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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



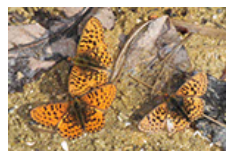
Small Heath

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 Catherine's 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 didn't 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

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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).



Duke of Burgundy

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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