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Monday 26th December

[chris barter reports from gates of frattton park , frogmore road \(su655005\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1\).](#)

Thursday 22nd December

[Ted Raynor reports from Queen Elizabeth CP \(SU 732198\) \(41 and 85\) Painted Lady in edge of 41, Red Admiral at Visitor Centre](#)

[Lynn Fomison reports from Mount Pleasant Ropley \(SU642306\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1\). "Lovely to see a butterfly this close to Christmas! Soon they will be on Christmas cards instead of Robins!"](#)

[Ralph Hollins writes: "Walking Mike and Mary Gwilliam's Portsdown transect route at SU 626067 in warm sunshine around midday on Dec 22, I was not expecting any butterflies but clearly saw a white butterfly in flight around 50 metres from me - it disappeared behind a Gorse bush but when I reached the spot it was not to be seen so I can only say that by size it was probably a Large White or a female Brimstone. Without knowing the species this cannot go into your database but maybe of interest to readers of your website.](#)

[Pat Clipstone reports from Findon Road,Gosport \(SU606016\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1 "in my garden"\).](#)

[B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester \(my garden\) \(SU468315\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1\).](#)

Wednesday 21st December

Butterflies indoors

Lynn Fomison has sent in this reminder that it is often at Christmas time that butterflies are discovered hibernating indoors, particularly Small Tortoiseshells. In this holiday season people who have extra guests might start heating the spare room & so awake a butterfly from it's slumbers. What is to be done? Send in the details of this sighting to this web page. Gently catch the butterfly & put it in the fridge for half an hour (NOT the freezer!). This is to cool it down & render it inactive again. Relocate it to a room in the house that is not heated or to a garage or shed, but preferably one with gaps so it can make its own exit in Spring.

It is common for Peacocks to be disturbed in outside locations. Lynn reports that in the past she has found them in her log shed and in stacks of hay bales. When they sensed her presence they emitted the characteristic hissing sound! Lynn also heard from a lady who, at the onset of cold weather, took down her horse rugs that were hanging in an open fronted barn only to find many Peacocks hibernating there.

It is interesting to learn more about how butterflies spend the winter so do share your discoveries with us.

[Steve Mansfield reports from Sandy Point \(SZ7498\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1\).](#)

Saturday 17th December

[David Tinling reports from Jellicoe Avenue,Gosport \(SZ598990\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1 "very old,basking & flying"\).](#)

Thursday 15th December

[Eileen Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport \(SZ608985\) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood \(1 "flying in my garden"\).](#)

Friday 9th December

[gary palmer reports from shirley holms \(SZ296983\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(3\). "On a cold but bright day in the garden in the forest, with frost on the ground during the early morning, a large flock of fieldfare and other wintering thrushes were feasting on fallen apples in the flower meadow, but after a closer inspection of the area i also found 3 nice red admiral basking and imbibing on the sweet rotten fruit."](#)



Red Admiral

[Robert Guest reports from Yateley \(SU817609\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(1 "Flying just after midday in sunny but very chilly conditions"\).](#)

Monday 5th December

[John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport \(SZ608985\) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood \(1 "basking & flying in my garden"\).](#)

Saturday 3rd December

[David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport \(SZ592989\) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood \(1 "basking & flying"\). "This is the latest ever Hampshire sighting,beating a sighting in the same place by Anne McCue & David Tinling on 25th Nov 2007."](#)

[Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley \(SU565607\) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral \(3 "Still active on rotting fruit when the sun is out."\).](#)

Thursday 1st December

[David Lobb reports from Lordswood \(GU387162\) where the following observations were made: Winter Moth \(2 "In back garden on patio window in heavy rain"\).](#)

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Tuesday 29th November

Peter E. Hutchins reports from Hermes House, Priestley Road, Basingstoke (SU623534) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "On the wing in the office prior to 06:30 this morning."). "The only other local Red Admiral that I've heard of recently were two seen by my wife, Alison, on the western outskirts of Overton approximately a week ago."

Sunday 27th November

Ian Pratt reports from Wootton Station Road (SZ537916) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1). "The brimstone was in good condition flying strongly."

Keith Fisher reports from Old Odiham Lane (SU716424) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Sheltered spot at side of footpath leading from Old Odiham Road E. towards Froyle Road").

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying & basking on nettles").

Mark Tubb reports from BRIDGETS LANE (wGS84) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (1).

Saturday 26th November

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

Friday 25th November

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472304) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Fluttering against window at 13.00, outside temperature 11degC."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727277) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "i thought we had seen the last of these wonderful things ,but no".



Red Admiral

Andrew Collins reports from Lordsdale Greenway, Shirley (SU402140) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (3). "A late Speckled Wood today, photo here: <http://watcheroftheskies1.blogspot.com/2011/11/warmest-november-on-record-probably.html>".

Lynn Fomison reports from Mount Pleasant (SU642307) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "During the last few weeks Red Admirals have appeared most days if it has been sunny. These sightings are certainly making the Autumn seem longer and are most welcome."

David Tinling reports from Browdown North (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & in aerial combat").

Thursday 24th November

Robin Harley reports from St Catherine's Hill (Christchurch) (SZ144950) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female in sunny glade").

Wednesday 23rd November

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "flying in my garden").

Tuesday 22nd November

Chris Rose reports from Reads Field Four Marks (SU666347) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Sun bathing in the garden around 13.00").

Sunday 20th November

R Bryant reports from Wield Wood (SU613385) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "flying along footpath in warm sunshine"), Red Admiral (1 "flying over footpath at woodland edge").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Farley Mount (SU4229) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Hilary Higgins reports from Garden Newbridge (SZ411875) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying on warm sunny afternoon"), Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727277) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (0). "i didnot expect to see fred this morning as we wher covered with thick fog, bu there must have been enough warmfh at the window to keep it warm".



Red Admiral

Mark Hallett reports from Porchfield IOW (SZ447912) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Mark Hallett reports from Newtown (SZ421908) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Colwell, Freshwater Isle of Wight (SZ3087) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Another Red Admiral in my back garden in the sunshine. Individual in very good condition").



Red Admiral

Tim Speller reports from Wittering Road, Hayling (SZ748987) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "1 on the allotment, after seeing very few all year").

Saturday 19th November

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU718271) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "further news of fred sill very active and looking great, why not he has got the shelter and the food ,great".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Wilmott Path, Gosport (SU595001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Foster Gardens, Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Friday 18th November

R Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on tiled roof in warm sunshine").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU721272) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (0). "a chill wind day but it loos as though fred[at least i think its fred]nobody has come forward with the sex of it yet".



Red Admiral

Thursday 17th November

Richard Symonds reports from Cycle Trail near Langstone Avenue (SU718053) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Single Red Admiral flying along hedgerow. Weather was sunny 14°C".

Robin Harley reports from Mude Valley (SZ184934) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2). "A late aerial battle in a sunlit glade in a wooded part of the site".

john vetterlein reports from Brook (SU269140) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying east on a sunny afternoon").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU717275) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "a little bit of sun and smell of buddlia nectore thats all thy need.one is to be getting to be worse for ware ,hope it will survive to the spring".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU640219) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "a good day on the hill the wind had dropped and [though low]was warm enough to bring the butterflies out, but not much nectar about for them to feed on".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Adrian Brophy reports from King's Worthy (SU485338) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "Sighting reported via Brian Fletcher".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "in my garden").

Wednesday 16th November

John Webb reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Tuesday 15th November

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723281) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "cold night but thy stated undercover away for the night and sill found some necture when the sun warmed up".



Red Admiral

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

David Tining reports from Browndown South (east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1 "basking & flying"), Common Darter (1 "basking & Flying").

David Tining reports from Browndown South (west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar").

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ608975) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "flying in my garden").

Monday 14th November

Mike Gibbons writes: "An interesting weekend in the unseasonally warm weather. On 12/11/11 I visited Southbourne Undercliff and saw a female Clouded Yellow, a Painted Lady and a Peacock. On the 13/11/11 a walk near Bournemouth Airport provided sightings of around 10 Red Admirals and a fresh male Speckled Wood. The Speckled Wood was flying and basking on sunlit bracken and looked like it had emerged either today or yesterday. Another walk to Southbourne Undercliff around mid-day allowed another view of the Painted Lady, 2 Red Admirals and a Common Darter Dragonfly."

Sunday 13th November

Dan Hoare reports from Winnall Moors, Winchester (SU487300) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Basking on nettles").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU719289) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "the wind is strong and chill so thy looking around for the warmest places as the flowers are blowing around tomuch in the wind".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

John Roberts reports from pig bush (SU354042) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Michael Gwilliam reports from Drift Road, Wallington, Fareham (SU586068) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Male nectaring on ivy blossom").



Holly Blue

A.C.Smallbone reports from Petersfield Heath (SU754229) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Freshwater isle of Wight (SZ3357) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "In my back garden in the afternoon sunshine").

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU566607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Still able to extract nectar from the Sedum, which flowered late due to the dull August/early September."), Brimstone (1 "Nice to see this one in the lovely warm sun today, it could be winter by next weekend!").

peter gardner reports from weston common (SU702433) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3). "lucky day had to plough through though all the mud but saw these three male brimstones swirling around in the sun between the trees".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying in my garden").

David Tining reports from Village road,Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ598988) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on a house wall").

Saturday 12th November

Ian Pratt reports from Quarr Abbey (SZ568927) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4). "At least four red admirals and four red squirrels in the grounds of Quarr Abbey Ryde, Isle of Wight."



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU719264) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "still some blooms left .puzzle is this fred or freda?".



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU563346) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "beutiful walk, following a tawny owl along the track whil also looking at red admirals".



Red Admiral

David Tining reports from Wilmott Path,Gosport (SU595001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "basking, flying & taking ivy nectar").

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking & flying").

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "basking & flying").

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar").

Thursday 10th November

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725274) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "it must have been the buddlia leaves that kept safe through the bad weather ,as soon as the sun came out the butterflies picked up the scent [breakfast in bed]".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Wednesday 9th November

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar").

Sunday 6th November

Peter Hunt reports from freshwater Isle of Wight (SZ3387) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "In my front garden, lovely sunny afternoon").

Steve Mansfield reports from Southsea beach (SZ6698) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "One large, fresh Painted Lady settled on the shingle beach."), Red Admiral (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Southsea Castle (SZ6498) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4). "One apparantly in off the sea.".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Colin Beyer reports from Colcut Cheriton (SU577284) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Ashburton Road,Gosport (SZ599987) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male flying").

David Tinling reports from Alver Valley West(north),Gosport (SU576011) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on Zig-zag Bridge").

John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "flying in my garden").

David Tinling reports from West of River Alver,Gosport(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Friday 4th November

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1).

Wednesday 2nd November

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Still a few nectar sources in the garden."

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ6139896) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking in my garden").

Tuesday 1st November

Lyndon Hatfield reports from West Walk, Forest of Bere (SU592127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Red Admiral (4), Speckled Wood (2). "All flying in warm sunshine on Nov 1 around midday".

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Chilbolton Cow Common (SU387403) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Chilbolton, West Down (SU387391) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "With Mervyn Grist. Red Admirals showing a tendency to move onto fruit."

Lynn Fomison reports from Mount Pleasant Ropley (SU643307) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Red Admiral (4). "It's hard to believe it's the first of November! Warm sunshine! The Red Admirals spent the day on really rotten apples. One was still there at 3.30pm even though the apples were no longer in sunshine. The Brimstone was just perched on a leaf when I saw it. There were evergreen shrubs nearby where it might be hibernating. The last few flowers on Michelmas daisies would have provided a meagre nectar source."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713271) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "thank goodness for the buddlia golden nalls and of cours the beautiful sun".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from brownwhich shore line (SU529023) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1). "beautiful day but very windy on the coast,pat found this small copper warning on a pebble in a dip amongst the shingle on the beach".



Small Copper

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking Ivy nectar").

Mary Gwilliam reports from Pallant Gardens, Wallington, Fareham (SU588066) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

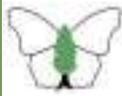
Michael Gwilliam reports from Fareham Town Centre (SU579062) where the following observations were made: Humming Hawkmoth (1 "It spent many minutes investigating in turn the soffit lights outside the Post Office, managing to avoid getting caught in the spider webs. "). "I don't know what happened to the insect as I gave up watching when people started looking strangely at me apparently gazing up at the ceiling."

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-west) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "in my garden").

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Monday 31st October

Richard Carpenter reports from Brownwich (SU5203) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (4). "Could have been spring - there were Swallows and flowering Blackthorn as well as the butterflies."

Sunday 30th October

Lynn Fomison reports from Ventnor Botanic gardens (SZ548769) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird Hawkmoth (1). "Many flowers were still in bloom and Lynn Fomison and Dave Cooke were able to watch this moth flying and nectaring in a very lively fashion even though it was drizzling heavily."

Saturday 29th October

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU710265) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2) . .



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from beacon hill (SU610227) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5). "the sun was shining hard on the edge of the wood must have woken them up,5 red admirals suddenly flew straight at us,luckily one stopped to say hello".



Red Admiral

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Speckled Wood (6).

Friday 28th October

Terry Hotten writes: "Today's beautiful autumn sunshine brought out 2 Red Admirals and a male Brimstone flying around the warm south-facing cutting west of Ropley station on the Watercress Railway."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU719273) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "am morning sun warmist place window red admiral".



Red Admiral

Peter Hunt reports from Freshwater,Isle of Wight (SZ3487) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Both spiralling into the air in my back garden"), Small White (1 "In the sunshine,same location").

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD around roads (SU715283) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5). "a very good walk lots of red admirals came out in the sun".



Red Admiral

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Common Darter (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Wildgrounds(east),Gosport (SU579011) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar").

Wednesday 26th October

Anne McCue reports from Newport Road,Gosport (SU596003) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "private garden").

Tuesday 25th October

Sue Davies reports from Tennyson Down (SZ313851) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), 1638 Fox Moth larva (1 Larval). "Very windy,Red Admirals still active in more sheltered track, Fox Moth larva curled up on downland path."



Fox Moth larva

Sunday 23rd October

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD NORTH ROADS (SU710269) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "feeding on crabapples"). "very windy as a matter of fact the red admiral was blown away at a fair rate of knots just after i took this picture ,i suppose this will be the only thing that will keep them going when all the necture plants has finished".



Red Admiral

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Meadows NNR (SU563620) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU566607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8), Speckled Wood (2).

Saturday 22nd October

Dave Cooke reports from Mottistone Down (SZ4184) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (47 "All nectaring on ivy blossom along a sheltered sunny hedgerow within 100m").

Friday 21st October

Bill Helyar reports from West Street, Tadley (SU605618) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "very fresh, nectaring in garden").

Thursday 20th October

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6 "taking ivy nectar"). "Also a Common Darter."

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "Also 6 Common Darters."

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1 "4th brood").

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tinling reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Garden Tiger Moth (1 Larval "Woolly Bear basking in midday sunshine").

Dan Hoare reports from Queen Elizabeth Country Park (SU718185) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (13 "Feeding on windfall apples").

peter gardner reports from OVINGTON (SU557317) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "a beautiful day for walking beside the river looking for butterflies amongst the ivy flowers [only a few left though]".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Wednesday 19th October

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tining reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "3rd brood"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "3rd brood male").

Andy Bolton reports from Alexandra Road, Basingstoke (SU629520) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Sarum Hill, Basingstoke. (SU634519) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Tuesday 18th October

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU719266) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (0). "AT LEAST ONE SERVIVOR TRYING TO FIND THE LAST BLACK BERRY".

Monday 17th October

Paul Crook reports from Headley Down (SU840361) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Sunday 16th October

Andrew Hutchison reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU646208) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Small Copper (2), Meadow Brown (2).

Chris Hall reports from Velmead Common (SU822533) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "A male flying around gorse in afternoon sunshine"). "Very few butterflies seen about Fleet, despite the mild weather. During the past week there has been usually single red admirals on ivy in Fleet town (8152); also a small copper on Hawley Common (8357).".

Paul Crook reports from Grayshott Village (SU870353) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (7).

Saturday 15th October

Dan Hoare reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU237462) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (16), Small White (2), Hummingbird Hawk-moth (2), Silver-Y (2). "A great surprise to see so many butterflies on a sunny day in October - nectaring on abundant thistles growing on the banks of the tracks repaired this year."

peter gardner reports from haylingbilly line (SU720030) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (3), Red Admiral (7). "NOT ONE CLOUD IN THE SKY HARDLY A BREEZE.WHO COULD RESIST A DAY LIKE THIS TO GO FOR A WALK, AND IF THERE ARE BUTTERFLIES AROUND MAKES IT GREAT".



Red Admiral

Ian Pratt reports from Afton carpark (SZ354856) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "possibly 2 clouded yellows as one disappeared going east and another appeared shortly afterwards from the west."), Adonis Blue (1 "One female in good condition"), Wall (1 "Again in good condition"). "First clouded yellow seen by me on the IOW for over two years! Plenty seen in western France last week."

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse (SZ430903) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3).

Richard Carpenter reports from Brownich (SU5203) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Small Copper (1).

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tining reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ606986) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "3rd brood male"), Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "fresh male"), Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (4).

David Tining reports from Browdown South(west) (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking sea-radish nectar"), Small Copper (1 "4th brood"), Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1).

mark swann reports from black gutter bottom (SU203159) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1 "male"). "what must surely have been a second brood individual did give it a very close look in case it was a migrant blue but it was a male silver stud blue :-)".

Friday 14th October

Lynn Fomison writes from her Ropley garden: "Unbelievable but true! I saw a Tropical butterfly nectaring on Michaelmas Daisy in my garden today 2.30pm. It had the elongated wings typical of some foreign species, was mainly black but with a large white round marking on each wing, with the ones on the forewings larger than the hindwings. There are no butterfly houses for miles! It flew off rapidly soaring over nearby pylon lines. Wow!!! Less exotic were the four or five Red Admirals having fun on ripening pears."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU715275) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "the morning sun really brought this one out early. promise of a beautiful day [i hope]".



Red Admiral

Thursday 13th October

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU343155) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Comma (3), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (1), Small Copper (1), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Matthew Oates reports "Dropped in at the bottom of MHD on Tues morning, saw 2 Meadow Brown and a fresh male Ringlet, and I mean Ringlet. This is, I'm sure, the first Hants record for a 2nd brood Ringlet though there are records from S Devon from the mild autumn of 1986, and perhaps some others elsewhere."

Janet hall reports from Kempshott, Basingstoke (SU598494) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Flitting from dandelion to dandelion around the green at the bottom of my close! Looked in good condition. Weather very mild, sunny, calm at the time of sighting, mid-afternoon.").

David W Hunt reports from Mottisfont NT Gardens (SU327270) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Disturbed while basking on tree - flew up into canopy"), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Feeding at entrance to walled garden. Saw one at exactly the same spot on 3rd October - possibly same individual. ").

peter gardner reports from brownwich (SU523034) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (3). "we must do this walk again in the butterfly season looks promising".



Green-veined White

Tuesday 12th October

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "female"), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (1).

Monday 10th October

David Tining reports from Anne's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (11), Speckled Wood (3).

Richard Hart reports from Hook Park Playing Field (SU497051) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1).

Sunday 9th October

Ed Merritt reports from Dibden Purlieu (SU406062) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).



Meadow Brown

R Bryant reports from Freeworms Hill, Fritham (SU226128) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Saturday 8th October

Ed Merritt reports from Applemore (SU395075) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Small Copper (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Marchwood Inclosure (SU391074) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6).

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (10 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1).

David Tining reports from Gosport and Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "fresh male taking nectar from cat's-ear and knapweed "), Red Admiral (8 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (5).

Monday 3rd October

Peter Hunt reports from Whale Chine,isle of Wight (SZ4678) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "Seen on the cliff top in the sunshine at this location").

David W Hunt reports from Mottisfont Gardens - National Trust (SU327270) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Basking in woodland glade"), Moth - Silver Y (1 "Fresh looking - Feeding on Michaelmas Daisy"), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Fresh looking - Feeding - possibly on a cultivated form of Lobelia - the label was missing!").

Sunday 2nd October

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU712265) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "made a quick visit to our flowers [WILD]".



Brimstone

Mike Gibbons reports "The soaring temperature made a visit to Southbourne Undercliff worthwhile today with 11 Clouded Yellows being seen including one egg laying. There was also a Painted Lady, 2 Red Admirals, 4 Small Whites and a Large White moving along the undercliff."

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"), Meadow Brown (30), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (8), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (5), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (4), Painted Lady (1 "spent several minutes taking nectar from various low growing flowers, so plenty of time to observe it."), Clouded Yellow (2 "flying together, backwards and forwards along the top of the slope on the rhs as you emerge from the wood and travel back up towards the car park."), Duke of Burgundy (1 "very fresh and bright. Found on the lhs of the path shortly after the path leaves the wood. I could hardly believe my eyes but it settled twice, long enough for me to get certain identification but sadly no photo so you'll just have to take my word for it unless someone else saw it too."). "Another good day in the sunshine."

mark swann reports from pennington (SZ322920) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "fresh singleton on sea wall"), Common Blue (2 "both females"), Small Heath (2), Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (50 "most heading south (out to sea)").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Stockbridge Down (3834) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (7), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports "Visited Oxenbourne Down for the last time in 2011, and the following species were espied on my rounds, Small Copper (5) Meadow Brown (3) Speckled Wood (3) Red Admiral (3) Small Heath (2) Silver-Y Moth (5) I was surprised to find the absence of Commas feeding on the many Brambles on the high ground. At home in Southsea, the Red Admirals are still present, and Small Whites, and Speckled Wood in the garden with a few Silver Y Moths. On Saturday I saw a Humming Bird Hawkmoth feeding on Sweet Pea flowers, marvellous! I think this warm sunny weather has come too late for many species".



Silver-Y



Small Copper



Speckled Wood

Saturday 1st October

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Basking on Fence, Hops, and other plants in sunny positions"), Painted Lady (1 "Fresh looking specimen. Alternately basking on concrete path and then feeding on Escalonia."), Silver Y Moth (1 "Fresh looking specimen found inside Cold Frame").

Hazel Pratt reports from Beacon Hill Warnford (SU607228) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "male"), Comma (4), Meadow Brown (12), Common Blue (1 "male, in good condition"), Red Admiral (10), Small Copper (6), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Clouded Yellow (1 "Joy of joys! It suddenly appeared and patrolled a 60m. stretch of the flowery slope, stopping briefly from time to time. We watched it for over half an hour and it was still there as we moved on."), Humming bird hawkmoth (1 "busily moving from flower to flower. Our first sighting this year."), Peacock (1). "This was our first ever visit to this site. 10 species of butterflies, lovely weather and wonderful views.Brilliant!"

Hazel Pratt reports from Beacon Hill Warnford (SU607228) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "male"), Comma (4), Meadow Brown (12), Common Blue (1 "male, in good condition"), Red Admiral (10), Small Copper (6), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Clouded Yellow (1 "Joy of joys! It suddenly appeared and patrolled a 60m. stretch of the flowery slope , about 30m. from the bottom ,").

peter gardner reports from PORTSDOWN HILL (SU629061) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1), Painted Lady (1), Meadow Brown (15). "found a slightly cooler place at last with a nice breeze".



Red Admiral



Peacock



Painted Lady

Colin Baker reports from Keyhaven (SZ309918,318927,320921.) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (12), Red Admiral (13), Wall (4), Small Copper (5), Common Blue (2 "Females"), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (1). "With the outrageous October weather forecast for today I decided the place to visit had to be Keyhaven and not Kempton as first thought. Following the circular walk that starts at SZ 309918 to past the landfill site to SZ 318927 round to SZ 320921 and back along the costal route past the Keyhaven marshes I was thrilled that so many butterflies are still with us,including my key species which was the Wall. Two attempts earlier in the year to see them at this site were fruitless and yet here I was on October 1st seeing 4 individuals which beggars belief for the time of year. At SZ 318927 Piara and myself watched the Red Admirals heading out to sea in the direction of the IOW clearly heading for sunnier climes, as I'm sure we all would like to do before too long. Speckled Wood were never far from brambles which were still in flower along with Thrift and Sea Lavender. A year that gave us a special spring, awful summer has now decided to redress the balance but how the butterflies will adapt with these changes we will have to wait and see. Butterflies seen in total Speckled Wood 12,Red Admiral 13,Wall 4, Small Copper 5,Common Blue-females 2,Small White 1 and a single Meadow Brown."



Wall



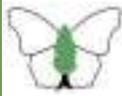
Speckled Wood



Wall

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Silver Y Moth (2).

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Friday 30th September

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU345155) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "both busy feeding on ragwort"), Small Copper (9), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (5).

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU514292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "male"), Meadow Brown (30), Red Admiral (15), Small Copper (1), Small White (3).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU710284) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Speckled Wood (4), Meadow Brown (1). "too hot to walk to fast or far but a few butterflies managed to take wing".



Large White



Meadow Brown



Speckled Wood

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU734276) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Large White (2). "red hot day even some of the butterflies are wilting".



Comma



Large White

Alan Thornbury reports from Lymington-Keyhaven NR (SZ325924) where the following observations were made: Wall (3 "All males"), Red Admiral (4), Small Copper (3), Common Blue (5), Small Heath (1). "The Wall sightings were along the coastal path, close to Pennington Marsh and were probably third brood individuals. Nevertheless, none were very fresh and the one photographed (below) was quite faded.".



Wall

Thursday 29th September

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Andy Bolton reports from Bridleway south of Kingsclere (SU533581) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Silver Y (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Kingsclere Recreation Ground (SU527582) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Silver Y (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Old Burghclere (SU472572) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (3), Brimstone (2), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Copper (1). "With Mervyn Grist. Now that Summer has finally come, things are looking up. All bar the meadow brown looked daisy fresh. Most records in the OBLQ reserve, plus a few on the old railway line.".

john oates reports from mounters farm (708380) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Wednesday 28th September

Dave Pearson reports from Keyhaven (SZ305910) where the following observations were made: Wall (4), Common Blue (2), Red Admiral (0 "Numerous").

Bob Whitmarsh (RW) reports from South Wonston (4030) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7), Small White (4), Brimstone (4), Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (1 "faded female"), Large White (1), Peacock (1).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Red Admiral (2), Small White (1). "Sunny and warm".

john hunt reports from hook back garden (SU728545) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Flying in back garden. Holly and ivy present.").

Tuesday 27th September

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU639211) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (100), Small Heath (11), Brimstone (10), Small Copper (3), Small White (1). "very hot too hot to clime that blinking hill at my age all the butterflies were down the bottom once you finished ,one has to climb back up again,what a life great aint it".



Brimstone



Meadow Brown



Small Copper

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU732279) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Red Admiral (1). "BEAUTIFUL SUN THY LOVE SEDUM".



Comma



Comma

Sue Davies reports from Brickfields Newtown Isle of White (SZ425922) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Peacock (5), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (4), Small Heath (6), Speckled Wood (2), Silver Y moth (2). "with permission form NT, lovely sunny day, hot, still, late species v active."



Silver-Y



Peacock



Small Copper

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddliea"), Speckled Wood (1 "Basking in long grass"), Large Yellow Underwing moth (1 "Flushed from the base of a Buddliea while pruning"). "We visited Castle Drogo in Devon on 24/09/11. The gardens are usually a good site for autumn butterflies but this year our count was disappointing with only 1 Silver Y, 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 1 Speckled Wood and 2 Red Admirals - one of the Red Admirals had been feeding on fermenting Rose Hips and displayed signs of intoxication - almost gliding about with short lazy wingbeats and bumping into us."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Meadow Brown (6), Speckled Wood (2). "A walk around late in the morning with no clouds in the sky the temperature was 18A°C. Nothing unusual to report just the few autumnal butterflies."

Monday 26th September

David Tining reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Grayling (1 "taking nectar from bell-heather"), Speckled Wood (9), Meadow Brown (1).

David Tining reports from Browndown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west0, Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "males"), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (2).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west0, Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (4).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713280) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1). "YOU CANNOT BELIEVE IN WEATHER FORCASTS ANY MORE WHERE IS MY SEAWEED".



Comma



Red Admiral

Sunday 25th September

peter broyd reports from caerleon avenue, bitterne.southampton (SU4612) where the following observations were made: hummingbird moth (1).

Chris Hall reports from Aunts Pool Heath (SU823522) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (5 "some nectaring on catsear"), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SZ602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (32 "taking ivy nectar"), Painted Lady (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Peacock (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "very old"), Speckled Wood (13).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (7 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (2).

Ashley Whitlock reports "I had a lovely Hummingbird Hawkmoth feeding on my Verbena in the garden in the late evening sunshine on Sunday, it stayed and fed a few minutes before visiting other gardens in the road. I still have my resident Red Admirals, one being a migrant, which is all tatty and bruised, and a new English version which stop and feed on my Wallflowers for hours and then take a break on my garden wall".

Saturday 24th September

Ashley Whitlock reports "Visited Old Winchester Hill in the vain hope there may still be the Silver-Spotted Skipper in flight but by the time I got there the sun had gone in and it was back to the old routine. I saw the following Meadow Brown (37) Small Heath (5) Comma (2) two very fresh specimens, and the Small White (1), Silver Y moth and Double Bar moths. Back home in Southsea it was still very sunny and warm and I have had resident Red Admirals for most of the September in the late afternoon when the sun shines and today was no exception, avidly feeding on my Wall flowers, there was also a Peacock on my Ox-eye Daises as well and I hadn't seen a Peacock for months."



Moth in bathroom!



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Mark Tutton reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU646209) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Small Heath (16), Meadow Brown (50), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Had a quick look around the car park slope in the vain hope of a stray Clouded Yellow but no joy. The weather was blustery but warm and some of the meadow browns looked quite fresh - but the season is definitely drawing to a close now - sadly."

Sarah Bone reports from Broughton Village (SU307329) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (2).



Small Tortoiseshell

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "male flying east very low and very fast"), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (9 "males"), Red Admiral (15 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (3).

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (50), Brimstone (1 "male"), Comma (2 "fresh and very brightly coloured"), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (5), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1). "Weather grey cloud at first followed by sunny spells. At one stage, as the light level increased, and in the space of ten minutes, about twenty Meadow Browns emerged from the short grass around us and flew off in different directions."

Sophie Venables reports from Southsea beach (SZ667985) where the following observations were made: 'Death's head' hawkmoth (1). "I am reporting this as it seemed such an unusual find - I've never seen one before and noticed its dramatic size and appearance. It appeared on the dark strap of a camera bag and was drawn to dark colours, including my young son's shorts, climbing up his leg to get to them which unnerved him rather! My friend has a photograph which he will try to send to you independently."

peter gardner reports from NOAR HILL (SU737326) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (17), Common Blue (1), Small Heath (2). "AN O.A.P. DAY A LOT OF AGED CRITTERS AROUND BUT MANAGED TO FIND SOME YOUNG SAMPLES NOW AND AGAIN".



Common Blue



Measow Brown



Silver-Y

Richard Carpenter reports from Wilverley, New Forest (SU2500) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1).

Friday 23rd September

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU790433) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Small White (2).

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU8040) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (5).

David Lobb reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU513290) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (15 "Nectaring on Ivy"), Comma (2 "Also on Ivy"), Small White (4), Meadow Brown (4), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Dashing around the top of the reserve near the cemetery entrance").

David Lobb reports from Back Garden (SU397162) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Nectaring on Buddleia over past few days"), Speckled Wood (1 "Sunning itself on house roof"), Speckled Wood (1 Larval "I think this is a Speckled Wood larva, found in area left to grow wild").



Red Admiral



Speckled Wood larva



Red Admiral

Bob Spedding reports from Ower (SU326174) where the following observations were made: Humming bird hawk moth (1 "Feeding on honeysuckle towards dusk; seen a couple of evenings before, too."), Red Admiral (1 "At a Buddleia bush").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU710265) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (0), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1). "VERY NICE DAY NO WIND PM THE SUN BROKE THOUGH THE BUTTERFLIES CAME OUT, THE CAFE DOORS WERE OPEN".



Small White

Thursday 22nd September

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "male taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle"), Small White (1 "female taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle").

David Tining reports from Military Road to Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ608978) where the following observations were made: Brown-tail Moth (12 Larval "tiny larvae on net on bramble").

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU572347) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (5), Small Copper (2), Small White (1). "MANZGED TO CATCH A GOOD SUNNY PERIOD IN THE AFTERNOON THANK THE LORD FOR RAGWORT. WITHOUT IT THERE WOULD BE NO NECTAR PLANTS FOR LATE BUTTERFLIES".



Meadow Brown



Red Admiral



Small Copper

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head (SU545026) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (1).

Wednesday 21st September

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse and Newtown Meadows IOW (SZ437903) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (4), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (5). "The red admirals and peacocks were in stunning condition.".

Tuesday 20th September

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"). "Have just been reading the results of the big butterfly count. Interesting that our results for this year seem in line with the Big Butterfly Count - e.g. For previous 3 years we have had small numbers of Common Blues in 2 broods - but this year none. Grassland species had a good year overall. Gatekeeper numbers were up against the BBC trend but this could be down to our leaving larger areas "wild" over winter.".

Monday 19th September

Barrie Roberts reports from Peter Symonds College, Winchester (SU476304) where the following observations were made: Red Underwing (1 "On the upper floor window of the Science block").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU712265) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Painted Lady (1 "IT SEEMS TO HAVE MADE THIS ITS HOME").



Painted Lady

Richard Carpenter and Heather Anthony reports from Bramshaw Telegraph (SU2216) where the following observations were made: Grayling (1 "Quite a late date and in poor condition").

Peter Hunt reports from Brook Village,IOW (SZ3984) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1).

Sunday 18th September

Ashley Whitlock reports "In very cool weather I made an attempt to do a transect on Portsdown Hill, and the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7) Speckled Wood (5) Meadow Brown (11) and one Silver Y moth. I hadn't seen any whites at all until I got home where my perennials had at least one Large White and Small White and several Red Admirals feeding off of the Wall flowers. I'm just about winding up my dismal year butterflying. Don't ever remember it ever being this bad?.....".

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads via ivy pond (SU713276) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5), Red Admiral (1). "DODGING THE SHOWERS CATCHING THE BRIGHT BITS".



Red Admiral



Speckled Wood

Martin Hampton reports from central Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "feeding on Caryopteris and Mexican Hyssop").

Friday 16th September

Richard and Margaret Hart reports from Warsash Garden (SU494053) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (2), Red Admiral (7), Brimstone (1 "Pristine"), Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1), Elephant Hawkmoth (1 Larval "(Seen 16/9)").

David Tining reports from Junkett Hill, Gosport (SU576002) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "males"), Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (4).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (1), Red Admiral (60 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (21).

David Tining reports from Gosport and Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (24 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (3), Speckled Wood (2).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU731274) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Large White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1). "A MIXED WEATHER DAY BUT WHEN THE SUN CAME OUT ALL CAFE DOORS WERE OPEN AND THE BUTTERFLIES SWARMED IN GREAT".

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Comma (1), Common Blue (5), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (25 "some very faded, some quite fresh"), Green-veined White (2), Small Heath (6), Small White (20), Speckled Wood (1). "A mid afternoon visit. Weather warm and sunny, sometimes quite hot."

Gordon Coventry reports from Warrenside South Harting (SU786192) where the following observations were made: Large Elephant Hawk Moth (5 Pupal "Caterpillars"). "I have had at least 5 of these caterpillars on my fuchias. They all have gone now I guess that they have moved to somewhere where they can change to their next stage".



Elephant Hawk-moth larva

Thursday 15th September

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Verbena"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Nemisia Wisley Vanilla"), Large White (1 "Overflow").

Hannah Hardman reports from Titchfield Haven (SU531023) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1).

Andrew Brookes reports: 15 September: 4 Red Admiral and 2 Comma in his Portchester garden, nectaring avidly on Buddleja auriculata, Aster 'Lye End Beauty', and Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'. The butterflies remained nectaring nearly all day in brilliant sunshine.

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (3), Brimstone (1 "Male"), Common Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (84), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (16), Red Admiral (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (4). "Two and a half hours spent at Old Winchester Hill where the temperature was 17°C. Lots of Meadow Browns were flying but a good search was needed to see the Silver Spotted Skippers - a poor year for them."

David Tining reports from Browndown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male taking ragwort nectar"), Clouded Yellow (1 "male taking ragwort nectar"), Large White (2), Small White (30 "taking nectar from sea radish and ragwort"), Small Copper (2), Red Admiral (1), Grayling (2), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (11), Silver Y Moth (3).

David Tining reports from Browndown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (2).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (2), Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (10), Small Heath (3).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Common Blue (7), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (6), Small Heath (2).

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (main site) (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "nectaring on devils-bit scabious"), Small White (6), Small Copper (3), Common Blue (2), Brown Argus (2 "at SU 843537"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3), Grayling (17 "small numbers still on heather areas"), Meadow Brown (74), Small Heath (74 "it has had an exceptional season at Eelmoor"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "SU 845534, nectaring on devils-bit scabious"), Silver Y (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Little Meadow, Overton (SU514501) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1).

peter gardner reports from BROXHEAD COMMON (SU800357) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (20). "A WONDERFUL HEATHER SITE ,BETTER KNOWN FOR ITS NUMBER OF SILVER-STUDED BLUES EARLIER IN THE SUMMER".



Small Copper



Small Copper

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU738262) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "I LOVE TO SEE BEASTS BUT MORE THAN THAT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE TWO OR MORE. THEY SEEM TO BE STILL VERY SCARCE STILL THERE ARE NOT MANY REPORTS OF THEIR SIGHTINGS".





Small Tortoiseshell

Large White

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (13), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2). "Last survey of the year."

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester. (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1). "Last survey of the site for 2011."

R Boyd reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "Briefly on hawthorne"), Red Admiral (30 "Very many mostly on ivy flowers").



Brown Hairstreak

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723281) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (0). "PAINTED LADY HAS JUST ANDED ON ONE OF THE LAST FLOWERS OF THE BUDDLIA".



Painted Lady

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725274) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Red Admiral (6), Small White (1). "NOW THE BUDDLIA HAS NEARLY FINISHED THE BUTTERFLIES ARE GOING ON TO THE MICHAELMAS DAISIES AND SEDUM RE REPORT ON THE 10th SEPT WE NEVER PUT COUNT ,50PLUS ADONIS[BOTH MALE AND FEMALE] ON SUCH A SMALL SITE IS WORTH SEEING".



Large White



Red Admiral



Wednesday 14th September

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Nemisia Wisley Vanilla").

Chris Hall reports from Elvetham Heath (SU808558) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (1), Small Copper (1). "Very few butterflies about on this urban fringe LNR, despite warm sunshine. Late summer dragonflies were quite plentiful."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Green-veined White (3), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (1), Small White (3). "Warm and sunny some cloud".

John Moon reports from Dipden Bottom (SU3539) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Meadow Brown (2), Large White (1), Common Blue (2), Painted Lady (1), Green-veined White (5), Small Heath (1).

Tuesday 13th September

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1), Painted Lady (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Monday 12th September

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower").

Sunday 11th September

David Tinling reports from Browdown North (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Red Admiral (2), Grayling (5), Speckled Wood (13), Meadow Brown (6), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (1).

gary palmer reports from ballard meadows (SZ239958) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Green-veined White (1), goat moth (1 Larval). "a short walk around the meadow found the above, of note a very large goat moth caterpillar crossing the path."



Goat moth larva



Red Admiral



Small Copper

David Lobb reports from Lordswood Garden (SU397162) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Butterfly seen each of the last three days but at least two individuals"), Small White (2 "seen on Buddleia"), Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1 "Hovering over Buddleia for a few seconds"), Large Orange Underwing (1 "Flushed from Buddleia in front garden"). "Red Admirals seen each day for the last three days, but today a specimen with wing damage and not able to fly well."



Red Admiral



Red Admiral



Small White

Saturday 10th September

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (8 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (11).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU729272) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6 "in the morning in one of the sunny period "). "we have just come back brome a week in dorset and we discovered a site we called the adonis 1/2 acre on ballard down SZ0200812".



Adonis Blue

Friday 9th September

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Patrolling garden perimeter").

Roy Cowley reports from Keyhaven (SZ312914) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "very active - first of the year for me").



Clouded Yellow

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking buddleia nectar in my garden").

Rupert Broadway reports from Yew Hill reserve (SU455265) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1), Adonis Blue (1 "Stunning coloured male - looked like it was freshly emerged. Very active, despite the heavy cloud cover. Only the 2nd I've seen at the site in over 20 years of regular visits: I hope it was a natural occurrence, rather than a release."), Meadow Brown (22), Small Heath (3), Painted Lady (1). "The relative lack of quantity of butterflies at the reserve in a lunchtime visit was more than compensated for by the quality of species. All the chalkhill blues seem to have finished."

Thursday 8th September

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking on drying laundry").

Wednesday 7th September

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (2 "males"), Green-veined White (2 "male and female"), Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Gosport an Stokes Bay Golf Course (north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male and female"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1 "very fresh autumn brood"), Meadow Brown (1).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males taking ragwort nectar"), Green-veined White (1 "male taking nectar from cat's-ear"), Small Copper (2 "taking nectar from cat's-ear"), Holly Blue (2 "males in aerial combat"), Peacock (1). "Also a male Common Darter."

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker (south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (4 "including a courting couple; taking nectar from ragwort and yarrow"), Brown Argus (1 "very old male taking yarrow nectar"), Meadow Brown (2 "females taking nectar from cat's-ear and hawkbit").

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT IOW (SZ418900) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Blue (3), Meadow Brown (20), Green-veined White (1), Painted Lady (1), Small Copper (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (1), Speckled Wood (4).



Painted Lady



Common Blue

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Common Blue (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Small Heath (9), Meadow Brown (30). "A morning at Chalton Down where the temperature was 16°C before clouds set in."

Monday 5th September

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "male basking out of wind").

Sunday 4th September

Andy Bolton reports from The Warren, nr. Kingsclere. (SU514566) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (23), Small Heath (7 "becoming tatty").

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park nursery (SU366387) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (2), Meadow Brown (2). "All seen around the Buddleja beds."

Saturday 3rd September

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (1 "Overflew").

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island, Portsmouth harbour (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (47), Small Heath (1), Small White (3).

Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse area (SZ357889) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell Moth (1), Brown Argus (2 "v faded"), Clouded Yellow (1 "pristine condition"), Comma (3 "very fresh feeding on brambles and mint"), Common Blue (20 "plus, very fresh"), Gatekeeper (5), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (100 "plus,lots of fresh specimens"), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (9), Small White (7), Speckled Wood (5). "sunny hot,breezy F4-5,3-4.30pm v active butterflies nectaring on Mint and feeding from Bramble berries."



Meadow Brown



Comma

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Magdalen Hill Extension (SU513290) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "On transect, Section 6 (base of slope beside A31). The first one I'd seen since mid-April!").

mark tutton reports from old winchester hill (SU643212) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird hawk moth (1), Elephant hawk moth (1 Larval "think small owing to foodplant but not sure").

E Raynor reports from Queen Elizabeth CP (SU7120) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (72 "feeding on hemp agrimony on the road to adv.playground"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "on hemp agrimony with red admirals rather faded").

mark tutton reports from old winchester hill (SU641205) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (6), Chalkhill Blue (15), Common Blue (7), Meadow Brown (50), Gatekeeper (8), Small Heath (25), Small White (2), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1).

Friday 2nd September

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Small White (18), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Brimstone (5 "4 Male 1 Female"), Common Blue (14 "11 Male 3 Female"), Small Copper (1), Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (47), Speckled Wood (3), Small Heath (17). "Walked around the site for 2 hours where the temperature was 23°C, looking for the Brown Hairstreaks but no sign of any. Many Meadow Browns with the usual Small Heaths and Common Blues were present plus a Painted Lady put in an appearance."

Ed Merritt reports from Holmhill Passage (SU324070) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1 "I was quite surprised to see one of these in September? The butterfly was in a good condition."), Silver Y (2).



Silver-studded Blue (female) Silver-studded Blue (female)

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU365062) where the following observations were made: Grayling (3), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (6), Silver Y (2).



Small Heath

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Overflying"), Small White (3 "Feeding on Cats Ears and Perpetual Wallflower"), Red Admiral (1 "Fresh looking - feeding on Buddleia"), Moth - Silver Y (1 "Flushed from a Gorse bush"), Moth - Yellow Shell (2 "Flushed from Tree Heather - both faded"), Moth - Plume (1 "Flushed from Tree Heather").

Roger Pendell reports from Hayling Island North Common (SU728038) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (29), Small Heath (2), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (4 "2 mating pairs"), Clouded Yellow (1 "my first of the season").

Ian Pratt reports from Newtown (SZ430903) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5).

Ian Pratt reports from Walters and Town Copse Newtown IOW (SZ428901) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (10), Common Blue (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (12), Red Admiral (3).

Martin Hampton reports from Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "nectaring on a single Buddleia 'Beijing' in our garden").

B P Fletcher reports from St Catherines Hill (SU4827) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Small Tortoiseshell (7 "My highest count this season"), Peacock (1), Small Copper (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (35), Meadow Brown (210), Chalkhill Blue (21), Silver-spotted Skipper (10 "Courtship behaviour observed"). "A very warm sunny day. Most of the Silver-spotted Skippers seen were on the south-facing slopes of the Hill in contrast to 2007 when they were about equally split between S and SW slopes".

Thursday 1st September

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Chalkhill Blue (2 "males taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil and cat's-ear").

David Tinling reports from Browndown(south-west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (20 "taking nectar from sea radish"), Small Copper (2), Painted Lady (2 "taking nectar from bell heather and ling"), Grayling (3), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1).

David Tinling reports from Browndown(south-east), Gosport (SZ5839924) where the following observations were made: Small White (5), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (2).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small White (15), Brown Argus (1 "male"), Common Blue (3 "males"), Meadow Brown (42), Small Heath (16).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Small White (8), Meadow Brown (45), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (11), Silver Y Moth (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ574785) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (10), Brown Argus (1), Chalkhill Blue (4), Comma (2), Small Heath (3), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Green-veined White (2).

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (main site) (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "nectaring on purple loosestrife and devil's-bit scabious"), Small White (7), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (13 "most faded and with wing damage"), Peacock (1 "fluttering around a tree in dappled sun within woodland"), Speckled Wood (10), Gatekeeper (21 "Few now and most faded"), Meadow Brown (149 "many with faded or damaged wings"), Grayling (93 "Still widespread and plentiful"), Small Heath (213 "The stars of the show currently. This is the best Eelmoor count for seven years."), Silver Y (1). "Thursday was the best weather here for ten days and butterfly numbers have been poor in the garden and on the local common recently, so I was very pleasantly surprised to see over 500 at Eelmoor, albeit many looking worn and faded. A further note on the Small Heaths: they are very scarce on the other local sites I visit and it is unusual to see double figures anywhere. Numbers at Eelmoor are currently close to the best ever recorded there."

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU641206) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Large White (4), Small White (10), Brimstone (6 "4 Male 2 Female"), Common Blue (10 "8 Male 2 Female"), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (100), Small Heath (26), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Painted Lady (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (7). "Arrived at the site at 11:40 when the temperature was 17°C and left 4 hours later when the temperature had risen to 21°C. Meadow Browns were flying everywhere and I had purposely made the trip to see Silver Spotted Skippers. These were quite hard to locate, being low in numbers due to the poor recent weather. I managed to see 7 in total. An unexpected surprise was a single Painted Lady."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "Feeding on Cats Ears"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Verbena"), Speckled Wood (1 "Faded - Basking on short grass"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Moth - Silver Y (2 "Fresh - Flushed from low bushes"), Moth - Yellow Shell (1 "Faded- flushed from long grass").

Janet Hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Gatekeeper (3), Green-veined White (1), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (9), Small White (2). "Warm and sunny but also breezy".

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Small White (8), Meadow Brown (105), Small Heath (28), Chalkhill Blue (7), Common Blue (2), Brimstone (3), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (2).

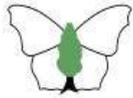
Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood, Newtown (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (2), Green-veined White (6), Meadow Brown (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (6).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3734) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Small White (18), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1), Small Copper (4), Large White (4), Common Blue (5), Brown Argus (1), Small Heath (120), Adonis Blue (6 "All male"), Painted Lady (2), Meadow Brown (65), Chalkhill Blue (30), Silver-spotted Skipper (2).

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Wednesday 31st August

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (16 "taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle "), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (20 "mating pair"), Small White (4), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Chalkhill Blue (2 "males"), Painted Lady (1 "taking ragwort nectar"), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (9). "Some of these were also seen by Anne McCue & John Willis."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overfly"), Speckled Wood (1 "Basking on Flower Pot"), Dragonfly - Southern Hawker (1 "Basking on Aster").

Tuesday 30th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding On Buddleia").

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU656216) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (150), Small Heath (10), Silver-spotted Skipper (12), Common Blue (9), Chalkhill Blue (5), Gatekeeper (2), Small Copper (2), Large White (2). "COMPLETE BRIGHT CLOUD COVER NO WIND VERY PLEASANT".



Small Copper



Silver-spotted Skipper



Silver-spotted Skipper

Monday 29th August

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (1 "Overfly").

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU710273) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (6), Gatekeeper (2), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1). "HAD TO GRAB THE SHORT PERIODS OF WARM SUN MEANWHILE DOWN AT THE GARDENS BUDDLIAS [WE HAD 15 RED ADMIRALS AND 1 SMALL TORTOISESHELL".



Holly Blue



Small Tortoiseshell

Andrew Brookes reports from Rocken End, IoW (SZ493755) where the following observations were made: Wall (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Clamerkin Farm, Porchfield, IoW (SZ437907) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (1), Common Blue (12), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (40), Red Admiral (20 Larval), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (11), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Comma(1).

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (14), Gatekeeper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (2), Red Admiral (1). "Spent 2½ hours walking around the site where the temperature was 17°C. There was cloud but with sunny spells. Unfortunately I did not catch a glimpse of the Brown Hairstreak and overall the numbers of butterflies seen were poor."

Sunday 28th August

Ashley Whitlock reports "Visited Old Winchester Hill today to see if I could get a decent count on the Silver-Spotted Skipper, this would have been my third visit in as many weeks to see the specie. Today I was successful, although I only went as far as the main car-park slope, which doesn't really get a good handle on the amount on the hill itself. But I suppose it gives a rough indication on how they are doing. I counted (17) which is a conservative estimate, many were still in prime condition, so I think they were out late at this site. Multiply this total for the three other major slopes then the total would come out near enough the same as 2010. Other counts were as follows: Chalkhill Blue (45) Small Heath (75) a tremendous count just on one slope more or less most of them being at the base where it was sheltered! Meadow Brown (uncountable) Brown Argus (1) Small White (15) Large White (1) Gatekeeper (5) Essex Skipper (1) Small Skipper (2) Common Blue (4) Silver-Y Moth and lots of macro moths. I then went onto Shipton Bellinger to see the Brown Hairstreak, but I think it was far too windy and I was unsuccessful. Species seen though were as follows: Common Blue (2) Small White (50+) Green-Veined White (5) Meadow Brown (12) Speckled Wood (1) Red Admiral (2) Gatekeeper (1)".



Chalkhill Blue



Brown Argus



Old Winchester Hill

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Mint Moth (1 "Flushed from Marjoram").

Paul Pearson reports from Broughton Down (SU288330) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (4), Brown Argus (1 "very worn"), Common Blue (1 "The only blue I saw"). "Warm but blustery conditions".

Saturday 27th August

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU716278) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Small White (4).



Brimstone



Speckled Wood

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding On Perpetual Wallflower"), Small White (1 "Feeding On Yarrow").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU732281) where the following observations were made: hummingbird hawk moth (2), Red Admiral (15), Peacock (1), Large White (1). "INTRMITEN BURSTS OF BEAUTIFUL WARM SUN THANK YOU MR BIJING".



Hummingbird Hawk-moth



Peacock



Red Admiral

Friday 26th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding On Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (1 "Basking on bare earth").

Tim Walker reports from Hook Spit, near Warsash (SU488053) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "flying steadily west at 14:50").

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Grayling (1), Meadow Brown (29), Gatekeeper (12), Small Heath (18), Small White (1), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Painted Lady (1). "an afternoon walk around barton common and down into becton bunny found the above, of note one brown argus and the one and only grayling of the year on the site."

Thursday 25th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Feeding on Cats Ear"), Gatekeeper (2 "Flying weakly in long grass").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU710266) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (1), Red Admiral (5), Small White (2), Large White (0).



Common Blue



Gatekeeper



Red Admiral

Wednesday 24th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding On Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding On Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (2 "Both tatty and missing bits of wing. Seen basking on bare earth.").

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island, Portsmouth Harbour (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (47), Small White (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Little London (SU375495) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (16), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Not a spectacular area for butterflies - but 16/20 were GVWs - Hmm?".

Monday 22nd August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding On Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding On Buddleia").

Hazel Pratt reports from Caesar's Camp (SU828493) where the following observations were made: Grayling (12), Small Heath (4), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (3), Gatekeeper (2), Painted Lady (1). "A short lunchtime visit. Weather mainly sunny and warm."

Mervyn Grist reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9), Large White (1), Small White (5), Green-veined White (3), Common Blue (7), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (4), Gatekeeper (12), Meadow Brown (19), Pyrausta purpuralis (2 "Pyralid moth"). "A wide range of common late summer species were in flight in this warm chalk quarry in the afternoon sunshine. Current parking problems are being addressed by the Wildlife Trust."

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU662209) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (50), Brimstone (6), Small White (6), Common Blue (14), Small Heath (50), Chalkhill Blue (5), Gatekeeper (7), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (4), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (1), Brown Argus (2), Peacock (1). "STARTING TO CLOUD UP A BIT COMBINES GOING LIKE THE CLAPPERS".



Silver-spotted Skipper

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713266) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Comma (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (1). "BEAUTIFUL MORNING CLEAR AND VERY WARM".



Comma



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Mike Wildish reports from Walworth Ind Est (SU385465) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (2), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Painted Lady (1). "Mainly on an undeveloped plot with Buddleja, Marjoram etc - despite the nature of the site, it can turn up a few surprises."

Janet Hall reports from Old Down Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Green-veined White (2), Large White (10), Meadow Brown (15), Small Heath (1), Small White (3), Gatekeeper (5). "Warm sunny morning".

Sunday 21st August

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Large White (14), Small White (15), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (50), Gatekeeper (20), Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (4), Brimstone (3), Common Blue (20), Chalkhill Blue (50), Small Skipper (3), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small Heath (20), Brown Argus (3). "Weather - warm and cloudy with some sunny spells."

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474158) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Meadow Brown (4), Gatekeeper (9), Grayling (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (2), Large White (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (2), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1), Grayling (1). "A nice surprise to see a Grayling among the late summer species in the garden on Sunday afternoon. This butterfly may have wandered some 4 or 5 miles from the nearest colony, and against the prevailing westerly wind too; we had a similar unexpected visit from a Grayling five years ago."

Sue Davies reports from Mottistone Down IOW (SZ417845) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (3), Chalkhill Blue (50 "plus"), Common Blue (5), Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Small Heath (50 "plus"), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (3). "mostly cloudy, windy 4-5, steep downland slope with old chalk pits at foot- butterflies very active on lower slopes/pits. Usually v gd site for Adonis but none seen."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Another journey over to the Isle of Wight, to see how the Adonis Blue was getting on at Brading Down. It was not seen in such good numbers this year as in 2010, although it has been out for some time, although the ones seen were in immaculate condition, and saw one mating pair. There was plenty of Chalkhill Blues and they were still mating as well, with up to half a dozen pairs seen. All in all the counts were as follows: Speckled Wood (2) Gatekeeper (4) Small Heath (3) Red Admiral (3) Large White (1) Small White (25) this is probably an underestimation, as the were flying right down into the town centre in two's and three's. and on Brading Station there were still many flying about. Common Blue (8) Chalkhill Blue (uncountable) Adonis Blue (7) Brown Argus (2)



Chalkhill Blue Common Blue Adonis Blue

nick lawrence reports from bentley station meadow (SU793430) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Brown Argus (5), Small Copper (3), Meadow Brown (15), Gatekeeper (8), Large White (5).



Brown Argus

Saturday 20th August

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (30), Gatekeeper (6), Large White (6), Small White (6), Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (1 "male"), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (1), Red Admiral (5), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Common Blue (8), Holly Blue (4), Brown Argus (3), Speckled Wood (1). "Hot and sunny."

Mike Wildish reports from Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (4), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (3), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (5), Speckled Wood (1). "Red Admiral on Ivy - just starting to bloom."

Terry Hotten writes: "A late, rather worn, Pine Hawk-moth was found on a HWT fungus foray this morning at Bramshot Heath (SU834552), Fleet."

peter gardner reports from stockbridge down (SU377363) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2), Chalkhill Blue (5), Large Tortoiseshell (0), Brown Argus (5), Small Copper (1), Green-veined White (10). "CLOUD COVERED HEAVY RAIN BY 1200HOURS".



Adonis Blue



Small Copper

Ashley Whitlock writes: "In very overcast skies with little prospect of sunshine, I went out looking for the very illusive Silver-Spotted Skipper on Oxenbourne Down, where in the past it has been reasonably common in certain areas of the chalk downland. The weather was really not what you would want for looking for a specie that is so fast on the wing. It took over an hour and a half to see one, and this was a specimen that wasn't going to move very far. I only saw the one, and this amounts to the poorest season I have ever experienced with this specie. I don't know whether to put it down to the poor winter, and summer which may have had an impact on their numbers this year? The specie I did see were as follows: Speckled Wood (2) Gatekeeper (4) Meadow Brown (50)+ Small Heath Small White (1) Green Veined White (1) Chalkhill Blue (10) Silver-Spotted Skipper (1). I then wanted to check out Old Winchester Hill, but it was just raining, so I came home, although on the horizon I had seen that the weather was changing. By the time I had got back to Portsmouth the weather was totally different with blue skies and warm sunshine, so I decided to do a transect on the hill. The following was seen: Speckled Wood (8) Gatekeeper (3) Meadow Brown (195) Red Admiral (8) Painted Lady (3) Comma (1) Brimstone (2) Large White (1) Small White (28) Green-Veined White (6) Common Blue (7) Chalkhill Blue (7) Holly Blue (3). I also saw a specie I could not identify in the warm sunshine on Portsdown Hill it was quite large, Dark-Green Fritillary in size, rapid in flight, tawny brown on the upper wings with darker square brown shaded areas on the upper wings, flying around like the clappers. I saw at least (6) of these butterflies?moths...they looked more like butterflies, but they probably were moths. If any readers could help with identifying this specie I would be very grateful. Unfortunately it never stopped to identify itself!"



Brimstone



Portsdown Hill



Silver-spotted Skipper

Stephen Harvey reports from Otterbourne Waterworks (SU470232) where the following observations were made: Pale Clouded Yellow (1 "See comments below.."). "On Saturday 20 August 2011, in mid afternoon, at Otterbourne Waterworks on the River Itchen (SU 470 232) I saw one or more pale yellow butterflies in flight around wild shrubs (probably hemp agrimony). It (or they) were on the far side of the river, so there was no question of my being able to obtain a close look at it/them. Almost immediately, I knew they were not Brimstones. I am an experienced butterfly observer, and the shape, colour and flight were all wrong for Brimstone. They were smaller, with a more rounded overall shape, and with a paler, less sulphurous colour. I subsequently saw one or two specimens at closer range a few yards upstream of the waterworks, but again it/they were very restless and I never had the chance to view a perched insect. There are two possible identifications for my sightings. Pale Clouded Yellow or "helice" variant of Clouded Yellow. In my opinion these were definitely not moths. The weakness for Pale Clouded Yellow is simply their rarity. The

weakness for helice Clouded Yellows is whether several helices would appear together? There is no question of a firm or even strongly confident identification here. My sole purpose in offering the record is in case it fits part of a larger picture that has yet to emerge."

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU742319) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2), Large White (20), Meadow Brown (15), Gatekeeper (10), Common Blue (6), Brown Argus (1). "a hot sunny afternoon, butterflies out in force."

Friday 19th August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723275) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Gatekeeper (1), Comma (1), Large White (1), Small White (2). "sun on and off pleasant".

Alan Thornbury reports from Broughton Down (SU288330) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (3 "All males"), Silver-spotted Skipper (12), Chalkhill Blue (25). "The Adonis Blues were in their favoured area at the western end of the reserve. Common species not recorded."



Adonis Blue



Adonis Blue



Silver-spotted Skipper

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2); Brimstone (4 - all females); Large White (6); Common Blue (3 - rather worn); Peacock (1); Meadow Brown (20); Gatekeeper (11); Small Heath (3); Brown Hairstreak (1 - wings folded, on flower of Hemp Agrimony. Made my day!). Weather - warm with some sunny spells.

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Basking on Buddliea Leaf"), Gatekeeper (3 "Flying weakly, basking on long grass. One seen feeding on Fleabane"), Mint Moth (4 "All looking fresh. On or near Marjoram. Unlike last year they are mostly ignoring the Water Mint which is close to flowering."). "There was nothing to report for yesterday, 18/08/11 as it was wet cold and overcast all day. Also seen today, there are at least 6 micro-moths in the long grass."

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Common Blue (1 "male"), Brown Argus (1 "male"), Chalkhill Blue (1 "male"), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (16).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Small White (16 "taking nectar from Sea Radish & Ragwort"), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Gatekeeper (3).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1), Small White (8), Common Blue (6 "4 males & 2 females"), Meadow Brown (9).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Common Blue (2).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Gatekeeper (2), Small Heath (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (5 "males"), Small White (11), Common Blue (2 "males"), Holly Blue (6 "males"), Speckled Wood (10), Meadow Brown (57), Gatekeeper (17), Silver Y Moth (1).

Wednesday 17th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Overflow"), Gatekeeper (1 "Flushed from a Gorse Bush."). "Overcast with some drizzle."

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "2nd brood male").

Tuesday 16th August

peter taylor reports from newchurch parish nature trail (SZ565854) where the following observations were made: jersey tiger moth (1 "seen in the "newchurch parish nature trail"").

Chris Wood reports from Bleakdown (SZ511812) where the following observations were made: Jersey Tiger Moth (1). "seen around noon - have photos".



Jersey Tiger

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1 "Flushed from long grass. Otherwise an overcast day and nothing else seen.").

Monday 15th August

Robert Bryant reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU641204) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on drying laundry"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking on Fence"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddliea"), Gatekeeper (3 "All looking very tired now. Basking in grass and feeding on Fleabane."), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddliea"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Buddliea").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (4), Gatekeeper (26), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (16), Small Heath (1), Small Skipper (1), Small White (12). "Sunny & warm then cool with increasing cloud."

peter gardner reports from beacon hill (SU613228) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (50), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (3), Small Heath (35), Common Blue (3), Brown Argus (1), Green-veined White (1). "wonderful show of wild flowers, but not one single skipper of any kind ,no chalkhill blues at all".



Common Blue



Meadow Brown

mark swann reports from broughton down (SU293326) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (4 "3m 1 female"), Silver-spotted Skipper (70 "most looking worn"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "mint fresh"), Brown Argus (5), Chalkhill Blue (40), Green-veined White (12). "also seen magpie moth".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Grayling (97). "After several poor years this is the highest count since 1st Aug 2007 when David Tinling recorded 113."

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606875) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "2nd brood male taking ragwort nectar").

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Grayling (61).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Grayling (1).

Sunday 14th August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711265) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (1). "CLOUDY BUT BUTTERFLIES HUNGY".



Painted Lady



Red Admiral

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250932) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (52), Gatekeeper (47), Small Heath (9), Speckled Wood (7), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Common Blue (5), Holly Blue (1), Small Copper (7), Brown Argus (1), antler moth (3), silver y (1). "mid morning walk on the common found the above, of note the first brown argus iv'e seen on this site although i have suspected that they were here before, but usually by know for the last several years the common would have been severely mowed, this not as yet being done this year has resulted in a good show of knapweed and heathers in flower for the first time in a long while. sadley after many fruitless searches i think the grayling colony is now gone."



Brown Argus & Small Copper



Small Heath

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (2), Large White (7), Speckled Wood (5), Painted Lady (1 "Our first this year. Delighted to see it."), Meadow Brown (30), Small Heath (11), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (2), Common Blue (9), Red Admiral (6), Gatekeeper (10), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (1), Grayling (1 "We didn't spot this ourselves but it was pointed out to us by two other visitors."). "Weather mainly cloudy but with some warm sunny spells."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited one of my old haunts today late in the afternoon, at St Catherines Hill Down, and to see how the place has changed over the last few years, well its seems to be more scrubby in places, and several areas have now been opened up, and in the smaller sun traps seen in the late evening sunshine were as follows, Meadow Brown (hundreds) Gatekeeper (25) Small Heath (4) Chalkhill Blue (hundreds) Common Blue (5) Silver-Spotted Skipper (1) my first at this site, Brown Argus (5) Small Blue (7) Small White (5) Speckled Wood (2) Red Admiral (2). This site has certainly seen a more varied specie count over the last few years with Duke of Burgundy Purple Emperor, Silver Spotted Skipper, and Adonis Blue all being added to the species list.





Small Heath Silver-spotted Skipper St Catherine's Hill Down

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (5 "2 feeding on Marjoram, 1 feeding on Buddleia "Davidi", 1 feeding on Buddleia "Beijing", 1 basking on long grass."). "Also found a newly emerged Southern Hawker Dragonfly drying off on a Sweet Pea plant".

David Connell reports from Stockbridge Downs (SU370348) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (0 "A short visit whilst passing through. Probably more.").

Mike Gibbons writes: "I visited Shipton Bellinger again this afternoon for Brown Hairstreaks and managed to see 8. Of these 3 were males nectaring on bramble blossom , 4 females were egg laying but one was feeding on a blackberry for some time. There was a hive of activity as if making up for lost time. The males showed a lot of wear but the females looked relatively fresh. A visit yesterday in cloudy weather only produced one male which was circling a small ash tree. Perhaps things are now taking off after the cloudy weather of recent days."



Brown Hairstreak Brown Hairstreak

Paul Fisher reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU217458) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (4 "2xMales,2xFemales"), Brimstone (5 "3xMales,2xFemales"), Holly Blue (4 "Ones seen close up were Males"), Gatekeeper (9 "Not counted,Guess around this number"), Meadow Brown (0 "Not counted,but a lot around"). "Must of been 80% cloud cover,Very warm when sun came out, 13.00-15.30 One of The Brown Hairstreaks(Female) spent a long time necturing on a Blackberry. Above observation was only for location at grid reference SU21744583 (to pinpoint it better)."

peter gardner reports from NOAR HILL (SU704319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (5), Large White (1), Brimstone (2), Small White (4), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (4), Small Heath (2), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (5), Peacock (5), Common Blue (5), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (1), Brown Argus (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "cilly under cloud but great in sun".



Brown Hairstreak Red Admiral Small Copper

Anne McCue & Mick Langridge reports from Noah Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "Female basking in brief burst of sun"), Grayling (1 "Spotted having been sent up"). "Generally cloudy with only occasional bursts of sunshine. Target finally spotted in an area not normally visited. The Grayling was a nice surprise on the way out. A full sightings report will follow shortly."



Brown Hairstreak Brown Hairstreak Grayling

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill south-east 1km square (SU460565) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (34), Small Heath (54), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (7), Chalkhill Blue (1), Brimstone (1), Gatekeeper (2), Green-veined White (2), Small Copper (2), Small Skipper (1), Essex Skipper (1). "A strong westerly breeze led to most of the butterflies on the site congregating on the sheltered east facing slope."

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill south-west 1km square (SU458562) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (9), Small Heath (2), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill, Old Burghclere north-west 1km square (SU455578) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (7), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (9), Chalkhill Blue (2 "1 worn male, 1 female."), Small Copper (1), Gatekeeper (2), Small Skipper (1).

Paul Crook reports from Noar Hill (SU739319) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Brown Hairstreak (1 "Female"), Common Blue (15), Gatekeeper (15), Large White (6), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (4), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (6), Speckled Wood (2).



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak



Gatekeeper

Ed Merritt reports from Matley (SU324077) where the following observations were made: Grayling (18), Meadow Brown (1), Bordered Grey (2).



Grayling



Bordered Grey

Saturday 13th August

Steve Mansfield reports from Chawton Park Wood (west) (SU6736) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Essex Skipper (1), Common Blue (1).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU559344) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6), Large White (5), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (3), Holly Blue (6). "99% cloud".



Holly Blue

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (4 "Clustered round a Marjoram plant").

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Gatekeeper (35), Meadow Brown (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Small Skipper (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (11), Speckled Wood (4).

Friday 12th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (7 "See comments box"), Common Carpet Moth (1 "Basking on Common Bedstraw sheltered by Fleabane").

"Gatekeepers: These are looking quite faded and tatty now. Only 1 male seen - all others female. Flight generally weak. Not so territorial now - they tolerate each other when they meet rather than sparing. One found deceased in a spiders web. Their preferred foodplants are Yarrow, Marjoram, Fleabane, Clover and Cats-Ears. Occasionally, they use Buddleia but this is not much liked - they are more likely to be basking on the leaves than feeding on the flowers. Any Buddleia flowers they use are those very close to the ground. They also tend to ignore the Perpetual Wallflowers although it may be that these flowers are too high off the ground and therefore exposed. Those which emerged first also fed on Common Bedstraw but this has almost finished flowering now."

Thursday 11th August

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU6522) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Meadow Brown (50), Gatekeeper (28), Chalkhill Blue (0), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small Heath (26), Small Skipper (4), Marbled White (2), Red Admiral (12), Peacock (1), Small White (6), Comma (4), Common Blue (8), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (1), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Adonis Blue (1). "very very windy but a lot of sun ,wind kept the butterflies down". (Piers Vigus has kindly advised that the picture below originally identified as a Chalkhill Blue is in fact an Adonis Blue)



Adonis Blue

R Boyd reports from Clanfield (SU7015) where the following observations were made: Moth: *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla* (1 "Found indoors"), Moth: Willow Beauty (1 "Found indoors"). "Both were safely released outside".





Amblyptilia acanthadactyla Willow Beauty

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (5 "See comments below"). "Today was windy with showers. The gatekeepers were spread about the garden. During sunny intervals they fed on low growing plants - eg Clover. One was basking on a grass stem when a cloud covered the sun and it became very windy. The butterfly walked swiftly down the grass stem and disappeared head first into the sward. A little later when the sun returned and the wind dropped it re-emerged head first and continued to bask."

Wednesday 10th August

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Brimstone (1 "Female"), Chalkhill Blue (400), Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (2), Meadow Brown (16), Gatekeeper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Ringlet (1), Small Heath (1). "Many Chalkhill Blues were flying, estimate at least 400 on the slopes. Saw a single Ringlet that was quite worn."

Hilary Higgins reports from Newbridge garden (SZ411875) where the following observations were made: Amblyptilia acanthadactyla (1). "Indoors day-flying."



Amblyptilia acanthadactyla

mark swann reports from st catherines hill (SU484275) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (5 "strong southerly wind put paid to any count"), Small Blue (2), Adonis Blue (1 "single male"), Marbled White (1 "looked quite good condition"), Chalkhill Blue (100 "inc the dongas"), Brimstone (3), Brown Argus (15), Common Blue (5), Comma (3), Red Admiral (21), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (14), Gatekeeper (0 "lots").

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ572783) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (3 "Good condition second brood"), Meadow Brown (4), Gatekeeper (3). "Very windy so most of the butterflies had hunkered down in the grass!"

Tuesday 9th August

Mike Wildish reports from Upper Clatford (SU355435) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (6), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Goodworth Clatford (SU365425) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (5), Meadow Brown (5).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725279) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (4), Comma (1), Small White (2), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1). "VERY WARM SUN WHEN IN SIGHT".

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (3), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (8), Meadow Brown (9), Speckled Wood (5). "In the garden by mid day found the above".

Andrew Brookes reports from Monkham Copse, IoW (SZ454864) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (3), Holly Blue (1 "Supping from muddy puddle"), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Rowborough Down Bottom (SZ453853) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6).

Andrew Brookes reports from Idlecombe Down track to Rowboro. Farm (SZ457855) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (3), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (3), Red Admiral (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (5).

Andrew Brookes reports from Idlecombe Down (SZ455856) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (4), Gatekeeper (16), Meadow Brown (8), Peacock (3), Small White (2), Wall (5).

Andrew Brookes reports from Rowborough Down (SZ454851) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (20), Meadow Brown (22), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (2), Small White (1), Wall (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Rowborough Down Plantation ride (SZ455848) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (3). "Good flora, but ride too narrow, mostly shaded by sycamore and cypress."

Andrew Brookes reports from Rowboro. Down to Rowboro. Farm track (SZ459850) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (12), Green-veined White (1 "Pristine female"), Meadow Brown (2), Wall (1). "All butterflies nectaring on the Wild Marjoram at the foot of the northside hedge."

Andrew Brookes reports from Fort Victoria Country Park (SZ338898) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "On buddleja"), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Yar River Trail, Roud, IoW (SZ514804) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Green-veined White (2), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2).

Hilary Higgins reports from Caul Bourne, Shalfleet (SZ414885) where the following observations were made: Jersey tiger (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "These are getting less active now and were seen feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (4 "In long grass"). "In long grass I discovered a newly emerged blue dragonfly being repeatedly stung by a young wasp. I rescued the dragonfly and put it on a high buddleia branch. It flew off about 10 minutes later. I don't know if it survived. A few years ago I saw a

young wasp doing the same thing with a painted lady butterfly. The wasp clings on to the abdomen of the other insect and seems to repeatedly sting it. The butterfly this time did not survive."

Monday 8th August

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (6), Gatekeeper (30), Green-veined White (2), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (25), Small Skipper (1), Small White (1). "Sun & cloud, some wind".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overflying"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (4 "Mostly basking in long grass"), Small Copper (2 "Both looked fresh. One spent an hour feeding on Yarrow. A second individual approached and a short tussle followed after which one flew away."), Silver Y Moth (1 "Disturbed from long grass while filming Small Copper").

Sunday 7th August

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5), Gatekeeper (24), Chalkhill Blue (600), Meadow Brown (41), Small White (10), Large White (3), Small Skipper (13), Green-veined White (2), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (5), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Peacock (1), Marbled White (4), Brimstone (1), Essex Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Old Winchester Hill which was a far better day for counting species than on Saturday, and there certainly wasn't any Silver-Spotted Skippers on the car-park slope, which faces south-west. Counts were as follows: Chalkhill Blue too numerous to count, literally hundreds, all over the down, Small Heath (18) Common Blue (6) Silver-Washed Fritillary (3) Meadow Brown (50+) Red Admiral (4) Small White (5) Green -Veined White (2) Gatekeeper (50+) Small Copper (2) Peacock (1) Brown Argus (2) Small Skipper (1) Large White(1) I then went on to visit a site I've never been too before which is the South Downs National Burial Site which sounds a bit macabre, but it actually boasts having **35 of the 56 national species on the site** which is some boast, there are not too many sites with this sort of total. The species I saw were as follows: Silver-Washed Fritillary (7) Red Admiral (22) Small White (8) Holly Blue (1) Common Blue (6) Speckled wood (1) Meadow Brown (25) Large White (2) Gatekeeper (10) Green Veined White (4) Peacock (4) Comma (2) Brimstone (1). I have had Purple Emperor reports from this site, and I can see why, there is plenty of Sallow and the Beech trees and Oaks are on a very steep slope, A lovely site to look around. I got home and started doing some painting out in the back garden and saw what I thought was a Wall Brown as it had the same fluttery flight, but I was lucky it landed on a seat, and sunned itself, and it turned out to be a Grayling! It must have flown all the way from Hayling Island, although not far as the crow flies, but it did look a bit bedraggled! But never the less a nice addition to the ever growing list of butterflies in the garden!"



Small Copper Silver-washed Fritillary South Downs National Burial Site

Richard Carpenter reports from Botley Wood (SU5409) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (14), Ringlet (1), Red Admiral (2), Brown Argus (2), Brimstone (4), Small Skipper (4).

Sue Davies reports from Parkhursts Forest NW (SZ474920) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Gatekeeper (20 "plus"), Green-veined White (20 "plus"), Holly Blue (7), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (9), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (5), Small White (7), Speckled Wood (3). "late morning Sunny warm but v windy even in forest F5-6. Butterflies active in sheltered spots."

Sue Davies reports from Westover Plantation (SZ415851) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Green-veined White (7), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (10 "plus"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (7), Ringlet (2), Small Heath (3), Speckled Wood (7), Wall (1 "old specimen but a surprise here"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Valenzina, probably another pair high up"). "Mature deciduous plantation, 3-4.30pm sunny warm, windy F5-6 but sheltered sunny wide rides and gravel tracks."



Wall

Red Admiral

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (6 "Spread about the garden, Some feeding on Verbena and clover.").

Saturday 6th August

Keith Baker reports from Gosport (SU602011) where the following observations were made: Tiger Moth (1 "Found in our garden"). "It has a bright orange colour with blue/black spots below the wings and distinctive brown tiger pattern on top of wings. It is 2 inches long".



Garden Tiger

Garden Tiger

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I Thought I would visit some of my local Chalkhill downland despite the weather being very cloudy, and the threat of rain the specie count wasn't too bad. My first visit was Portsdown Hill to do a transect and the following were seen :Speckled Wood (2) Gatekeeper (9) Meadow Brown (27) Small White (3) Common Blue (1) Chalkhill Blue (6). I then went on to Oxenbourne Down and I was pleasantly surprised by the specie count, thirteen species on such a dreary day isn't at all bad, the following were seen: Speckled Wood (1) Gatekeeper (40) Meadow Brown (22) Red Admiral (3) Peacock (2) Large White (1) Small White (3) Green Veined White (1) Small Copper (2) Common Blue (9) Chalkhill Blue (100)+ Ive put down 100 plus but it was more like a thousand plus, they were everywhere despite the weather, with several mating pairs and others trying to mate. The foodplant is like a carpet on this site, and is all over the down. Brown Argus (2) and the only skipper being seen was the Small Skipper (2), no Silver-Spotted Skippers to be seen, probably too cool and overcast for them. I also visited Chalton Down and Idsworth Down, and the Chalkhill Blue was also very common at these sites as well. The wildflowers today were tremendous, especially where the areas have not ever been ploughed up, and the site is littered with ant-hills."



Chalkhill Blues



Gatekeeper



Chalton Down

peter gardner reports from stockbridge down (SU371360) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (1), Large White (7), Small White (15), Chalkhill Blue (50), Meadow Brown (50), Common Blue (30), Small Copper (5), Gatekeeper (10), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Brimstone (1), Small Heath (14), Silver-spotted Skipper (4), Brown Argus (3), Small Skipper (1). "dodging the showers".



Silver-spotted Skipper



Small Copper



Common Blue

Sue Davies reports from Tennyson Down (SZ423854) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (20 "plus"), Chalkhill Blue (200 "plus"), Common Blue (20 "plus"), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Holly Blue (1), Large White (5), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (3), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (7), Small Skipper (3), Speckled Wood (3). "late afternoon 3-4.30, sun,warm but windy F5.Butterflies inactive on top down but sheltered track from Highdown car park alive with Chalkhills."



Chalkhill Blue



Dark Green Fritillary

peter gardner reports from longstock (SU361370) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Humming-bird Hawkmoth (1).



Humming-bird Hawkmoth

Friday 5th August

Mike Wildish reports from Weyhill (SU315463) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Green-veined White (3), Gatekeeper (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Lane (SU316455) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (8), Green-veined White (4), Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (2), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Small White (20), Green-veined White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (2).

R A Hume reports from Stockbridge Down (SU375358) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Chalkhill Blue (375), Common Blue (3), Gatekeeper (20), Small Copper (5).

R A Hume reports from Broughton Down (SU294328) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (30), Silver-spotted Skipper (1). "Sadly coincided with longest dull spell of the day but persistence paid off with the skipper, anyway."

Andy Bolton reports from Benyon's Inclosure (SU627635) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Gatekeeper (33), Ringlet (3), Small Copper (2), Large White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Green-veined White (9), Brown Argus (2), Small Skipper (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (2), Comma (2), Common Blue (2), Speckled Wood (4), Purple Hairstreak (4), Grayling (16), Purple Emperor (1). "A good range of species seen at this site whose habitats include mixed woodland, native coniferous, grassy heath with stony tracks and

regenerating heather, damp meadow and a gully with willows. A pleasure to see a late Purple Emperor which was flying round and round a half grown mountain ash, before briefly flying a few feet over my head, and then on to complete several circuits around the crown of two high oaks."

Andy Bolton reports from Benyon's Inclosure north (SU626641) where the following observations were made: Grayling (15).



Grayling

Sue Davies reports from West Newtown N.T site (SZ412913) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Comma (3), Common Blue (7 "with blue females"), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Green-veined White (3), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (20 "plus"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (7), Small Heath (5), Small Skipper (3), Small White (20 "plus"), Speckled Wood (1). "late afternoon 3-4.30 hot,sun,F4 wind".



Common Blue

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Grayling (86 "including 2 mating pairs").

Thursday 4th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen briefly basking on concrete patio between rain").

Wednesday 3rd August

Martin Hampton reports from Ravelin Park (SZ637996) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Bridleway opposite Boulders Lane (SU628093) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (6), Small Skipper (10 Egg), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2), Small White (6), Large White (1), Holly Blue (5), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (6), Gatekeeper (40), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (1 "Very tatty").

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Small White (3), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (1), Gatekeeper (25), Meadow Brown (42), Buff Tip moth (6 Larval "Feeding on elm."), Cinnabar Moth (100 Larval "Numerous on ragwort").

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill(SU742318) where the following observations were made : Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (2), Common Blue (8), Gatekeeper (20), Meadow Brown (14), Small Skipper (2), Small Heath (3), Peacock (2). Red Admiral (2), Large White (6), Small White (4), Silver washed Fritillary (5), Brimstone (3), Brown Argus (1), Duke of Burgundy (1). I was delighted to find the Duke of Burgundy, a very fresh specimen. It was in the area on the right hand side of one of the far pits which has low overhanging branches from large beech trees at its end. I first caught sight of it in flight but it settled three times enabling me to get quite close to it and get a positive identification before it disappeared.

Sue Davies reports from Brickfields N.T. East Newtown, Isle of Wight (SZ424921) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (50 "plus"), Chalkhill Blue (3), Comma (2), Common Blue (50 "plus"), Dark Green Fritillary (2 "both very pale form"), Gatekeeper (100 "plus"), Large White (1), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (20 "plus"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (7), Small Copper (9), Small Heath (50 "plus"), Small Skipper (7), Wall (1), 1732 Shaded Broad-bar moth (6), 2441 Silver Y moth (2). "sunny, hot, breeze F4,flower rich meadows with glades in scrub, Permission to visit from N.T."



Gatekeeper



Dark Green Fritillary



Shaded Broad-bar

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Patrolling over garden"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Meadow Brown (1 "Resting on mown path"), Gatekeeper (7 "See comments"), Mint Moth (1 "Resting in long grass"), Scalloped Oak Moth (1 "Resting on Window Ledge"). "Gatekeepers: The territory in the South west of the garden, which was empty yesterday seems to have 2 Gatekeepers today, while the territory centred on a large Marjoram plant, on the north side, has just 2 (down from 4). The territories to the South East, North East and North West hold steady at one each. The south east territory has no Fleabane or Marjoram, but does have a lot of Buddleia. The Gatekeeper in this territory feeds on Buddleia and is the only one to do so routinely although it seems to prefer Clover in the long grass."

Kim Wilkin reports from Linford Bottom (SU176068) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (30 "Regular sightings while walking through the Inclosure").



Gatekeeper

Tuesday 2nd August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU712266) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2), Large White (1), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (4).



Peacock



Gatekeeper

R A Hume reports from Martin Down (SU047187) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (5), Brimstone (4), Brown Argus (5), Chalkhill Blue (40), Clouded Yellow (1), Common Blue (10), Dark Green Fritillary (7), Essex Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (5), Large White (20), Meadow Brown (200), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (5), Small Skipper (1), Small White (5).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "Feeding on Lavender and Buddliea"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddliea"), Meadow Brown (1 "Faded specimin feeding on Buddliea."), Gatekeeper (6 "See comments box"). "Gatekeepers - the fall in numbers was because one complete territory, to the south west of the garden, by the Lawson Cypress, has now no gatekeepers. There was a rain shower last night so that may be the cause."

R A Hume reports from Martin Down (SU048190) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (5), Brimstone (4), Brown Argus (5), Chalkhill Blue (30), Clouded Yellow (1 "not seen by me"), Common Blue (10), Dark Green Fritillary (7), Essex Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (5), Large White (20), Meadow Brown (200), Silver-spotted Skipper (1 "not seen by me"), Small Copper (1), Small White (10), Small Skipper (1), Small White (10). "Hot and sunny, a long walk around the down, wonderfully full of flowers, all very enjoyable but butterfly numbers pitifully small compared with other sites being reported on! Strange, it is a great place."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Holly Blue (1), Small Copper (3), Speckled Wood (6), Gatekeeper (12), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (1), Small White (3), Large White (1). "During the day found the above butterflies in the garden, but in the early hours of the morning i held a moth night with phil budd accompanying in the garden and we had a respectable 124 species of moth come to light, including the second jersey tiger in a week, the other being on the undercliffe at highcliffe 4 days previous."



Brussels Lace



Jersey Tiger

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU374066) where the following observations were made: Grayling (16 "Many more in the wider area"), Silver-studded Blue (1 "Had seen better days"), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (1), Small Heath (1), Bordered Grey (3 "There seemed to be a good number of these here, possibly more than three").



Grayling



Bordered Grey

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU370061) where the following observations were made: Grayling (6), Silver-studded Blue (1), Silver-Y (1), Bordered Grey (1), Annulet (6 "I'm not sure if I have identified these correctly but have included photographs? Quite a few of them flew up from the bank of a deeply eroded path, along which I was cycling, not too far from the edge of the road. I then found a few more on the grassy patch of heath to the north of the path.").





Annulet

Annulet

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Grayling (71).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Grayling (1).

John Moon reports from Perham Ranges (SU260481) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (4), Chalkhill Blue (4). "I believe that the six Silver-spotted skippers seen on the flanks of Warren Hill on 2nd August are the most ever seen on one visit to the small but persistent colony. Chalkhill blues here because this is one of the few areas of Perham Ranges with Horseshoe Vetch. Site in VC12 but now in administrative Wiltshire."

Monday 1st August

Andrew Brookes reports from Portchester (SU621049) where the following observations were made: Oak Eggar (1 "Female, newly emerged, resting on door frame").

mark swann reports from broughton down (SU293328) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (75 "inc 3 mating pairs"), Dark Green Fritillary (12 "mostly females"), Silver-washed Fritillary (3 "2 males 1 female"), Chalkhill Blue (150), Brown Argus (10), Small Heath (5), Brimstone (32), Essex Skipper (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1), Common Blue (15). "a very hot afternoon with scores of silver spots out 75 is a minimum . no other humans encountered!".

mark swann reports from stockbridge down (SU378347) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1 "single male seen"), Silver-spotted Skipper(12), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Small Heath (45), Small Copper (20), Chalkhill Blue (500 "everywhere you look or tread"). "the down is looking superb appears to have reduced grazing pressure even found some round headed rampion with silver spotted skippers on!".

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddliea on and off from 07:20 until 18:00"), Large White (2 "Patrolling and feeding on Buddliea"), Small White (3 "Feeding on Buddliea"), Gatekeeper (8 "Basking. Feeding on various wild and garden flowers inc Asters, Marjoram, Clover, Yarrow etc.").

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (Main Site) (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (11), Large Skipper (5), Brimstone (5 "Four were nectaring on purple loosestrife"), Small White (8), Large White (1), Purple Hairstreak (4 "oaks at Old Peatmoor Wood"), Small Copper (4), Brown Argus (6 "one nectaring on blue fleabane"), Common Blue (72), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (15), Grayling (123 "less plentiful this summer"), Gatekeeper (185 "less plentiful this summer"), Meadow Brown (400), Small Heath (75).

Hilary Higgins reports from Garden (SZ424834) where the following observations were made: Jersey tiger (1).

Janet Hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (13), Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (16), Meadow Brown (18), Peacock (1), Small Skipper (3), Large White (5). "Sunny, warm, windy conditions".

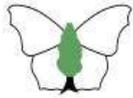
Hazel Pratt reports from Caesar's Camp Aldershot (SU828493) where the following observations were made: Grayling (20), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (1), Silver-studded Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (2).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

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Sunday 31st July

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158750) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158700) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474900158500) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158300) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475300158250) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (6).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475300158400) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475250158600) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (2).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475100158200) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (475000158600) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474900158600) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474800158800) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (6).

Ian Pratt reports from Bleak Down (SZ511818) where the following observations were made: Grayling (7 "Possibly many more as I could only make a very brief visit.").

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "Feeding on Buddleia and Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (2 "patrolling garden a.m. Late afternoon - feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (10 "Feeding on various wild and garden flowers. Basking in long grass. Patrolling territories"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia from 07:30"), Holly Blue (1 "2nd Generation Female - basking on Buddleia leaves").

Chris Rose reports from St Catherine's Hill Winchester (SU483273) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (3), Brimstone (1), Brown Argus (4), Chalkhill Blue (0 "Far too many to count!"), Gatekeeper (15), Holly Blue (2), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (20 "probably more"), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (5).

Chris Rose reports from Twyford Down (SU490273) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2), Brimstone (4), Chalkhill Blue (0 "Too many to count!"), Essex Skipper (1), Gatekeeper (12), Holly Blue (2), Large Skipper (4), Large White (6), Meadow Brown (12), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (3), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (6).

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (3), Peacock (4), Holly Blue (4), Gatekeeper (10), Meadow Brown (30), Large White (7), Red Admiral (3), Comma (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Speckled Wood (2), Purple Hairstreak (1), Small White (8), Common Blue (6), Small Copper (3), Ringlet (6), Brown Argus (2), Brimstone (6), Dingy Skipper (1), Marbled White (2), Small Heath (2). "Sarah and I spent a lovely afternoon at Noar Hill hoping to see Brown Hairstreak and perhaps second brood Dukes as have been reported elsewhere. Whilst we couldn't track down any Brown Hairstreaks we recorded 21 different species - too many for the form which is a first for us!!! Not noted above were Small Skipper and GV White. This included second brood Dingy Skipper which was a nice surprise. There was also a Clouded Yellow present but it eluded us which was a shame. Altogether a pleasant afternoon in the sunshine."

Tim Graham reports from Compton Down (SZ379848) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (20), Meadow Brown (20), Gatekeeper (5), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (2).

Piers Vigus writes: "On an early morning visit to Stockbridge Down on the 31st July I noted one male adonis blue and two male [silver spotted skippers](#) among the massed ranks of chalkhill blues."

Saturday 30th July

Stuart Read reports from Arreton Down (SZ535871) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (0 "thousands!"), Adonis Blue (0), Common Blue (0), Gatekeeper (0), Meadow Brown (0), Red Admiral (0). "After a grey start to the day, the sun emerged in the afternoon and I made an impromptu visit to Arreton Down, and I'm glad I did as the hillside was teeming with Chalkhill Blues! I really couldn't estimate numbers, but there must have been thousands on wing. And amongst the shards of sky-blue were also the violet wings of Common Blues and the turquoise scales of Adonis Blues."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "Patrolling am. Late afternoon feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Red Admiral (2 "1 tatty one. 1 fresh but much smaller. Both feeding on Buddleia."), Gatekeeper (10 "See comments box"). "Gatekeepers: There is a small colony of 4 - 1 male and 3 females on a large Marjoram plant. There is a second colony of 3 centred on a Lawson Cypress who feed on adjacent wild and garden flowers - notably Yarrow, Clover and Verbena. Otherwise they are scattered in distinct territories of 1 male."

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476550158000) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476400158150) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476400158200) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200158100) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200158100) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Gatekeeper (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476100157900) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Large White (5), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476200157750) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (1).

Friday 29th July

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island, Portsmouth Harbour (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7 "Mostly fresh males, two ab. caerulea females."), Gatekeeper (22 "Most nectaring exclusively on Ragwort"), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (41), Small White (1).

David Lobb reports from Lordswood Garden (GU35621836) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (2), Small White (3). "All seen in the rear garden after 4.30pm - Small Copper seen for the first time in the garden for two years. A few Purple Hairstreak seen in the oak tree at the end of the garden, but they are keeping to the tops of the tree unlike last year."



Small Copper



Speckled Wood

Andy Bolton reports from The Warren, nr. Kingsclere. (SU514566) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (54), Gatekeeper (23), Marbled White (21 "Hanging on well."), Common Blue (9), Brown Argus (3 "expected to see more."), Small Heath (3), Small White (2), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Comma (2), Small Skipper (3), Large Skipper (1), Pyrausta Purpuralis (1), Pyrausta nigrata (10), Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1), Shaded Broad-bar (3). "Visited late afternoon - a mix of brightness and overcast conditions."



Pyrausta nigrata

Ed Merritt reports from Gurnetfields Furzebrake (SU375048) where the following observations were made: Grayling (28), Gatekeeper (1).



Grayling



Grayling

Mark Tutton reports from Sandy Point (SZ751985) where the following observations were made: Grayling (5), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (10), Gatekeeper (20).

Mrs Debra Ball reports from Alice Holt Forest (SU819400) where the following observations were made: Unknown (1 "I do not know what species of butterfly but have a good photograph").



Purple Emperor

Thursday 28th July

John Hunt writes: "Seen today on Bartley Heath. As far as I can see this is a brown argus, not usual at this location."



Brown Argus

Mike Wildish reports from Old Burghclere (SU472572) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Brimstone (4), Small White (3), Green-veined White (4), Common Blue (8), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (9), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3), Marbled White (2), Gatekeeper (9), Meadow Brown (15), Ringlet (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood, nr. Newtown (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Gatekeeper (5), Green-veined White (5), Marbled White (1 "Immaculate, only just emerged."), Meadow Brown (22), Peacock (3), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (22), Small Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (4). "Fritillaries still as common as Meadow Browns; very few Gatekeepers, and no White Admirals."

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (12), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (10), Peacock (1 "Nectaring on marjoram."), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (4), Small White (18).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "Sparring, later feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower and Cats Ear"), Green-veined White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia - First time this species seen in Garden"), Gatekeeper (9 "See comments box"). "Gatekeepers: Previous sightings have all been males. Today there were several Females, all but one looking fresher than the males. The males seem to patrol specific areas of the garden although the areas for each are quite small - maybe about 100 sq ft. They feed on a variety of plants - Yarrow, Perpetual Wallflower, Marjoram, Bedstraw, Fleabane and Verbena. They don't seem to like Buddleia. Several rest, separately, on a Lawson Cypress, where they are all but invisible. Also managed to shoot a 3 second movie of a pair mating. After, the female spent a minute ! or so on the leaves of Common Cats Ear which lie just off the ground."

Ed Merritt reports from near Pig Bush (SU359055) where the following observations were made: Grayling (7), Silver-studded Blue (1), Bordered Grey (1).



Bordered Grey

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (9 "2nd brood"), Small Copper (1 "2nd brood"), Holly Blue (1 "2nd brood"), Grayling (4 "taking nectar from Bell Heather & Ling"), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (11 "taking nectar from bramble & ragwort").

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1 "female taking mayweed nectar"), Large White (1 "2nd brood male"), Small White (35 "2nd brood taking nectar from ragwort & bell heather"), Green-veined White (2 "2nd brood mating pair"), Small Copper (1 "2nd brood taking nectar from bell heather"), Peacock (1 "takung ragwort nectar"), Grayling (94 "taking nectar from bell heather & ling"), Meadow Brown (5), Gatekeeper (33 "taking ragwort nectar"), Cinnabar (6 Larval).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Essex Skipper (7), Small White (12 "2nd brood"), Common Blue (1 "2nd brood"), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (11), Gatekeeper (39 "taking nectar from ragwort & creeping thistle"), Small Heath (1 "2nd brood"), Six-spot Burnet (4), Shaded Broad-bar (6).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2 "including an ovipositing female"), Large White (2 "2nd brood males"), Small White (3 "2nd brood males"), Brown Argus (1 "2nd brood male"), Common Blue (5 "2nd brood males"), Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (26 "including a mating pair"), Gatekeeper (8), Small Heath (3 "2nd brood"), Six-spot Burnet (2).

Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Large White (5), Brimstone (5 "1 Male 4 Females"), Meadow Brown (55), Gatekeeper (22), Small Heath (2), Speckled Wood (1), Chalkhill Blue (400 "Including 45 females"), Common Blue (3 "Females"), Brown Argus (1), Small Copper (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Female"), Comma (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1), Six Spot Burnet (15), Pyurasta aurata (5). "On a trip back to Hampshire from Cornwall where I now live, paid a visit to this site to see the Chalkhill Blue. Not to be disappointed there were clouds of them flying everywhere, I estimated over 400, which included 45 males and 5 mating pairs. Around a dozen males were also gathered on some fox faeces feeding on minerals. I was also pleased to see a single fresh second generation Dingy Skipper."



Chalkhill Blue



Chalkhill Blue



Silver-washed Fritillary

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Grayling (94 "taking nectar from bell heather & ling").

Wednesday 27th July

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713285) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Peacock (4), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (2), Large White (3), Small White (1). "all on budllia within the garden".



Gatekeeper

Mike Wildish reports from Danebury Hillfort (SU323378) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Brimstone (1), Large White (5), Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Small Copper (1), Chalkhill Blue (130), Red Admiral (1), Painted Lady (1 "My first this year!"), Peacock (4), Speckled Wood (1), Marbled White (2), Gatekeeper (7), Meadow Brown (14), Ringlet (1).

Gary Richardson reports from Bent Street (SU292369) where the following observations were made: striped lychnis (11 Larval).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Patrolling garden"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (3 "1 feeding on low growing wild flowers - Red Clover and Bedstraw, 2 sheltering on Lawson Cypress").

David Walton and Judith Ward reports from Goose Green, Alice Holt Forest (SU804417) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3). "Visited Goose Green Car park after completing our transect at Bentley Station Meadow at 14.00hrs in bright sunshine and 21C. Possibly best ever visit. Three Purple Emperors were seen at the NW corner on the Sweet Chestnut. One of these, was flying nearly 50% of the time at a height of about 10m showing full colour in the sun. Display continued for about 20 minutes. The others were around at the start but not seen subsequently."

Tuesday 26th July

Gary Richardson reports from Jasmin House (SU304365) where the following observations were made: Striped Lychnis (6 Larval).

Gary Richardson reports from Beech Cottage (SU298364) where the following observations were made: Striped Lychnis (3 Larval).

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head (SU5402) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "In garden, nectaring on Buddleja").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (7), Green-veined White (5), Holly Blue (2), Large White (3), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (25), Painted Lady (1 "First sighting this year"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (12), Ringlet (1), Small Skipper (15), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (5), Gatekeeper (14), Meadow Brown (9), Brimstone (1 "female"), Large White (2), Small White (4), Green-veined White (2), Small Skipper (1), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (2), Brown Argus (1). "Late afternoon in the garden found the above, of note was the appearance for the 4th year running of second brood brown argus."



Brown Argus

Monday 25th July

peter gardner reports from micheldever woods (SU545384) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7), Holly Blue (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (7), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (12), Peacock (9), Comma (3), Large Skipper (3), Small Skipper (4), Ringlet (2), Marbled White (2), Large White (2), Brimstone (1). "MOSTLY CLOUD COVERED BUT WARM".



Peacock



Silver-washed Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Boarhunt Woods (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Gatekeeper (6), Green-veined White (33), Holly Blue (1), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (22), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (58), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (40), White Admiral (2). "Many of the S-w Fritillaries still in very good condition, obviously only recently emerged. White Admirals worn, nectaring on Marsh Thistle. Speckled Woods and G-v Whites in unprecedented numbers at this site."

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton, Northern Tracks (SU355485) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Green-veined White (4), Large White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Meadow Brown (2), Speckled Wood (5), Gatekeeper (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Down (SU357492) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (2), Ringlet (1), Gatekeeper (3), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Portsmouth University (SU636002) where the following observations were made: Comma (6 Larval "Feeding on elm.").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia and Lavender"), Gatekeeper (3 "Feeding on Fleabane and patrolling over long grass"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Nemisia "Wisley Vanilla""), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Speckled Wood (1 "Feeding on White Clover").

Richard Carpenter reports from Brownich & Chilling (SU5104) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "In Chilling Copse"), Brimstone (1), Comma (4), Gatekeeper (50), Holly Blue (3), Peacock (10), Red Admiral (5).

Andy Bolton reports from Silchester Roman Town (SU636625) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Silchester Roman Amphitheatre (SU644625) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, behind Garnier Rd carpark (SU483279) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (100), Red Admiral (4). "Warm sunny day, c 9am."

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU484276) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (50), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (12), Gatekeeper (1), Brimstone (1), Meadow Brown (3).

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ506879) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (50 "numerous!"), Red Admiral (24), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (1), Small White (2). "I continue to see high numbers of Red Admirals. Is this a uniquely Isle of Wight phenomenon? In addition to those yesterday, I counted 8 on the section of the cycleway between Shide and Blackwater on Sunday."

Roger Pendell reports from Petersfield Heath (SU756230) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (16), Meadow Brown (7), Small White (3), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Small Skipper (3), Essex Skipper (2).

peter gardner reports from st catherines hill (SU497288) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8), Brimstone (2), Chalkhill Blue (59), Small Skipper (5), Meadow Brown (18), Common Blue (6), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small Blue (2), Gatekeeper (6), Peacock (16), Large White (1), Small White (3), Holly Blue (2), Brown Argus (1), Speckled Wood (5). "only walked along lower west edge of hill very hot".



Chalkhill Blue



Holly Blue



Small Blue

David Barton reports from Holmsley Inclosure (SZ224999) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Gatekeeper (50), Holly Blue (1), Large Skipper (28), Small Skipper (25), Meadow Brown (30), Small White (19), Large White (15), White Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (10).

Sunday 24th July

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU663213) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (20), Meadow Brown (50), Marbled White (5), Small Heath (3), Large White (2), Dark Green Fritillary (4), Small White (3), Gatekeeper (5), Chalkhill Blue (50), Small Skipper (5), Peacock (5), Comma (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "MOSTLY CLOUD COV COLD WIND".

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill East (SU660063) where the following observations were made: Small White (29), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Meadow Brown (9), Gatekeeper (2), Speckled Wood (1), Marbled White (1), Chalkhill Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (1). "Visited the site this morning before the cloud built up. Most butterflies were disturbed from the long grass."

Mike Wildish reports from Old Micheldever Rd (SU375455) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (5).

Mike Wildish reports from Cow Down Interchange (SU385445) where the following observations were made: Small White (15), Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Peacock (6), Meadow Brown (3), Gatekeeper (5).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Decided to go to the New Forest with the promise of some good weather, well it lasted about three hours, but in that time the specie count of Butterflies was (15) which is good going for the New Forest. I visited a site known as Warts Gutter which is inside of Hawkshill Inclosure, and here they have been cutting down many of the conifer plantations, and the grasses are growing thick and fast, just what the Dark-Green Fritillary likes. The total count was as follows: Dark Green Fritillary (36) at least 75% of these were very fresh females as shown in the photograph, Silver-Washed Fritillary (5) Speckled Wood (5) Peacock (5) Brimstone (3) Large Skipper (18), a lot of the breeding areas have been cut into ditches, and the grasses have yet to grow, so the specie was down in numbers, as with the Small Skipper as well (15) Gatekeeper at least (100+) very common in and around the tall grasses and bramble, Common Blue (3) Meadow Brown (50+) Green Veined White (3) Small Copper (1) Small White (3) Grayling (2) Red Admiral (1) Marbled White (3) Brown Argus (1) I also looked quickly around a bit of the Heathland just adjacent to the car-park, and it was dead of anything, only worthy of note was Silver-Studded Blue (1) Grayling (3) Gatekeeper (10) Small Skipper (1) Meadow Brown (1) Large Skipper (2). It was very cool and cloudy so the specie count would not have been very high."



Dark Green Fritillary

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David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding On Buddleia"), Peacock (2 "Feeding On Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (4 "In long grass and feeding on Common Fleabane"), Small White (1 "Feeding On Buddleia"), Large White (1 "On Sweet Peas"), Brimstone (1 "Female feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Feeding On Buddleia. Smaller individual than the one seen last week.").

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood & Whiteley Pastures (SU5309) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Female"), White Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (30), Marbled White (2), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (1), Brown Argus (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU217457) where the following observations were made: **Brown Hairstreak** (2 "1 male, 1 female"), Brown Argus (1), Brimstone (5), Gatekeeper (9), Meadow Brown (15), Ringlet (8), Speckled Wood (4), Red Admiral (3), Comma (5), Green-veined White (6), Large White (3). "Both Brown Hairstreaks were in the hedgerow west of the village along the county boundary. The male gave excellent close views, including open wings. The female perched in a hawthorn tree after feeding briefly on bramble. Photos below."



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak

Mike Gibbons writes: "After leaving a cloudy Christchurch to visit Shipton Bellinger today I was very lucky to find a pristine male **Brown Hairstreak** low down on a bramble leaf with it's wings flat open at 1.55. Unfortunately it flew off as I was getting out my camera, probably having warmed itself up sufficiently. Other butterflies seen were 2 Silver-washed Fritillaries, 2 Holly Blues, 2 Common Blues, 2 Peacocks, 1 Comma, c.20 Gatekeepers, c.10 Meadow Browns, 1 Large White, 4 Small Whites, 1 Ringlet and 2 Speckled Woods."

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Grayling (1), Ringlet (1), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (1), Brimstone (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1). "All seen on or around a couple of Buddleia bushes in my garden."

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (12), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (73), Small Heath (1), Gatekeeper (250), Essex Skipper (19), Small Skipper (17), Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (10), Holly Blue (4), Small Copper (3), Green-veined White (3), Small White (7), Brimstone (1), silver y moth (2), grass emerald (1). "a walk around barton common found the above, of note a very good show of gatekeeper but no grayling."



Speckled Wood



Gatekeeper

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Arboretum (SU369386) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (20), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (1), Green-veined White (3), Small White (2).

nick lawrence reports from garden (SU797343) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Painted Lady (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Red Admiral (4), Gatekeeper (1), Large White (1), Comma (1).



Silver-washed Fritillary

Andy Bolton reports from Hart Hill Down, Linkenholt (SU357589) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Skipper (10), Comma (1), Brown Argus (1), Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Brimstone (2), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Ringlet (3), Meadow Brown (12).

Andy Bolton reports from Sandford Woods, nr. Kingsclere (SU549591) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (9), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1), Marbled White (1), Small Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (5).

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap Inclosure (SU344094) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (1), Holly Blue (1), Marbled White (1).



Marbled White

John Jeffes reports: "Record of sitings wonston Sutton scotney hants 24/7 2 small heath 1spckled wood 2 gatekeeper 3red admiral 2 peacock 1tortoiseshell 3small white all in space of 15 minuets."

Saturday 23rd July

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Hook Park Playing Field (SU499051) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Gatekeeper (100), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (80), Small Copper (4), Small Skipper (1), Small White (5), 6 Spot Burnet (60), Cinnabar (200 Larval).

Mike Wildish reports from Upper Clatford (SU355435) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (6), Red Admiral (2), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Bury Hill (SU345435) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (5), Speckled Wood (5), Holly Blue (1), Ringlet (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1).

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ246995) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "male"), Green-veined White (10), Marbled White (5), Gatekeeper (88), Meadow Brown (54), Ringlet (10), Speckled Wood (7), Silver-washed Fritillary (21), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Peacock (2), Comma (1), Holly Blue (2), Small Skipper (17), Large Skipper (18). "A walk around the rides mid morning found the above, most frits now pretty worn as are the ringlet, but the gatekeeper are showing very strong and lovely to see the peacocks again."



Brimstone



Gatekeeper



Peacock

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I visited Alice Holt Forest for the last time in the 2011 season, and the sad fact is the Purple Emperor did not survive the last week of buffeting and heavy sharp downpours of rain. I visited three of the Assembly points well into the afternoon and found just one at Alice Holt Forst (1) after being there nearly an hour. The male did a few circuits and rested facing the fading sun, and like the weather it just gave up, and stayed put whilst the black clouds came rolling in. There wasn't anything at Buckshot Hole or at Goose Green Inclosure. This is the end of one of the poorest Purple Emperors seasons on record...probably. It can't get any worse can it? In Straits Inclosure when the sun was out there was a few butterflies including Speckled Wood (3) Gatekeeper (3) Meadow Brown (15) Ringlet (6) Silver-Washed Fritillary (35) still a lot of these still in very good condition. White Admiral (2) Red Admiral (1) Brimstone (1) Small White (3) Purple Hairstreak (5) another specie which is suffering in this awful summer, and Large Skipper (2) Abbotts Wood Inclosure, species seen were as follows Marbled White (6) Gatekeeper (8) Meadow Brown (26) Ringlet (15) Silver-Washed Fritillary (36) White Admiral (1) Peacock (2) Comma (1) Large White (1) Small White (3) Green -Veined White (1) Purple Hairstreak (3) Common Blue (1) Holly Blue (4) Small Skipper (7) Large Skipper (1)."

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (160), Small White (34).

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (13), Marbled White (17), Small Heath (12), Large White (4), Meadow Brown (23), Gatekeeper (8), Dark Green Fritillary (4), Peacock (4), Small Copper (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Green-veined White (3), Small Skipper (7), Essex Skipper (1), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Ringlet (2), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Chris Rose reports from Old Down Wood (SU657332) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (3 "First time I have seen them here!"), Red Admiral (10), Peacock (12), Gatekeeper (15), Large White (4), Green-veined White (2), Small White (4), Ringlet (3), Meadow Brown (4), Wood White (2), Speckled Wood (3). "A large patch of bramble in the sunlight was like a magnet, a wonderful 30 minutes!".

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (12), Green-veined White (4), Holly Blue (1), Large White (2), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (12), Small Copper (1), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Friday 22nd July

Tim Graham reports from Magdalen Hill (SU509296) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Chalkhill Blue (50 "Mostly males basking in early morning sun"), Essex Skipper (1), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (6), Marbled White (1). "Short walk between 8:15 and 9. Chalkhill Blues half way up western slopes. Stopped counting at 50."

David Barton reports from Holmsley Inclosure (SZ224999) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (70 "Probably more"), Large Skipper (40), Meadow Brown (35), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Dark Green Fritillary (7), White Admiral (1), Small White (2). "At last the sun comes out & with it, the butterflies! A veritable explosion of Gatekeepers - the count is very likely an under-estimate".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (8), Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Meadow Brown (13), Ringlet (2), Gatekeeper (8), Small Heath (2), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (1), Chalkhill Blue (62), Small Skipper (1), Cinnabar (4). "Walked around the site for an hour and a quarter where the temperature was 19°C. Cloud built up later."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (12), Gatekeeper (20), Green-veined White (5), Large White (17), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (22), Peacock (3), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (3), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (14), Small White (5). "Sunny & warm".

Andy Bolton reports from Field opposite Basingstoke Hospital (SU623538) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (6 "including a mating pair."), Common Blue (1), Brimstone (4 "2 couples"), Gatekeeper (21), Meadow Brown (15), Ringlet (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen feeding on Buddleia from 07:00 when temp only 13 deg C"), Peacock (2 "Basking and feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (6 "Seems to be a fresh emergence centred on a Lawson Cypress"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (1 "Patrolling and feeding on Buddleia"), Speckled Wood (1 "Tatty individual feeding on Perpetual Wallflower").

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest, Hants (SU8040) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (5), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (4), Small Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (3), White Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (50), Small White (2). "This was an early morning visit (9.15 - 10 am). The sky was blue and the sun was shining. There was almost no breeze. The butterflies were just becoming active. The silver washed fritillaries were mainly found in groups along the main path where they were visiting groups of tall purple thistles. What a wonderful start to my day!".

Thursday 21st July

Mike Wildish reports from Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Hanging Bushes & A342 Roadside (SU325465) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (7), Common Blue (1), Small White (6), Green-veined White (5), Large White (3), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3 "2 sheltering on Cypress, 1 under eaves, Showery day"), Large White (1 "Fed briefly on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Seen briefly on Window sill"), Peacock (1 "Fed briefly on Buddleia"), Silver Y Moth (1 "Sheltering under Gorse. 1st one seen this year."), Mint Moth (1 "Sheltering on Perpetual Wallflower").

Wednesday 20th July

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711265) where the following observations were made: hummingbird hawk moth (1 "on buddllias"), Red Admiral (2). "the teeniest patch of blue sky was enough to get them flying and getting a taste of nector".



Hummingbird Hawkmoth

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Trying to feed on Buddleia between showers").

Tuesday 19th July

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711266) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "1st on lavender then around fuchias"). "a beautiful period of warm sun".



Small White

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU711266) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Large White (1). "BOTH ON BUDDLIA AROUND GARDEN ANOTHER SUNNY PERIOD".



Large White



Red Admiral

Richard Merritt reports from Clayfields Sports Centre (SU409076) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (32).

Hazel Pratt reports from Goose Green (SU804416) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Purple Emperor (1), Ringlet (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Skipper (1), Small White (2). "This was a lunch time visit to the site. I arrived in a heavy rain shower. All the butterflies recorded were seen in the space of approximately ten minutes, during the brief warm sunny interval that followed."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (12), Gatekeeper (2), Ringlet (1), Marbled White (1), Chalkhill Blue (51), Common Blue (7), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Comma (1), Small Skipper (5). "Visited the site early afternoon where the temperature was 18°C. Just as I was leaving there was a very heavy shower. Many Chalkhill Blues were flying including 3 females and the Dark Green Fritillary put in an appearance but did not settle."

John Clark reports from Straits Inclosure (SU8040) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (50), White Admiral (1), Purple Emperor (1), Green-veined White (10), Large White (3), Small White (3), Peacock (3), Comma (1), Red Admiral (2), Holly Blue (2), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (5), Large Skipper (2), Small Skipper (5), Speckled Wood (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overflying"), Gatekeeper (1 "Patrolling near Marjoram over long grass").

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ295983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (11), Marbled White (2), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (2), Small White (1), Small Skipper (5), Large Skipper (2), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3 "1 female"). "in the garden between the showers found".



Common Blue



Common Blue

A Visitor reports from Browdown South (SZ605973) where the following observations were made: Grayling (5), Purple Hairstreak (2).

Monday 18th July

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Grayling (4 "taking nectar from bell heather & ling").

Friday 15th July

Paul Pearson reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU54121047) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (0), White Admiral (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "Mating pair"), Green-veined White (2), Small White (10), Brimstone (1 "Male"), Meadow Brown (33), Marbled White (5), Gatekeeper (1), Small Heath (1), Ringlet (1), Common Blue (71), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small Skipper (7), Six Spot Burnet (1). "A hot morning where the temperature was 20°C."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "Basking and feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (3 "On many flowers feeding"), Gatekeeper (1 "Amongst long grass"), Meadow Brown (1 "Amongst long grass"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Mint Moth (1 "Around Marjoram").

David Lobb reports from Lordswood Garden (GU35621836) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Large White (1), Gatekeeper (1). "All the butterflies were in the Garden over Friday morning - warm weather and plenty of nectar."



Peacock



Red Admiral

Robert Guest reports from Odiham Castle (SU725518) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1).

Rob Evans reports from Carpenters Down Wood Chineham (SU64585541) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "female, stopping by muddy pool").

Thursday 14th July

Andrew Brookes reports from West Walk wood, Wickham (SU598131) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Gatekeeper (2), Holly Blue (1), Large Skipper (9), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (15), Peacock (5), Purple Hairstreak (3), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (32), Green-veined White (12), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (3), White Admiral (2). "One of the 2 White Admirals seen was immaculate, and obviously had only just emerged."

gary palmer reports from ballard meadow, new milton (SZ240955) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Red Admiral (3), Comma (11), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Holly Blue (3), Purple Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (1 "female"), Green-veined White (5), Large White (4), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (9), Meadow Brown (23), Gatekeeper (7), Marbled White (1). "a short walk through the woodland and meadows found the above, of note silver washed fritillary first time ive seen it on this site."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Comma

Andy Bolton reports from field corner nr. Overton Mill (SU521506) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Ringlet (8), Marbled White (3), Small Skipper (1), Green-veined White (5), Brown Argus (1 "New 2nd brood individual"), Red Admiral (1 "Quite widespread at the moment."), Brimstone (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU35940667) where the following observations were made: Emperor Moth (1 Larval).



Emperor Moth

Chris Hall reports from Marwell (SU5021) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (9), Comma (5), Peacock (11), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Brimstone (7), Meadow Brown (214), Gatekeeper (49), Ringlet (16), Speckled Wood (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (19 "Nearly half were within the copses where trees were thinned last winter."), Small White (25), Large White (8), Green-veined White (6), Holly Blue (1), Marbled White (4), Purple Hairstreak (5), Large Skipper (2), Small Skipper (11). "Counted during a walk through copses and fields close to Marwell Wildlife Park".

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (SU250297) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Comma (4), Gatekeeper (4), Green-veined White (3), Large Skipper (10), Large White (3), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (12), Peacock (2), Purple Emperor (3 "Well away from the usual "hotspots"!"), Purple Hairstreak (8), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (15), Silver-washed Fritillary (0 "30-35"), Speckled Wood (2), Small

White (3), White Admiral (5). "A warm sunny morning but clouding over in the afternoon and quite breezy, species all noted between 0830-1415."



Purple Emperor



Brimstone

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Grayling (34).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Grayling (6).

Wednesday 13th July

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Portsdown Hill (SU6406) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (30), Comma (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Essex Skipper (1), Small Skipper (5).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (1 "Resting on Marjoram").

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ596868) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (5), Marbled White (4). "First Chalkhill blues for me this year."

Ian Pratt reports from Arretton Down (SZ532868) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (1). "Paul Brock saw 50+ Chalkhill blues on 11 July 2011 at this site."

Ian Pratt reports from Shalcombe Down (SZ383856) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (20), Common Blue (4), Large Skipper (3), Small Skipper (4), Ringlet (5), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (10). "Quite windy so not so many DGFs visible as previously".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (8), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (31), Marbled White (5), Ringlet (7), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (12), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small Skipper (4). "Sightings were made this morning where the temperature was 17°C. Great to see the Dark Green Fritillary here again."

Ed Merritt reports from Dibden Bottom (SU392065) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (30), Purple-bordered Gold (1).



Purple-bordered Gold

Wednesday 13th July

Barry Jay reports from Popham Airfield (near Bellevue Woods) (SU526439) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Male, seen circling low over animal droppings.").

Tuesday 12th July

Mike Wildish reports from Bere Hill (SU375445) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (13), Gatekeeper (1), Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (3), Marbled White (8), Essex Skipper (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Red Admiral (2 "Basking on patio").

gary palmer reports from shiley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (2), Small Copper (3), Common Blue (1 "female egg laying"), Red Admiral (3), Gatekeeper (4), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (11), Speckled Wood (1), Small Skipper (13). "mid afternoon in the garden found the above, of note 1 common blue egg laying on trefoil".



Large White



Common Blue egg

Monday 11th July

Mike Wildish reports from Saxon Way (SU355475) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (4), Brimstone (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (2), Marbled White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (13).

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton (SU355465) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Brimstone (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (5), Marbled White (1), Ringlet (6).

Richard Hallett reports from Creech Wood (SU630117) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Marbled White (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), White Admiral (5), Peacock (2), Small White (4), Purple Hairstreak (1), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (21), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (7).

David Barton reports from Holmsley Inclosure (SZ224999) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Grayling (2), Meadow Brown (7), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (5), White Admiral (1). "Despite the improvement in the weather, butterflies were surprisingly scarce in Holmsley Inclosure this morning. Not a sniff of a fritillary!".

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester (SU484276) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (20), Large White (1), Small White (17), Comma (3), Marbled White (24), Peacock (2), Small Heath (1), Ringlet (1), Small Skipper (4), Meadow Brown (17). "A warm ,dry, sunny day with a light wind".

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Gatekeeper (1 "first sighting this year"), Green-veined White (4), Large Skipper (2), Large White (4), Marbled White (44), Meadow Brown (35), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (11), Small Skipper (10). "Sunny & warm".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Patrolling round garden"), Holly Blue (1 "Overflow garden several times"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower").

Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse and surrounding meadows (SZ357889) where the following observations were made: Comma (9), Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Large Skipper (1), Large White (5), Marbled White (50 "plus"), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Peacock (3), Ringlet (8), Small Heath (4), Small Skipper (20 "plus"), Small White (10 "plus"), White Admiral (2 "faded in copse clearing"), Cinnabar moth (2). "sunny hot still late afternoon".



Comma

Ian Pratt reports from Shalcombe Down (SZ384856) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (5), Dark Green Fritillary (40), Gatekeeper (2), Large Skipper (4), Large White (1), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (10), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (10). "Very fresh and numerous dark green fritillaries".



Small Copper



Small Blue

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU6420) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (6 "The first of many"), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Dark Green Fritillary (6 "Probably more"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Small Copper (3). "Also 1 each of Hummingbird Hawkmoth and Silver-Y, and many Pyrausta nigrata pyralids".

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU641205) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Green-veined White (3), Brimstone (3 "Males"), Meadow Brown (22), Ringlet (21), Small Heath (10), Marbled White (28), Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Small Skipper (4), Cinnabar (1). "Visited this site for 2 hours where the temperature was 19°C. A lovely day despite breaking my compact camera! Two Dark Green Fritillaries were flying near to the top of the steep west facing slope opposite the main car park".

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "on buddleia").

Sunday 10th July

Mike Wildish reports from Field near Ladies walk, Andover (SU375455) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (12), Meadow Brown (18), Gatekeeper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (3).

gary palmer reports from barton on sea (SZ24399327) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Green-veined White (1), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1), Large White (1). "The above found in a garden not far from the barton common, of note a silver washed fritillary".

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Red Admiral (3), Painted Lady (1), Gatekeeper (19), Meadow Brown (45), Marbled White (51), Small Heath (15), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (3), Small Copper (2), Holly Blue (4), Essex Skipper (2), Small Skipper (28), Large Skipper (2). "A return to the common today found the above, again a silver washed fritillary present".



Essex Skipper

Painted Lady

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Creech Wood on the 09 July and again heavy weather made Emperor spotting very hard, although I did see one quartering a Oak stand , half way down the way leaves in the wood, and here there are very mature stands of Sallow, which I believe is the main breeding area of the specie. I met several recorders in the wood later on and they had seen on male as well, so it was still active despite the blustery conditions. one observation is that the White Admiral has all but been wiped out over the last week by the cool blustery showery conditions.MRO says how can the Silver-Washed Fritillary and Purple Emperor manage to survive in the tree tops but the White Admiral seems to suffer the weather conditions more? Today Sunday 10 July was even worse as there was no wind to blow away the clouds, which made it even harder to observe anything remotely looking like an Emperor. I had no luck in Straits Inclosure, but there were (3) in Abbots Wood one in the car-park, and two near to the other entrance. There was nothing at the other Assembly points, far too early today, as when I got to Goose Green they had only just turned up at 1315. But there was fire in their bellies as there were between 6-8 males on station, which is good considering there has not been many observations in and around many of the sites. In Sussex it is Dire to say the least, and Wiltshire is not much better. There was a lot of chasing seen and in Georges Vista I saw another (2). At one point there seemed to ber Emperor's coming from all directions. This was the best count here for several years. "

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Straits Enclosure, Alice Holt (SU798400) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1), Purple Hairstreak (1 "Male - basking on track"), Green-veined White (3), Meadow Brown (5), Ringlet (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (20), Large Skipper (5), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (5).

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU402245) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Ringlet (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Purple Hairstreak (1 "Resting on small oak tree "), Large Skipper (4).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Meadow Brown (13), Ringlet (1), Marbled White (6), Small Heath (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Common Blue (13), Small Skipper (2). "Visited the site in mid afternoon where the temperature was 19°C."

Andy Bolton reports from Frith Common Farm, Wheathold (SU543598) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (7), White Admiral (1), Red Admiral (2), Camberwell Beauty (0).

Mike Gibbons writes: "A visit to Straits Inclosure for Purple Emperor on such an overcast day did not bode well, especially as Ashley Whitlock was leaving as we arrived. For much of the morning the main highlight was a male Purple Hairstreak down on the main track. Things did look up later when one male was seen briefly around the oaks. Eventually we were treated to 2 females, one showing very well on a sallow. However it was not until 3.00 that a male circled me a few times and landed low down on the wooden tower. It was in pretty good condition compared to an earlier flyover male with a piece of hind wing missing. Altogether 5 were seen on a day which weather-wise started off dull and cloudy."



Purple Hairstreak

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU41261355) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Large White (2), Holly Blue (8), Ringlet (8), Speckled Wood (5).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Grayling (20).

Saturday 9th July

stuart read reports from Blackwater (SZ507862) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (50). "I've seen quite a few Red Admirals in recent days and today I came across a field full of them near Blackwater. I would conservatively estimate that there were 100 of them, nectaring on the plentiful thistles. I've never seen so many together; usually you see them as singletons, or at most, in groups of two or three. Quite a remarkable sight!"

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Comma (4), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (29), Marbled White (38), Gatekeeper (12), Small Heath (5), Holly Blue (3), Purple Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (1), Small Copper (2), Small Skipper (17), Large Skipper (5), Essex Skipper (1), Green-veined White (4), Small White (1). "A walk around the common on a sunny but blustery afternoon found the above, of note were 3 silver washed fritillary in two different locations SZ 25159320 (1) and SZ 25179348 (2), the first ive recorded in what looks like a small colonisation of the common."



Comma



Common Blue



Small Copper

Geoff Jones writes: "I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that I saw my first Graylings on South Browdown this afternoon. It is possible that they were out a few days ago but today was my first walkabout since the beginning of the week as the weather at times has been a challenge! It was very windy along the coast but I di manage ro see 4, possibly 5 Grayling; other species included the usual Small Copper; Small Heath; Meadow Brown; Gatekeeper; Marbled White; Small White and Small Skipper. There are Purple Hairstreaks in the oaks ajacent to the Assault Course."

Richard Hallett reports from My garden Denmead (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Privet Hawk Moth 1 (0). "On back of garden chair".



Privet Hawk Moth

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse Newtown (SZ431905) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Gatekeeper (8), Large Skipper (2), Large White (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (7), White Admiral (4). "White admirals looking very tatty now."

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse Newtown (SZ431905) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Gatekeeper (8), Large Skipper (2), Large White (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (7), White Admiral (4). "White admirals looking very tatty now."

Ian Pratt reports from Shalcombe Wood and Down (SZ374855) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Dark Green Fritillary (20 "Very plentiful in the meadow leading up to the Downs."), Gatekeeper (4), Large Skipper (3), Large White (1), Marbled White (20), Meadow Brown (15), Peacock (1), Small White (4), Small Skipper (4), Ringlet (5), Red Admiral (6). "Most dark green fritillaries seen by me on the IOW in one day!"

Mark Pike reports from Beualieu Rd Station. (SU343072) where the following observations were made: Grayling (2 "Both very fresh."), Large Skipper (10), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (2), Small Heath (4), Small Skipper (5), Silver-studded Blue (50 "Most very worn but some good fresh specimens as well."). "Very cloudy day with occasional sunny spells and quite windy, all species were seen between 08.30 and 13.30."

Kelvin Richards reports from Greywell Mill (SU715507) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "Sheltering from the rain").

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Ringlet (1), Meadow Brown (20), Marbled White (22), Speckled Wood (3), Green-veined White (10), Small White (4), Large Skipper (4), Small Skipper (5), Essex Skipper (5), Red Admiral (1).

Friday 8th July

David Barton reports from Holmesley Inclosure (SZ224999) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Large Skipper (12), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (25), Speckled Wood (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2). "With the weather feeling distinctly Autumnal (cool, showery and windy) my short visit to Holmsley Inclosure was more in hope than expectation! However, there were a few butterflies around in the more sheltered rides - even if some were rather tatty individuals."

Alan Thornbury reports from Browndown South (SZ581990) where the following observations were made: Grayling (6 "All males"), Small Heath (4).



Grayling



Grayling

Andy Bolton reports from Tidgrove Warren, Hannington (SU524543) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10). "A private site visit."

Thursday 7th July

B Bishop reports from Andover Down (WGS84) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Fairly ragged wings"). "Found on white wall of house".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Patrolling garden between heavy rain showers"), Speckled Wood (1 "Flying low amongst long grass, then basking on Buddleia"), Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1 "Busily visiting many plants of Lady's Bedstraw. Some with flowers, some not").

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "very fresh 2nd brood female taking Buddleia nectar"), Speckled Wood (1), Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1). "All of the above were in my garden."

Wednesday 6th July

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Green-veined White (8), Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (60), Meadow Brown (32), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (25), Small Blue (1), Small Heath (1), Small Skipper (11), Small Tortoiseshell (3).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I took a field trip around West Wood and Pitt Down on Wednesday, and despite the windy and showery conditions it was amazing what we did see. The Purple Emperor made a few appearances in and around one of the rides, however it never came down, only espied flying high over the canopy, on several occasions and once coming down to head height as we were leaving the wood. The weather was warm when the sun shone, but when the clouds came over and the wind got up the temperature went down about 10 degrees. There were many Ringlets and Meadow Browns and a few Silver-Washed Fritillaries in the wood and Dark Green Fritillaries and Marbled Whites on the chalkdownland of Pitt Down. But the most of the counts were very low because of the weather, but the trip was enjoyable and thanx to everybody who braved the elements."

Colin R Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505291) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (18 "On Original reserve").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Patrolling garden between showers").

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male taking Erysimum nectar"), Green-veined White (4 "2 males taking nectar from Buddleia & Geranium palmatum;2 females searching for egg-laying sites"), Red Admiral (2 "taking nectar from Buddleia & Hebe salicifolia"), Comma (3 "Hutchinsoni,taking Buddleia nectar"), Meadow Brown (3 "males taking nectar from Buddleia & Erysimum"). "All of the above were in my garden."

Geoff Jones writes: "I saw a Humming-bird Hawkmoth in the garden at Lee on the Solent. Sadly I cannot submit a photograph - it flew off before I could extricate the camera and lens from the backpack!!

Tuesday 5th July

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Again walked around one of the largest Emperor woods in my local area, Botley Wood and Whiteley Pastures. I got on site very early about 0830, but there was very little activity except Ringlets, Meadow Browns, Marbled Whites, and good views of Small and Essex Skippers roosting in the tall grasses. I find this is the only accurate way of counting them is when they are half asleep. As the sun got stronger the rides became alive with Silver-Washed Fritillaries, so many I had to stop counting. Not so many White Admirals today, I found that they were doing a lot of forestry in Botley Woods and Whiteley Pastures, and a large area has been felled, which in the long run can only be good for many of the species. However it took several hours, although I should know by now that the Emperor seems to turn up on Q at or about 1100.I met a party in Whiteley Pastures who had stopped in the ride, and I asked them what they had seen, and one of them said Ive just seen a large Purple Butterfly, and right on Q it turned up and flew around us all and alighted on several people, on their heads, hands, binoculars, and to cap it all it landed on my hand and stayed there for well 30 odd minutes. Bliss! I noted the Emperor oak edging as well several times, and other species of note were Silver-Whaed Fritillary (100+) Ringlet (100+) Meadow Brown (100+) Marbled White (50+) Essex Skipper (5) Small Skipper (52) Holly Blue (1) Purple Hairstreak (4) White Admiral (3)."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor

Krystyan Greenland reports from Private residence in Old Odiham Rd, Alton, Hants (SU71444146) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Marbled White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (3).



Marbled White



Small Tortoiseshell



Small Copper

RHL North Town Group reports from Alice Holt Near Gravel Hill Road Car park (801000431000(OS145)nearHoltsPoun) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), White Admiral (1 "Male which landed on dark blue shorts"), Ringlet (0 "Observed pair mating"), Marbled White (0), Silver-washed Fritillary (0 "Observed pair mating"), Silver-spotted Skipper (0 "Unable to distinguish skippers, Silver studded skipper was identified using optical zoom on camera").

Andy Bolton reports from Nine Acres Copse, Little Ham Farm, Axmansford. (SU571608) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (17), White Admiral (3), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (3). "Female SW Fritillary seen egg laying in several places on an old tree stump; courtship and mating going ahead. A delightful scene of busy butterfly activity, while the sun shone this morning."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Heart and Dart Moth (1 "Disturbed from long grass"), Plume Moth (1 "In conservatory").

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1 "female"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (14), Marbled White (5), Gatekeeper (2), Small White (2), Green-veined White (3), Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (2). "By mid day in the garden found the above".



Purple Hairstreak

Richard Hart reports from Warsash Foreshore (SU489060) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (2).

Monday 4th July

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ480911) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (100 "hundreds!"), Ringlet (100 "even more numerous!"), Large Skipper (25 "seen in good numbers!"), White Admiral (13), Marbled White (11), Comma (7), Peacock (5), Red Admiral (5), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Whites (0 "lots!"). "I had hoped to see rather more Marbled Whites. Not so long ago it thrived in the forest, but lack of management and the darkening of the rides has resulted in the loss of suitable habitat. It does however flourish

in the meadows adjacent to the forest and will hopefully re-colonise the forest in response to the clearance work that is presently being undertaken."

Stuart Read reports from parkhurst forest (SZ478911) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (4). "Forgot to include the SWFs in my earlier report; what an awful omission!"

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (4), Green-veined White (28), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Hairstreak (4), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (70), Silver-washed Fritillary (50), White Admiral (7).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (5), Green-veined White (12), Holly Blue (1), Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (40), Purple Hairstreak (6), Ringlet (80), Silver-washed Fritillary (40), White Admiral (6).

Ashley Whitlock writes: Looked around my local wood today Creech Wood (Forest of Bere) on such a lovely day the Emperors were out to play as well, although they averaged one every half-and hour! I met a chap as I entered the wood at 0900, and he had seen three, one on the ground which was disturbed by dog walkers. I never saw my first one until 1000, flying high over the oak canopy. I was in the large wayleaves area at 1010, when a male was seen a short distance from me sunning itself on a fern leaf. It stopped there for a few minutes and then patrolled up the wayleaves area. At 1037 a male was seen Sallow searching, and I had by this time walked well into the woods, and at 1100 one male was seen high up on a Douglas Fir tree. I had met a big group of walkers in the wood on the way in and on the way out I met them again, and they had asked me what I was looking for and they seemed genuinely interested, and on the way out I was waiting for them to pass, and as always was looking skywards and a large male was Oak edging which I pointed out to them, and they seemed to be just as excited as I was! My last Purple Emperor was seen at 1200 another male patrolling the large Oaks at the entrance of the wood. One unusual observation was seeing several Dark-Green Fritillaries in the wayleaves area, which shouldn't be no surprise really as the area looks ideal for them. Other butterflies of note was (45) Silver-Washed Fritillaries, and (16) White Admiral, Holly Blue (1) Marbled White (27) Purple Hairstreak (5) Comma (4) Red Admiral (2). The Silver-Washed Fritillary is so common this year, I've seen it along many of the farmers fields and hedgerows, in the Southwick and Widley CP."



Dark Green Fritillary



White Admiral

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Flying regularly over our and adjoining gardens"), Meadow Brown (1 "Initially seen resting under Pine Tree, later flying over long grass."), Comma (1 "Seen on nettles visiting many leaves for a few seconds each"), Holly Blue (1 "Feeding on Verbena"), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Neil Ludford reports from Havant thicket (SU721102) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "7 female 1 Male"), Comma (2), Green-veined White (8 "All sitting on damp mud"), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (100), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (60), Small Skipper (100), White Admiral (8), Small White (10), Large Skipper (4).

Andrew Brookes reports from Creech Woods, Apless Lane entrance (SU642111) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2), White Admiral (2), Purple Hairstreak (1), Comma (3), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (1), Ringlet (20), Large Skipper (10), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Hayling Billy Cycle Trail (SU717029) where the following observations were made: Small White (26), Large White (3), Green-veined White (7), Speckled Wood (4), Ringlet (2), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (16), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (1). "Walked the Hayling Billy Cycle Trail on Hayling Island from Victoria Road (SU717029) to Station Road, West Town (SZ709998). The temperature was 21° C."

Andy Bolton reports from Smithley's Copse, Axmansford (SU564607) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (5). "A male Purple Hairstreak was seen resting on the grass with wings spread wide. After a few minutes it began to weakly climb a grass stem but seemed to have no energy at all. One hind wing had a curl in it; the top surfaces were already showing some wear. Several of this species were seen at ground level during the morning."



Purple Hairstreak



Purple Hairstreak

Sue Davies reports from N.T. West Newtown (412912) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Large Skipper (6), Large White (5), Marbled White (50 "plus"), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Peacock (1), Ringlet (50 "plus"), Small Heath (4), Small Skipper (3), Small White (5), Wall (1), White Admiral (2), Silver Y moth (3). "Sunny, v hot, light breeze. Lovely old grassy/wildflower trackway parallel to western edge of lagoon, between area oak/blackthorn wood and old mixed/blackthorn hedge, full of butterflies."

Rebecca Coneybeer reports from Martin Down NNR (SU05301870) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5 "Seen across the site."), Small Blue (10 "Seen across the site."), Adonis Blue (4 "Seen along western boundary of site south of main road."), Grizzled Skipper (3 "Seen across the site."), Speckled Wood (4 "Seen across the site."), Chimney Sweeper (1 "SU046192"), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "SU032204 - fresh out, bright orange male"), Brown Argus (1 "SU033208"), Brimstone (1 "SU052182 - female"), Green Hairstreak (1 "SU056180 - old male"). "I know the sighting of the Dark Green Fritillary is early, but I had Andy Welch with me at the time who verified the sighting so I hope that gives some weight to it. Also much seems to be a bit early this year probably due to the warm spring."

Debbie Pledge reports from Magdalen Down (SU5028) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Blue (2), Common Blue (10), Small Heath (1), Meadow Brown (10), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Large Skipper (1), Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1), Burnet Companion (0), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1), Five-spot Burnet (1), Yellow Shell (1).

Michael P J Smith reports from Brockhurst Allotments 229 - 232 (SU595011) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "Found caught under fruit cage netting").

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester (SU484276) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (23), Meadow Brown (22), Small Heath (2), Small White (2), Large White (5), Ringlet (4).

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester, behind Garnier Rd carpark (SU483279) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (12), Marbled White (23), Small White (3), Large White (2).

Sunday 3rd July

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ507879) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (30 "my best count here for some years"), Large Skipper (10), Small Skipper (5), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (2), Meadow Brown (50 "abundant"), Comma (2), Small Copper (1), Small White (5). "One of the two commas seen was so large and orange that we initially thought it was a Silver-Washed Fritillary!".

Mike Wildish reports from Walworth Ind Est (SU385465) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Marbled White (9), Ringlet (3), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Small White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from S side of A3093 Andover (SU375463) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Ringlet (15), Meadow Brown (5), Large Skipper (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Brimstone (1 Larval), Comma (1), Common Blue (1), Essex Skipper (2), Green-veined White (10), Large Skipper (50), Large White (8), Marbled White (20), Meadow Brown (40), Purple Hairstreak (2), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (45), Small Skipper (10), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (35), narrow-bordered five-spot burnet (3).

Graham Dennis reports from Mortimer West End garden (SU633635) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (4), Meadow Brown (8), Ringlet (15), White Admiral (1).

chris barter reports from whiteley pastures (SU538098) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "looks like a female"). "saw this emperor at the very top of the main path ,it splits into 3 , you can turn left, carry straight on up the ride or turn right which will take you to botley wood . I carried straight on up the ride,the emperor was on the ground enjoying the moisture provided by the deep tyre tracks of the forestry commission trucks".



Purple Emperor

Purple Emperor

Purple Emperor

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia at 09:30"), Comma (1 "Resting on Escallonia at 09:30, later on nettles."), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

A report from Barry and Margaret Collins: "We spent an enjoyable walk around Old Winchester Hill this morning. Some of the highlights included 9 Hummingbird Hawkmoths, 14 Dark Green Fritillary, 1 Silver-washed Fritillary plus good numbers of Ringlets and Marbled Whites. But no sign of any Chalkhill Blues, which should be on the wing any day soon.

Rupert Broadway reports from Crab Wood (SU437295) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (10), Large White (1), Green-veined White (10), White Admiral (10), Purple Emperor (1), Red Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (25), Speckled Wood (2), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (50). "20+ years of searching for the Emperor in Crab Wood ended today, with a single individual of indeterminate gender perched on a low branch with wings closed for about 20 seconds, before flying off to be seen no more - particularly by my wife, chasing SWFs with a camera, who missed it and therefore remains sceptical that the hunt is over! It'll probably be another 20 before I can get photographic evidence."

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Visited a wood west of Winchester today and the Emperor as in 2010 came with all his majesty, at 0930, when a female turned up and sat on the base of a beech tree for a few minutes, she looked a bit tired, maybe had been mated and laid a few eggs over the last twenty four hours. The males graced us with their presence at 1040, when a magnificent male, probably the largest specimen I've ever come across, flew down the ride, and then at 1045 he settled on the ground and started his feeding. He then flew off and settled into a fir tree, and then perched in a young Sallow bush. He then took off again up and down a short distance of the ride, and then at 1105 he was back on the track. He stayed for a short while and then disappeared into the Fir plantation. That's the last we saw of him although another came through without stopping. As we went to the car in the car-park another male flew down and settled on my wife's chair, and then started flying feverishly around several of the cars, settling briefly on the tyres and the hubcaps. He even went into my boot the car, which I shall never ever clean out again! He also settled on the fencing, on the ground just inches away from myself, and then on to the sign board of the FC. Several people were looking on with anxious expressions, with comments like 'lets drive away quickly as that man is trying to take a photograph that 'thing'! Well I ask you, I soon put her right. The male was with us in the car-park for about 20 minutes. Other highlights in the wood and surrounding area was Dark-Green Fritillary (15) Silver-Washed Fritillary (50+) Marbled Whites literally hundreds, Red Admiral (7) White Admiral (3) Comma (4) several Scarlet Tiger Moths, Burnet Moths and Silver Y.



Purple Emperor



Woodland view



Scarlet Tiger

gary palmer reports from holmsley inclosure (SU222000) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (14), Silver-washed Fritillary (19), Meadow Brown (21), Marbled White (27), Ringlet (33), Gatekeeper (1), White Admiral (4), Large Skipper (25), Small Skipper (31). "a morning walk searching the stream bed clearings in the inclosure found the above, of note was my best count of dark green fritillary in the inclosure, found nectaring on the many thistle heads in the stream bed clearings, also my first gatekeeper of the year."



Dark Green Fritillary



Ringlet



Gatekeeper

Roy Symonds reports from Straits Enclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Large White (1), Small White (6), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (4), Ringlet (9), Meadow Brown (25), Silver-washed Fritillary (31), Comma (8), Red Admiral (4), White Admiral (17), Purple Emperor (4), Holly Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (8). "Arrived early at Straits Enclosure at 08:30 and walked the length of the main track. At approx 10:55 a female Purple Emperor landed on the ground near to the first look-out tower, which remained happily on the ground for a good 15 minutes. At 11:15 two males arrived on the scene, both landing on the ground and at one point even landed on my white trainer shoe! Both Robin and Pat Turner witnessed this spectacular display. Finally at the far end of the main track by the second look-out tower around midday another Emperor landed on the ground for several minutes. A wonderful morning seeing three Emperors together on the ground!"



Purple Emperor



Silver-washed Fritillary



White Admiral

Roy Symonds reports from Goose Green Enclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU804416) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Meadow Brown (1), Marbled White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Purple Emperor (3). "After lunch I drove from Straits Enclosure to Goose Green. As expected there was Purple Emperor activity around the Spanish Chestnut tree. At one point three males were chasing each other in the air in an aerial display. Another aerial display that was unexpected was seeing the RAF Vulcan bomber plane possibly on route from RAF Odiham to Goodwood (for a display at the Festival of Speed)."

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Timpany Trust (474650158750): Large White (1), Silver-studded Blue (2), Meadow Brown (1), Ringlet (1). (474650158700): Silver-studded Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). (474900158500): Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (1). (475100158350): Large Skipper (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (4), Ringlet (1). (475250158600): Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (5). (474800158800): Small Tortoiseshell (2), Meadow Brown (1), Ringlet (1).

Laura Keighley reports from Hazeley Heath, Hart District Council (476550158000): Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1). (476400158200): Small White (1), Meadow Brown (1). (476400158300): Silver-studded Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1). (476250158200): Meadow Brown (4). (476200158000): Large Skipper (1), Ringlet (2). (476300157800): Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (2). (476500157950): Large Skipper (1), Large White (1). (476300157800): Meadow Brown (1).

Mike Gwilliam writes: "At times, transect recording can become monotonous especially when the more common and expected species appear regularly and in good numbers. But occasionally one experiences the 'eureka' moment in seeing a butterfly not recorded for several years. Such an event happened to Mary and me during our last walk when we had the company of three Dark Green Fritillaries along one section of the transect which thrilled us immensely. One even obliged us by posing for photographs. I know people have seen them on Ports Down at other times, but my last sighting was in 1995."



Dark Green Fritillary



Dark Green Fritillary

Lynn Fomison led a group of Wallop Field Club members (with a few from BC as well) around MHD today. [Clouded Yellow](#) was a highlight on the butterfly front just as we were leaving but moths were of course better! The first male *Nemophora metallica* sitting on scabious was my first for the year. A worn and exceedingly late Burnet Companion was a surprise. Tim Norriss used an api clearwing pheromone which attracted twenty Six -belted Clearwing in about a minute so there must be a very good population there. Two good plume moths were seen in the form of two *Marasmarcha lunaedactyla* that feeds on restharrow, and *Merrifieldia leucodactyla* that feeds on Marjoram. For the latter there are just ten Hants records on the database although it has been recorded once from MHD before - on 28 June 1997 by Donald Hobern. Trapping at Andover Down last night with three traps in two separate gardens produced 6 Small Black Arches, Dark Umber, Dark Swordgrass, Maple Prominent, Short-cloaked Moth and a Suspected.

Richard & Margaret Hart reports from Warsash Common (SU503057) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (2).

Richard Carpenter reports from Botley Wood/Whiteley Pastures (SU5410) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2 "At least 5 in area, based on other observers sightings"), Silver-washed Fritillary (100), Dark Green Fritillary (4), White Admiral (9), Purple Hairstreak (3).

Ed Merritt reports from Ipley (SU376079) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (9).



Small Skipper



Small Skipper

Ed Merritt reports from Ipley (SU380078) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (18), Green-veined White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Comma (1), White Admiral (1).

Kim Wilkin reports from Linford Bottom (Great Linford Inclosure) (SU177068) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (25 "Many of them on hawthorn bushes, in sunny area."). "I was in the same area again on 3rd August, but only saw two this time, close to where I'd seen them the first time. It was slightly earlier in the morning, sunny again but not as warm."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Silver-washed Fritillary

Saturday 2nd July

Barrie Roberts reports from Baddesley Common (SU3821) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (7), Large White (4), Marbled White (16 "Many more on surrounding fields"), Meadow Brown (46 "Many more on surrounding fields"), Ringlet (40 "Many more on surrounding fields"), Small Skipper (35), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (1).

Ashley Whitlock visited Alice Holt Forest and reports: "Visited an Inclosure today which in the past has been very good for many species especially the Purple Emperor, although today was a slow start the Emperor did not disappoint. The Emperor made its first appearance in my presence at 0945 however several recorders had seen it on the ground at 07:00 obviously an early riser! I had two on the ground two males which were so close their fore wings were almost touching. One was a bit shy of my camera, and went scooting off up the track. Its funny how they can tolerate each other on the ground doing their 'gravel extraction', but cannot tolerate each other in the canopy, especially when there are girls on their mind. I had another male which seemed quite friendly at 1000 and he posed quite nicely for me on the side of the ride and in the shadier spots along the gravel track. At 1007 one was seen oak edging, and another on Norwegian Spruce. One very large male was seen 'Sallow' searching at 1110, and decided he was going to beat up a Damselfly and ousted a Purple Hairstreak off of its perch. All in all I saw up to (8) males. At other sites in and around the Alice Holt Complex, there were no Emperors to be seen at ALHF(1), probably too dull and overcast at the time, but two were seen sparring and chasing at Buckshot Hole. And at Goose Green the weather was again a bit overcast at times but at least (4) were seen at the summit. Other species seen today in the Inclosures were as follows: Small White (10) Red Admiral (3) Meadow Brown (100+) Comma (1) Silver-Washed Fritillary (100+) Purple Hairstreak (5) Brimstone (1) White Admiral (21) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Large Skipper (8) Green-Veined White (1) Marbled White (5) Ringlet (100+) Small Skipper (5)"



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ243994) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), White Admiral (1), Dark Green Fritillary (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (46 "2 valesina"), Ringlet (82), Meadow Brown (46), Marbled White (27), Brimstone (1 "female"), Small White (2), Green-veined White (6), Small Skipper (28), Large Skipper (19). "a mid morning walk down the rides found the above, white admiral strangely vacant, but ringlet in very good numbers along with the larger frits, always a treat to see the valesina."



Comma



Dark Green Fritillary



Silver-washed Fritillary

Phil Lowe reports from Botley Woods (SU547100) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (4 "Feeding at arms length in front of me"). "I watched one Purple Emperor for 20 minutes while it fed on salts on the ground".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Fresh specimens - feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "On Common Fleabane which are just starting to flower").

Ed Merritt reports from King's Copse Inclosure (SU424021) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (2), Ringlet (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), White Admiral (2).

Ed Merritt reports from King's Copse Inclosure (SU425019) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (4).

Ed Merritt reports from King's Copse Inclosure (SU425018) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Ringlet (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), White Admiral (3).

Ed Merritt reports from King's Copse Inclosure (SU425017) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), White Admiral (2).



Large Skipper



Red Admiral



Ringlet

Chris Hall reports from Ancells Copse (SU827561) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2 "or possibly 3; over bramble thicket, south margin of copse"), Marbled White (9 "field adjacent to Ancells Copse - marbled whites are not often seen in the Fleet area."). "Also too many ringlets, meadow browns, large and small skippers to count, all thriving in the rough grasslands of fields that have been unmanaged for some years".

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU656237) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (50), Ringlet (50), Marbled White (6), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (18), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Large Skipper (5), Red Admiral (7), Brimstone (1), Small White (3), Small Skipper (6). "clear start cloudy middle clear end poor butterflies did not know wheter to fly or sleep".

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU654222) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (3).



Dark Green Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntburn Wood, Newtown (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (32), Meadow Brown (28), Green-veined White (4), Small White (2).

Richard Carpenter reports from Bramdean Common (SU6329) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2 "1 female, 1 not determined"), White Admiral (7), Silver-washed Fritillary (15), Red Admiral (2), Comma (3), Ringlet (30), Marbled White (50), Purple Hairstreak (1), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (30).

David Tinning reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: White Plume Moth (2 "disturbed in my garden in daylight").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Pitt Down (east) (SU4229) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Marbled White (120), Ringlet (70), Dark Green Fritillary (6), Meadow Brown (8), Small White (1), Large Skipper (4), Small Skipper (4).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Crab Wood (SU4229) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (15), Ringlet (210), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small White (2), Large Skipper (15), Small Skipper (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (16), Green-veined White (4), Red Admiral (1), White Admiral (4), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Comma (1), Scarlet Tiger Moth (2), 5-spot Burnet (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hillier's Arboretum (SU376236) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (9), Meadow Brown (8), Ringlet (20), Large Skipper (1), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1). "A few butterflies active between the showers, and one female Broad-bodied Chaser".

Friday 1st July

Rachael Battistini reports from South Baddesley (SZ351965) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawk-Moth (1). "Was astonished to see what I thought was a hummingbird! Have never seen a moth like this - very exciting!".

David Barton reports from Holmsley Inclosure (SZ224999) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Large Skipper (50 "at least"), Marbled White (1), White Admiral (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (35), Small White (2), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (50 "at least"). "A quick walk around the Inclosure. One small clump of bramble and dog rose held 8 species (White Admiral, Silver-Washed Fritillary, Dark Green Fritillary, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Comma, Meadow Brown, Small White and Large Skipper)".

David Barton reports from Holmsley Passage (SU223030) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (20 "at least"). "Very active on the roadside verges where Holmsley Passage crosses the heath".

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU400247) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (18), Ringlet (36), Speckled Wood (4), Green-veined White (4), Large Skipper (12), Silver-washed Fritillary (14), Gatekeeper (1), Small Skipper (1). "12 - 1 pm in full sunshine. Silver-washed fritillaries we either dancing in pairs, or feeding. Saw 8 of the fritillaries and 8 of the Large Skippers on a single clump of thistles. Also possible 3 Purple Hairstreaks on an oak (not the same one as yesterday), but this time I did not have binoculars with me".

John Clark reports from woodland on S side of Spats Lane, Arford (private) (SU830375) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "male seen well in flight, came quite low"), White Admiral (1 "nectaring on bramble flowers"), Silver-washed Fritillary (5 "including one female apparently egg-laying high up on trunk of larch").

Mike Wildish reports from Linkenholt (SU365585) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (7), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (12), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (25), Ringlet (20).

Mike Wildish reports from Combe Wood (SU355595) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (8), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Comma (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (85), Small Heath (7). "With Mervyn Grist. Sadly only 1 silver-washed and no emperors. This northern spot seems to be about a week

behind mid-hants. Might be worth somebody visiting in a week or so - you'll get bored with counting ringlets and get bored by the pesky clegs, though!".

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden In Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "Flushed from long grass. Flew quickly away"), Large White (1 "Patrolling our and adjacent gardens. Fed on Escalonia."), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking on Window Sill"). "PS to yesterdays post - the 5 spot Burnet moth was on Common Cat's Ear - Not Cate - I pressed return instead of delete."

Stuart Read reports from Medham, Northwood (SZ499935) where the following observations were made: . "There were abundant Marbled Whites today in the pastures at Medham, together with generous numbers of Meadow Browns, Small Heaths and Large Skippers. We really should buy this site - it's a butterfly haven! Along the cycle-path I also sighted a Red Admiral and a Silver-Washed Fritillary."

Chris Hall reports from Norris Hill (SU832536) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "at roadside bramble patch").

Chris Hall reports from West Eelmoor (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (7), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Ringlet (4), Marbled White (1 "grassland at SU 836534"), Small Heath (6), Silver Y (2). "Abandoned count due to persistent cloud."

Chris Hall reports from Velmead Common (SU8153) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Observed for several minutes, down on a path"), Large Skipper (3), Large White (1), Small White (4), Holly Blue (1 "female at rest with wings open"), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (6), Meadow Brown (2). "This is a wide ride on the edge of Velmead Common and Church Crookham. Since grazing was introduced the habitat has improved and during the course of a year we see about 17 butterfly species. However, a Purple Emperor was most unexpected! This location is about 6 km west of Ash Lock, where one was seen the day before. On 23rd June I watched a large butterfly in Bickley Wood, less than 2km south of Velmead Common, which I strongly suspect was a Purple Emperor, but did not have a clear view of it."

Mark Tutton reports from Alice Holt (SU809411) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (2), Common Blue (1 "fresh male 2nd brood"), Green-veined White (4), Large White (2), Large Skipper (10), Marbled White (18), Meadow Brown (60), Painted Lady (1), Purple Emperor (9 "seven males and two females"), Purple Hairstreak (18), Red Admiral (7), Ringlet (50), Small Skipper (16), Small Tortoiseshell (3), White Admiral (18). "Had several sightings of Emperors on the ground including a female landing at my feet whilst I was watching a male. She hang around for 15mins taking moisture from a clump of grass."



Purple Emperor

peter gardner reports from HENWOOD (SU648230) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (50), Ringlet (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Large Skipper (8), Green-veined White (4), Marbled White (20). "A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO WALK ,PRIVATE ESTATE,BUT BUTTERFLIES GALORE".



Silver Y



Silver-washed Fritillary

John Tuffrey reports from Hoe Road play park, Bishops Waltham (SU56161733) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "Female, flying slowly past without settling, heading W/NW").

Sue Davies reports from N.T. Brickfields- with permission (423922) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (3), Gatekeeper (5), Large Skipper (2), Large White (3), Marbled White (50 "plus"), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Ringlet (5), Small Heath (5), Small White (20 "plus"), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y moth (3), Hummingbird Hawk-moth (1). "very sunny,hot,light breeze, dense blackthorn scrub and flower filled meadows and clearings, small area mixed woodland."

BP Fletcher & BC Members reports from The Holt (SU5523) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (55), Ringlet (130), Large Skipper (4), Small White (3), Marbled White (25), Painted Lady (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (3), White Admiral (1), Comma (1), Common Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (6), Speckled Wood (5), Small Skipper (3), Essex Skipper (1), Humming-bird Hawk Moth (1), Silver Y Moth (1).



Humming-bird Hawkmoth

Michael P J Smith reports from Brockhurst Allotments 229 - 232 (SU595011) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1 "Settled (am) on grass path, (pm) on bare earth").

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