admirals basking, flying and taking Mahonia nectar in Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) seen by David Tinling. Two Red admirals seen by Don Kent in his garden in Jellicoe Avenue (SZ597994) Sun 27th: Four Red Admirals basking in Alverstoke, Gosport, one on garden gravel in The Avenue (SZ599988), a second on a wall in Stanley Park (SZ592989), a third on a tomb in St Mary's Churchyard (SZ601988) and a fourth on a cardboard box in Gosport Park (SZ611992), seen by David Tinling.

Stephen Harvey reports from Chandler's Ford (SU444212) (85) Red Admiral 1 "Basking on gutter for 10 minutes at midday."

Peter Vaughan reports from Bartley Heath (SU728535) (31) Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) adult (one). "Seen flying and then basking with wings spread out on trunk of an oak tree. Also at least two species of moth were on the wing - but not identified I'm afraid. Later, at around 2pm, I saw a Peacock butterfly (*Inachis io*) flying in my back garden in Hook, NE Hants (SU721543) (85). It was a noticeably warm (for January) and bright day. "

Sue Clark writes "The lovely sunny weekend seemed more like March than January. Yesterday in Froyle glimpsed a pale butterfly most likely a female **Brimstone** and today two large Queen Bees - *Bombus terrestris* I think, feeding on Helleborus Foetidus Flowers and a bush of winter flowering Honeysuckle."

Saturday 26th January

Robin Turner reports from his home in Grayshott (SU861355) 1 **Brimstone**. "A male seen at lunchtime flying round the garden in weak sunshine."

Richard Symonds writes "A single Red Admiral was flying today in bright sunshine at 12:45 alongside a southern facing copse on the Chalton to Compton "green road" path (SU748156).

Peter Vaughan reports from Bartley Heath (SU728535) (31) Fox Moth (*Macrothylacia rubi*) caterpillar. "Large specimen, on grass tussock, seen at mid-day, in sunshine."

Friday 25th January

Andy Barker writes "Very pleased to report my first butterfly of the year, a Red Admiral this morning (25 January) basking on a window ledge at Sparsholt College. Judging from other reports already on the sightings page it seems that this species is now a regular in the winter months, and quite capable of passing through our increasingly mild winters, probably helped by the fact that many gardeners have a good range of winter flowering plants offering nectar. In our garden the winter-flowering honeysuckle has been very popular with bees on sunny days over the last month."

Tuesday 22nd January

Dr David Tinling reports "3 Red Admirals basking and flying in Alverstoke, Gosport, two of them in Stanley Park(SZ592989) and the third in Somervell Close(SZ602986).

Sunday 20th January

Wayne Clinch and Brian Bray both report from Blashford Lakes (SU155086) One Red Admiral. "Seen on a Wiltshire Ornithological Society's field trip"

Saturday 19th January

Rupert Broadway writes "No butterflies to report, but is a Brown Hare at the Yew Hill reserve worthy of note? - I've never seen one there before. Also a pair of Stonechats in the nearby fields.

Sunday 13th January

Gary Palmer reports from the New Forest. 1 Peacock. "Basking on a log pile mid day in Little Wooton Inclosure (SZ225985). Observed for a short while before it flew up into oak tree canopy out of sight, in bright sun, looked in good nick."

Saturday 12th January

Geoff Jones writes "I receive and contribute to a local Wildlife Report compiled by a fellow volunteer at Titchfield Haven. In the report I received today a sighting of a **Peacock** was included I thought you would be interested to hear that the Peacock was seen on the 12th January at Hook, near Warsash. The observer was Mike Hesk. I believe there has also been a local sighting of a Red Admiral - which I guess is not unusual at times when the weather is sunny creating a 'sun trap'.

Wednesday 9th January

Paul Guymer reports from Magdalen Hill Extension (SU511295) **Red Admiral**. "Flying in strong wind."