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### Saturday 31st October

John Hunt writes: "Holly Blue sighted today at 1400hrs in my back garden in Hook."

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 4, Small Copper 1, Common Blue 1, Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 2, Painted Lady 3, Speckled Wood 2; Rush Verneer 1; Common Darter 3.

Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 9, Painted Lady 7, Comma 1, Speckled Wood 4.

### Friday 30th October

Lynn Fomison reports that she saw two Painted Ladies when at MHD today for work party. Patrick saw Clouded Yellow there on Wednesday 28th.

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1, Painted Lady 2.

Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 6, Painted Lady 4, Speckled Wood 4.

### Thursday 29th October

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

### Wednesday 28th October

Lynn Fomison reports that the first work of the season at Bentley Station Meadow was well attended. The priority job was clearing scrub from a little glade that had always been popular with Small Coppers. Some sorrel plants and nice areas of bare ground were apparent. We had hoped to see one in the autumn sunshine but no! However a Painted Lady was seen. Other work was cutting down birch regrowth & trimming back the scrub block in the northern meadow.

Peter Gardner reports 1 peacock highcross 713265; 1 small tortoiseshell ovington 558315 plus a moth.



Believed to be a Ruby Tiger larva

Anne McCue reports from Gosport: Red Admiral 6, Painted Lady 2, Speckled Wood 3.

### Tuesday 27th October

John Vetterlein reports from Southampton Old Cemetery (SU413137) (85): Red Admiral - 9 Painted Lady - 4 Speckled Wood - 4 Peacock - 1 "No Small Coppers, not having a good final brood on this site."

Ian Watts reports from Weston Shore (Coastal shingle with rough grassland): Clouded Yellow "Seen along roadside verge."

Barrie Roberts reports from Hinton Ampner (SU596276) (85): 15 Painted Ladies 8 Red Admirals

Gary Palmer back in the garden at Shirley Holms (sz 296 984 ) seems to have been a moderate influx of painted lady again with 9 in the garden today with 1 small copper and 1 speckled wood.

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 3, Large White 1, Small White 2, Holly Blue 1, Red Admiral 11, Painted Lady 13, Comma 1, Total 35; Common Darter 3.

### Monday 26th October

Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling report from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 7, Small White 2, Small Copper(4th brood) 1, Common Blue(3rd brood) 3, Holly Blue(3rd brood) 3, Red Admiral 31, Painted Lady 18, Comma 2, Speckled Wood 6, Total 73(9

species); Silver Y Moth 1; Common Darter 1.

Ian Watts reports from Deep Dene, Southampton (43): red admiral....2 speckled wood.....4 "All seen in a sunlit glade."

Mark Swann reports from testwood lakes: the butterfly year just won't end with 7 species still on the wing, 13+ painted ladies, 7 red admirals, 3 peacocks, comma, speckled wood, small copper and 3 clouded yellows.

## Sunday 25th October

Anne McCue and Dr David Tinling report from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 1, Common Blue 1, Red Admiral 23, Painted Lady 17, Speckled Wood 10, Total 52.

Peter Gardner reports from highcross froxfield (713265) (garden): red admiral 1. "On golden balls budelia."



Red Admiral

Andrew Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Meadows NNR (SU 563622) (38): Small Copper 3 "The final few stragglers in a long season."

## Saturday 24th October

Gary Palmer in a garden in Shirley Holms New Forest (SZ 296 984) another sunny day brought still 5 species of butterfly, including 1 peacock, 1 red admiral, 1 speckled wood, 4 painted lady and 2 small copper. Also seen 1 common darter and a migrant hawk.



Small Copper

## Friday 23rd October

Graham Vick reports from Tadley Common, near Silchester, Hants North (31): Clouded yellow - one fresh specimen seen during sunny period in early afternoon.

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 4, Small White 2, Small Copper 1, Red Admiral 6, Painted Lady 9, Comma 1; and from along the coast at Haslar, Gilkicker & Stokes Bay. Also Common Blue 1 male, Red Admiral 8, Painted Lady 8, Speckled Wood 1 at Ann's Hill Cemetery, seen by Anne McCue.

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU 566607) (85): Red Admiral 1, Speckled Wood 1, Brimstone female 1. Also from Burghclere village (SU 467608) (85): Feathered Thorn 1 "A female Feathered Thorn at rest on the wooden wall of the Burghclere Sports & Social Club. Sleeping off a hangover."

## Sunday 18th October

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Lock/Common: "Just cannot put Butterflies to bed for this year, trying to finish all my notes, and unfortunately I have to keep adding to them, with lovely days like today. Went to my local patch and it turned up a few surprises, At Milton Lock there was [7] Red Admirals feeding on the buds of Ivy in the glorious sunshine, along with a Comma, Peacock, and a Painted Lady, which was very fresh. On the Milton Lock site, which belongs and managed by Hants and Isle of Wight Conservation trust, I saw a Small Copper, which I've never seen at this site before, also several Speckled Wood, and Small Whites. I also saw a very fast flying female Clouded Yellow passing through the area. On Milton Common there were several Small Whites and a Comma. Not bad for the middle of October."

Paul Brock & Gary Palmer report: "An afternoon visit to a partly sunny Southbourne Undercliff produced c. 30 Clouded Yellows (3 female f. helice seen within a few minutes of arriving), 15 Painted Ladies, 5 Red Admirals, 15 Small Whites, 10 Large Whites and 2 Common Blues.

Michael Scoggins reports from Woodlands allotments, Overton (518494) (Allotment site): 1 Clouded Yellow "Butterfly was feeding on the few Dandelion flowers that were available. The afternoon was quite warm with the sun out. No other butterflies were seen this afternoon."

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 32, Small White 9, Small Copper 2, Common Blue 4, Red Admiral 6, Painted Lady 13, Comma 1, Speckled Wood 3, Meadow Brown 1, Total 71; Common Darter 5.

## Saturday 17th October

Mark Painter reports from Hook Links (SU491046) (1): Clouded Yellow 2 Red Admiral 2 "CYs at rest on short grass. RAs flying north east."

Geoff Jones writes: "Today, I took advantage of a brief period of warm weather and walked around my local patch where I saw: Speckled Wood 5; Common Blue 2m and 2 fem pretty worn as might be expected; Peacock 1; Clouded Yellow 2; Red Admiral 2; Large White 1."

Andrew Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU 566607) (85): Small Copper 1, Painted Lady 1

## Friday 16th October

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 7, Large White 2, Small White 12, Small Copper 6, Brown Argus 1 fresh 3rd Brood female, Common Blue 4, Red Admiral 13, Painted Lady 20, Peacock 1, Speckled Wood 1, Total 67; Silver Y Moth 1; Common Darter 7.

## Wednesday 14th October

Stuart Read writes: "Today I walked from the Smuggler's Haven to Ventnor and back along the coastal path. It was a pleasantly warm autumn afternoon and my butterfly count was: Red Admirals (3), Clouded Yellows (3), Painted Ladies (3), Wall Browns (2), Small Skipper (1) and an assortment of Whites."

## Tuesday 13th October

Gary Palmer, in the garden at Shirley Holms, New Forest. After nearly a month of only seeing the odd painted lady and speckled wood in the garden, today was a marked upturn. At 8am there was a frost covering the lower half of the garden, the first of the year, but as the morning wore on the warm sun soon got things going and a brisk count round the garden found 6 speckled wood (2 fresh) 2 red admirals, 2 commas, 9 painted ladies (all fresh) and only on verbena, whilst the speckled wood and comma stuck to the ivy flowers. Lastly 1 worn small copper. Also present 3 common darters, 1 southern hawker and a chorus of gently chirping wood cricket's making a great Indian summer's day.



Painted Lady



Speckled Wood



Small Copper

Andrew Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Meadows NNR (SU 563622) (38) : Small Copper 16, Common Blue 1. "Still a great number of Small Coppers on the wing. Does this one meet the *Ab. caeruleopunctata* criteria? Nectar choices becoming limited, fleabane now over so it's on to Devil's bit Scabious and Yarrow. Really surprised to see a Common Blue."



Small Copper ab *caeruleopunctata*

Mark Painter reports from Newtown, Southampton (SU429129) (90): Painted Lady 2 Red Admiral 1 "Feeding on Buddleia"

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 30(including 5 helice), Small White 30, Small Copper 5, Common Blue

4,Red Admiral 28,Painted Lady 21,Comma 2,Speckled Wood 4,Meadow Brown 1 female,Total 125;Silver Y Moth 1;Migrant Hawker 2,Common Darter 11.

## Monday 12th October

Geoff Jones writes: "Today's lovely Autumn weather brought out a number of local butterflies including: Small White 6; Large White 3; Common Blue fem 1; Meadow Brown fem 1; Red Admiral 1; Painted Lady 2 on Hebe; Clouded Yellow 1; Speckled Wood 4. On Thursday last I was delighted to see a Humming-bird Hawkmoth in my garden nectaring on Verbena bonariensis."

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 33(including 1 helice),Large White 3,Small White 29,Small Copper 3,Common Blue 7,Red Admiral 27,Painted Lady 42,Comma 3,Speckled Wood 18,Total 167;Migrant Hawker 2,Common Darter 27(including 4 tandem pairs ovipositing in a large puddle).

## Saturday 10th October

Stuart Read writes: "On a fine, sunny morning In the grounds of Haseley Manor I counted 8 Speckled Woods, 5 Red Admirals, 2 Painted Ladies, 5 Peacocks, 4 Commas, a Small Copper and a Large White. Not bad for the 10th of October! During the afternoon I observed further Speckled Woods near Knighton and also a female Common Blue."

Martin Hampton reports from eastern Havant (84, 85 and 90): Speckled Wood 3 Red Admiral 4 Painted Lady 2 Small Tortoiseshell 1 Large White 2 Clouded Yellow 2. "all seen in a c.4 mile walk around the eastern fringes of Havant."

Mike Gibbons writes: "A warm sunny day bode well for a visit to Southbourne Undercliff on 10/10. Clouded Yellows were everywhere with a supporting cast of Painted Ladies and whites. In total I recorded 63 Clouded Yellows (including 1 helice), 48 Painted Ladies, 45 Large Whites, 12 Small Whites, 2 Small Coppers and a male Brimstone at nearby Iford Meadows. The warm afternoon also tempted out 2 basking Wall Lizards, their colouration a beautiful mottled green. The Clouded Yellows did not appear to be egg laying, but this could happen over the coming week or so. Numbers seem particularly good for this time of year."

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 15,Large White 6,Small White 20,Small copper 4(including a mating pair),Brown Argus 1 female,Common Blue 5,Red Admiral 39,Painted Lady 29,Peacock 1,Comma 2,Speckled Wood 18,Total 140;Silver Y Moth 1,Vapourer Moth 1 male;Migrant Hawker 2,Common Darter 9.

Steve Mansfield reports from Mill Rythe (Hayling Island) (SU728007) (87): Red Admiral 2 Painted Lady 4 Large White 1, and from Sandy Point (SZ7498) (31): Red Admiral 7 Painted Lady 1 Clouded Yellow 6 Clouded Yellow (Helice type) 1 Small Copper 1 Speckled Wood 2 Holly Blue 1; and finally from Keyhaven Marshes (Ancient Highway) (SZ3191) (84): Painted Lady 1 Clouded Yellow 2 Comma 1 Speckled Wood 1.

## Thursday 8th October

John Vetterlein reports from Southampton Old Cemetery (SU413138) (85): Red Admiral - 27 Painted Lady - 3 Speckled Wood - 5 Small Copper - 5. "That's more Red Admirals than seen on transect for last 2 years combined."

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 21,Large White 6,Small White 29,Small Copper 4,Brown Argus 1 fresh 3rd brood female at Gilkicker(north-west)(SZ602981), Common Blue 7,Red Admiral 27,Painted Lady 25,Comma 1,Speckled Wood 15,Meadow Brown 1 female,Total 137;Vapourer Moth 1 male,Silver Y Moth 3,Rush Vermeer 2;Migrant Hawker 2,Common Darter 46;many Ivy Bees(Colletes hederæ) collecting ivy pollen;Chiffchaffs & Great Green Bush Crickets still singing.

## Monday 5th October

Linda Emery reports from Woodley, near Romsey, Hampshire so51 7ug Garden, on an Abelia: One humming-bird hawk moth. "The Hants Naturalists Trust, whom I contacted about this sighting, said that it would interest you and so I pass it on. What an unusual creature!"

## Sunday 4th October

Stuart Read writes: "Although the season is now drawing to a close, there are still butterflies to be seen. There have been good numbers of Speckled Woods on wing. Last Saturday (September 27th) I counted at least ten on a ride along the Newport-Sandown cycleway. I also saw two Peacocks, two Painted Ladies, a Comma, and a Clouded Yellow at Adgestone."

Ashley Whitlock writes from Oxenbourne Down: "I had a look up at one of my favourite sites today, just to see what was still on the wing and I was pleasantly surprised, with the following being seen, Speckled Wood [4] Meadow Brown [4] Peacock [1] Comma [5], all these Commas were gorging themselves on Bramble, also seen were Small White [2] Small Copper [2] both these, one male and one female, had the blue spots on the hind wings, which is atypical of a 'third' brooded specimen known in the trade as [caeruleopunctata] not a name I would like to say after a night out."



Small Copper ab *caeruleopunctata*

Comma

Dark Bushcricquet

Andrew Brookes reports: 2 second-brood Peacocks emerged from pupation at Great Fontley on Saturday 3 October, where they had been in protective custody since their discovery as final instar larvae at Boarhunt in late September. One other larva was found to have been parasitized by *Sturmia bella*. One Speckled Wood seen at Stockbridge Down on Sunday 4 Oct.

## Friday 2nd October

Lynn Fomison reports that the day the BC press release on the effect of the Indian Summer on butterflies was printed in some papers Patrick & I saw a very pristine Painted Lady at Magdalen.

Tony Baines writes: "Delighted to report a very fresh looking Clouded Yellow nectaring up here on Odiham Common today, the first I've seen this year. Also Speckled Wood, Painted Lady and Comma out in small numbers. Small Coppers seem to be going well with both males and females evident. A couple of small patches of foodplant growing on barish banks have been peppered with eggs. One female was seen crawling around a small plant in full sun laying on the leaves and stems."

Mike Wildish reports from Tidworth, Humber Lane (SU 230 478) (84): Red Admiral - 1 Painted Lady - 1 "On ivy in a sunny spot."

## Thursday 1st October

Lynn Fomison reports...In the garden in my home at Ropley I saw Brimstone, Large White, Small White and Red Admiral, mainly nectaring on Michelmas Daisy. Every garden needs a good clump for the Autumn butterflies!

Dr David Tinling reports from Gosport: Clouded Yellow 15, Large White 5, Small White 28, Small Copper 7, Common Blue 10, Red Admiral 2, Painted Lady 7, Peacock 1, Speckled Wood 6, Wall Brown 1 fresh 3rd brood male at Fort Gilkicker (SZ607975), Total 82; Vapourer Moth 1 male; Southern Hawker 2, Migrant Hawker 1, Common Darter 7.

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