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Saturday 28th November

[Steve Mansfield reports from Weston Common, Lasham \(SU7044\) \(41\): Peacock 1](#)

Wednesday 25th November

[Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Red Admiral in Ann's Hill Cemetery.](#)

Sunday 22nd November

[Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Red Admiral basking and flying in my garden.](#)

Thursday 19th November

[Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Holly Blue taking ivy nectar, Red Admiral & Speckled Wood.](#)

[Andrew Bolton reports from Smithleys Copse, Axmansford \(SU565607\) \(43\): One Comma. "Seen battling a strong wind in a sunny spell. This may well draw a line under the butterfly season for me, - if so what a long and enjoyable one it's been."](#)

Tuesday 17th November

[Mike Wildish reports from Middle Wyke \(SU418490\) \(84\): Red Admiral - 1.](#)

[June Trim writes: "This morning at Mill Court in Binstead I saw 5 Red Admiral, 2 Painted Ladies and 1 Comma they were all on apples and pears that had fallen and were beginning to rot."](#)

[Gary Palmer in the garden in Shirley Holms 17.11.09 \(sz 296 984\) on a nice sunny day found what seems to be the last painted lady in the garden this year. A worn individual that spent most of its time basking and feeding on the last few verbena flowers.](#)



Painted Lady

[Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling report from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1, Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 5, Speckled Wood 2.](#)

Monday 16th November

[Mark Swann reports from New Forest: "5 red admirals seen in the forest today and in Ashurst garlic mustard is flowering!!! spring must be here already."](#)

Sunday 15th November

[Gary Palmer out walking in the Holmsley Inclosure \(sz 225 999\) on a beautiful mild sunny morning found 3 red admirals in close proximity basking on a sweet chestnut trunk.](#)



Red Admiral

Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling report from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1, Red Admiral 7, Peacock 1.

Russell Wynn writes: "I was surprised to see a late Small Copper in my Brockenhurst garden. I believe this is the latest Hampshire record for several years, and possibly the third latest on record. A couple of Red Admirals were more expected."

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU566607)(85): one each of Red Admiral & Painted Lady

Thursday 12th November

Mike Wildish reports from Dipden Bottom (SU341401) (84) Red Admiral - 1 "There I was doing a bird atlas tetrad count and in a brief moment of sunshine, this red ad comes and settles right in front of me. Almost as good as the peregrine I saw a few moments later."

Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Painted Lady taking nectar from *Verbena bonariensis* in my garden on 11th & 12th Nov.

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1; Red Admiral 2.

Wednesday 11th November

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow on 10th & 11th Nov.

Lynn Fomison reports Patrick Fleet saw a Red Admiral at Magdalen Hill Down on Wednesday 11th November. It was at top of extension near the cemetery - a favoured spot with lots of ivy for nectar and roosting.

Monday 9th November

Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling report from Gosport: Red Admiral 20, Painted Lady 8, Speckled Wood 1; Common Darter 1.

Saturday 7th November

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU 566607) (85): Moth caterpillar "Can anyone identify the caterpillar? It's about 3cm long when uncurled, and looks well fed." The caterpillar has been identified as a Large Yellow Underwing.



Large Yellow Underwing

Ashley Whitlock writes from Hilsea Lines: "Been out in the warmth of a November Morning, and a Red Admiral was seen sunning itself on the side of a house, and a Comma and Peacock were observed feeding on Ivy Buds, but I never saw a Holly Blue which a lot of observers have seen this month."

Peter Vaughan writes: "On 7 November 2009 during a mid-day visit to Bartley Heath I saw a single Painted Lady butterfly and a Scarce Umber *Agriopis aurantiaria* moth."



Scarce Umber

Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 7, Painted Lady 6 (including 5 in my garden), Speckled Wood 1.

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 16, Painted Lady 7, Speckled Wood 3, Total 27; Common Darter 1.

Thursday 5th November

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU 566607) (85): Red Admiral 2, Painted Lady 1. "Painted Lady in good condition, nectaring on perennial wallflower, 'Bowles Mauve', which is still blooming profusely. Admirals taking juice from semi-rotten apples nearby."

Wednesday 4th November

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1, Common Blue 1, Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 13, Painted Lady 9, Speckled Wood 2, Total 27; Common Darter 4. Also ca50 Brent Geese on Gilkicker Lagoon.

Tuesday 3rd November

Gary Palmer: In a garden in Shirley Holms 3.11.09 (sz 296 984) at mid morning, before it rained found 3 still rather new looking painted lady, nectaring on the verbena.

Monday 2nd November

Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 12, Painted Lady 7, Comma 1, Speckled Wood 6; Rush Veneer 1.

Mark Swann reports from testwood lakes: "still lots to see over 40+ butterflies seen of 6 species best being a male brimstone, 14+ painted ladies, 7 red admirals, commas, peacock and speckled woods."

Penny Raynor reports from Isnage Farm, Froyle (SU 768455) (41/82): Clouded Yellow 1 Red Admiral 2 "This is a farm in Stewardship which uses no chemicals."

Sunday 1st November

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU 566607) (85): Red Admiral 1

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