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Tuesday 31st July

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (51), Marbled White (2), Red Admiral (1).

John Tuffrey reports from Swanmore (SU578157) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird hawkmoth (1 "Feeding on buddleia at 8:30pm").

Monday 30th July

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU807399) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Gatekeeper (15), Large Skipper (4), Purple Emperor (3), Meadow Brown (20), Large White (3), Purple Hairstreak (3), Small Skipper (1), Ringlet (12), Silver-washed Fritillary (30), Small White (6), White Admiral (6), Small Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Colin Baker reports from Stockbridge Down (SU384346) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Meadow Brown (60), Gatekeeper (20), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Brown Argus (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Green-veined White (25), Marbled White (30), Dark Green Fritillary (5), Chalkhill Blue (400), Brimstone (3 "1 FM"), Small Skipper (16), Small White (4), Common Carpet (1), Pyrausta aurata (1), Silver Y (5), Six-spot Burnet (40). "At 10-30am this morning at Stockbridge Down it was cloudy with a stiff breeze blowing which forced the Chalk-hill Blues to spread themselves across the down like confetti thrown at a wedding. It was impossible to count the numbers but what was obvious to me was the good ratio of males to females with possibly the most of the latter I have seen on this site. What a marvellous sight to see when talk this year has been so directed by what has been happening to the weather, this was a real high summer treat. Butterflies in general were in good numbers along with the Six-spot Burnets festooning the place, avidly feeding on the thistles and knapweeds, many with red spider mites firmly attached. Having seen 3 new species at Arnside Knott last week I was not expecting another first but I was wrong as I saw my first ever Silver-spotted Skipper at Stockbridge, again staying close to the ground."



Chalkhill Blue



Silver-spotted Skipper



Silver-spotted Skipper

shaun barrett reports from andover (SU346466) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Essex Skipper (7), Gatekeeper (7), Holly Blue (2), Large White (1), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (16), Ringlet (9), Small Skipper (2), Small White (3), White-letter Hairstreak (1 "taking nectar from thistle in long grass verge"), silver y (2), six spot burnet (3), shaded broad bar (2).

Alan Butterworth reports from New Forest near Beaulieu (SU374048) where the following observations were made: Grayling (12), Meadow Brown (23), Gatekeeper (6), Silver-studded Blue (1 "Female"). "Walk West from New Gate car park; plenty of Meadow Browns and a few Gatekeepers along the woodland edge. Grayling were near the tumulus in the mix of heather/grass and scrub, very active in the breeze. A solitary silver-studded blue female. Photos submitted of a mating pair of meadow browns, a grayling amongst the grass and the silver-studded blue."

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (51), Marbled White (1), Large White (2), Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (1).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (7 "First recording at this site"), Gatekeeper (39), Green-veined White (2), Large Skipper (1), Large White (4), Marbled White (44), Meadow Brown (56), Ringlet (15), Small Skipper (9), Small White (12), Silver Y moth (1), Six spot Burnet (3). "Butterflies everywhere today despite being fairly cloudy at times and not as hot as recently."

Richard Symonds reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Small White (7), Green-veined White (4), Meadow Brown (28), Ringlet (24), Gatekeeper (27), Speckled Wood (1), Purple Hairstreak (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (43), White Admiral (6), Red Admiral (1), Purple Emperor (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Large Skipper (4), Small Skipper (1). "Returned to Straits Inclosure with my wife and father today armed with a new camera lens. Conditions were a little cloudy to begin with but soon temperatures reached 19 degrees. There was more activity than on Saturday's visit from the Silver Washed Fritillaries, while the White Admirals tended to be seen gliding down from trees briefly only to return once more. Saw the first Purple Emperor at 11:53am as it took off from an Oak and then disappeared further into the woods. Walking to the far end of the main track by the last deer tower, I saw a further Emperor at 12:20pm fly around a younger Oak which it landed on. I was unable to locate it as it rested for about 5 minutes before it took off once more. On the way out of the main track in almost the last area of Oaks, I saw a large butterfly glide along silhouetted against the sky. As it did so I could then see the wing pattern - it was another Emperor, which I ran after in pursuit. To my surprise it actually circled the large Broad Leaved Sallow bush in the clearing in front of the main gate and sign then rested on a leaf briefly. It then took off and seemed to fly inside the large bush. At this point Mark Tutton appeared whom I had spoken to earlier and pointed out where it had gone. Despite our best efforts we could not locate it and judging by the size we believe it was an egg laying female."

Richard Symonds reports from Goose Green Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU806415) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (4), Gatekeeper (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), White Admiral (1), Comma (1), Purple Emperor (3). "After the exciting pursuit of the female Purple Emperor at Straits Inclosure, I visited Goose Green. Several butterflies were feeding on bramble blossom and within minutes of arriving I was pleased to point out to Peter Gardener, who had just arrived, a male Purple Emperor at 13:15pm. Soon another male invaded his kingdom, and we were treated to an aerial duel. A further male briefly appeared to give a total of 3. They soon settled down but I was amused to see one take flight at 13:26pm to intercept a leaf flying in the breeze which it must have thought of being another challenger! A few minutes later two males took to the air once more and soon achieved a great height. At one point, probably through exhaustion they appeared to have settled their differences as they rested on an Oak branch barely a foot apart!"

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt. (SU808402) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Gatekeeper (6), Large Skipper (4), Meadow Brown (20), Purple Emperor (6), Purple Hairstreak (4), Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (15), Silver-washed Fritillary (35), Small Skipper (7), Small White (7), White Admiral (9).

peter gardner reports from goose green (SU800415) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Comma (3), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (2), Gatekeeper (2). "thank goodness for very warm sunny periods which brought out the emperors, they really turned on the display, great, even it was at top of the tree they were very visible, my camera battery packed up after just one shot, but thankfully pat had her little camera with her, which did wonders".



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor



Silver-washed Fritillary

Andy Bolton reports from Hartley Wood Common, Hartley Wespall (SU692580) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (35), Meadow Brown (18), Ringlet (5), Large White (5), Small White (10), Small Skipper (2), Essex Skipper (14 "doing well in a dry grassland field margin"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "marginal habitat for this species.").

Andy Bolton reports from Upper Home Copse, Lyde Green, nr. Rotherwick (SU708575) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "At 12.50pm a female came around the edge of the copse at about 8ft up, in the windy conditions she perched for a minute or two allowing me my best ever views of a female Emperor. She then started investigating the interior of a small leaved willow.", Large White (1), Large Skipper (1), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (3), Ringlet (1). "I'd not visited this small copse before and stopped for a look out of curiosity. In the small central ride were some mature goat willows, a little further on was an area of pure willow thicket, so I thought this looks promising! On the edge of the copse under a wayleave area the Emperor then appeared, to my delight.".

Andy Bolton reports from Black Wood north east, Rotherwick (SU721574) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (3). "Few butterflies in this wood which is fairly shady, but has lots of Aspen.".

Andy Bolton reports from Street End Copse, Rotherwick (SU722564) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Large White (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Tylney Park Golf Course, Rotherwick (SU701553) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Marbled White (3), Red Admiral (2), Essex Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (12), Gatekeeper (19), Large White (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Strouds Green Lane, Rotherwick (SU707560) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3 "All males - in SW corner of garden"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Silver Y Moth (1 "Resting in Cold Frame").

Mervyn Grist reports from Faccombe (SU393586) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "Good condition"), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (5). "A small group of butterflies in a woodland clearing included this smart Large Skipper".

Andy Bolton reports from Black Wood north west, Rotherwick (SU719570) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Comma (1).

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Sunday 29th July

Neil Ludford reports from Magdalen Hill (SU531330) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (200), Brimstone (1), Gatekeeper (15), Marbled White (22), Red Admiral (3), Small White (2), Large White (8), Meadow Brown (20).

Chris Cobb reports from Browdown North (SU582997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Grayling (5), Gatekeeper (7), Meadow Brown (2), Large White (1). "On completion of a midday Transect walk on this site with eye open for graylings - The Target species for this area with no luck. I then spent a further 30 minutes in the central moorland area (off transect route) and lo = 5 Graylings appeared.".



Grayling

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Havant Thicket today which is about 20 minutes down the road, and the following were seen on the wing, White Admiral (2) Small Skipper (4) Essex Skipper (1) Meadow Brown (45) Small White (3) Red Admiral (2) Ringlet (3) Silver-Washed Fritillary (5) Gatekeeper (8) Speckled Wood (2) Brimstone (3) Purple Hairstreak (1) Unfortunately it was far too windy for the Purple Emperor today, but I was very impressed by how much Sallow there is in the wood. The White Admirals are still in good shape all be it not in great numbers, and so is the Silver-Washed Fritillary."



Havant Thicket



Silver-washed Fritillary



White Admiral

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Down (N) (SZ365858) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (35), Marbled White (30), Dark Green Fritillary (40), Large Skipper (3), Gatekeeper (15).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Gatekeeper (143), Meadow Brown (106), Marbled White (55), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (5), Purple Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (5 "1 female"), Small Skipper (32), Essex Skipper (21), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), antler moth (12), silver y moth (3). "A good search of the common and over to becton bunny found the above, of note the gatekeeper have now erupted in great numbers, the large skipper appear to have now finished, but no sign of grayling yet.".

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU808405) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1), Comma (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), White Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (11). "One female Emperor in favoured willow between the downpours.".

mark swann reports from broughton down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: **Silver-spotted Skipper** (35 "all males"), Chalkhill Blue (200), Dark Green Fritillary (30 "mainly females"), Common Blue (5), Brown Argus (1), Green-veined White (15), Small Heath (13). "Looks like the ssskippers have been out a few days the down is a mass of colour . it was very windy with very heavy showers but sunny . Only my 2nd brown argus of the year!".

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 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (7 "Still all males. Most in SW corner.").

Saturday 28th July

Chris Cobb reports from Cams Bay meadow (SU594054) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Marbled White (1), Small Skipper (10), Gatekeeper (15), Meadow Brown (22). "Butterfly thanks to FBC's recent selective area mowing policy. 9.45 visit, 30 mins sunny".

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Essex Skipper (6), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (14), Purple Emperor (2 "Patrolling the rides at 13:30, none seen on the master trees"), Purple Hairstreak (2), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (2 "Male and female, both in pristine condition"), Small Skipper (6). "White Admirals finished; still no gatekeepers, very odd.".

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU621049) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Essex Skipper (12), Gatekeeper (22), Green-veined White (8), Large White (3), Marbled White (8), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (12), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (1).

Cheryl Turkington writes: "My husband and I have today spotted this Dark Green Fritillary at Noar Hill, near Selbourne, Hampshire. I don't think this a butterfly normally found there so thought your branch might be interested."



Dark Green Fritillary

nikki dunell reports from park coppice (923256) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1). (Nikki - Please contact webmaster@hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk regarding this sighting.)

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I visited the Forest of Bere, and clocked up the best count of the season with (17) species, easily the best for 2012. However the counts on some of the species was very poor indeed. The following is what I noted, Gatekeeper (15) Meadow Brown (50+) Purple Hairstreak (2) Small Skipper (26) Marbled White (12) Large Skipper (1) Silver-Washed Fritillary (2) White Admiral (1) Ringlet (10) Small White (7) Brimstone (1) Large White (1) Comma (1) Green-Veined White (1) Dark-Green Fritillary (1) Essex Skipper (1) Speckled Wood (3) Purple Emperor (1) The Purple Hairstreak is having an awful season, I saw one down at eye level on ferns, but didn't hang around for a photograph, and the Silver-Washed Fritillary was still in bed throughout my walk which was at least 4 hours, and the White Admiral was equally bad. Where the wayleaves are is where the Dark-green Fritillary is found, well over the past few years, but with all the wet weather the grasslands has grown up, and there is a lot of hazel and Sallow grown up on their patch, so I think they probably will be very hard to find now, without some kind of management. The Purple Emperor certainly wasn't about either, only a short glimpse of one feeding off of a large Sweet Chestnut tree, and I could smell the trees very potent scent as well. I think its going to be hard to find now as they have done most of there Sallow searching and Oak edging looking for the girls, so they do not move much even in good weather. "



Gatekeeper

Peacock

Forest of Bere Wayleave

Richard Symonds reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Small White (5), Large White (3), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (78), Ringlet (15), Gatekeeper (15), Silver-washed Fritillary (29), White Admiral (19), Purple Emperor (3), Purple Hairstreak (3), Large Skipper (7), Small Skipper (3). "On holiday from Cornwall, spent a morning in Straits Inclosure in company with my father, where the temperature was 19 degrees. Plenty of Meadow Browns and Silver Washed Fritillaries, as well as White Admirals, many of whom were still in reasonable condition possibly due to late emergence this year. My aim was to see a Purple Emperor. At around 11:05 a single male was spotted by a few other people after it had landed on an outer leaf of an Oak between the clearing mid way down the main track and where the path descends to the Forestry Commission generator hut. We had a good view of the underside but nothing caused it to take flight. Around 10 minutes later another Emperor was flying around Oak and Sallows by the first deer tower, which in turn disturbed another Emperor which took off in pursuit. A search further down the main track did not see any other activity before cloud appeared. The day was marred by a fault on my camera lens which thankfully happened after I had photographed the Emperor!".

Chris Rose reports from Straits Inclosure (SU801410) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (0), Peacock (1), Purple Emperor (4 "2 males and 2 females"), Purple Hairstreak (2), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (0), Silver-washed Fritillary (12 "Approximate count"), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (4). "The emperors were seen around the observation tower amongst the oaks and sallows between 12.00 and 13.00. A first for us and we would not have seen them if it hadn't have been for Mark, thank you for your enthusiasm".



Silver-washed Fritillary

Purple Emperor

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Ringlet (2), Marbled White (1), Large White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1). "What adifference the sun makes. Yesterday 109 Meadow Browns, today just 14 in the same hay field."

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU813404) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Essex Skipper (7), Gatekeeper (4), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (35), Purple Emperor (8), Purple Hairstreak (6), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (27), Silver-washed Fritillary (27), Small Skipper (19), Speckled Wood (3), White Admiral (11).

Geoff Jones reports from North Browdown - Lee on the Solent (SZ582999) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Grayling (4), Red Admiral (5), Gatekeeper (20 "across the general area"), Meadow Brown (20 "across the general area"), Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (3), Comma (5), Small Skipper (6 "I didn't search specifically for them but I'm sure there were many more"). "There were also numerous Large and Small Whites which I didn't count. I was hoping for a sighting of a White Admiral in the woodland but again I failed to find any."

peter gardner reports from bentley station meadow (SU798432) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20), Gatekeeper (15), Green-veined White (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Ringlet (30), Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (4), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (2), Comma (3), Small White (1). "its a pity the cloud came over but some butterflies showed, made it worth it".



Small Skipper

Gatekeeper

Silver-washed Fritillary

Stuart Read reports from arretton down (SZ5386) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (0 "thousands!"). "The down is literally covered with chalkhill blues. Couldn't even begin to estimate numbers, but there must have been thousands on wing!".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU662209) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (100 "A Conservative Estimate"), Marbled White (30), Gatekeeper (10), Small Skipper (7), Ringlet (12), Small Heath (2), Dark Green Fritillary (8). "Arrived at 2.15PM cloudy and very windy and cool keeping the butterflies down only opening their wings during brief spells of sunshine. Chalkhill Blues were like confetti in the wind."



Chalkhill Blue

Ian Pratt reports from Branstone (SZ556835) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), Large Skipper (2), Essex Skipper (3), Small Skipper (3), Red Admiral (1), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (10), Meadow Brown (25), Comma (1).

David Gower reports from Bentley Wood (SU263292) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Ringlet (11), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Meadow Brown (10), Gatekeeper (4), Small Skipper (2), Marbled White (6), Small Heath (1 "all seen before reaching car park to Cowleys Copse").

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Feeding on Fleabane"), Gatekeeper (2 "Flushed from long grass").

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (24), Essex Skipper (5), Small White (4), Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (2), Painted Lady (1), Comma (2), Marbled White (8), Grayling (17), Gatekeeper (39), Meadow Brown (13).

Friday 27th July

Ashley Whitlock reports: "I went up Portsdown Hill and managed to do a transect, even though the sun was very sultry and stuck behind a veil of very thin cloud the weather was very pleasant with no wind and very warm. The following were seen on the wing: Small Blue (7) Common Blue (8) Chalkhill Blue (22) Holly Blue (1) Small White (64) Green-Veined White (1) Large White (1) Marbled White (38) Meadow Brown (49) Ringlet (2) Gatekeeper (3) Speckled Wood (1) Comma (1) Small Skipper (12) Essex Skipper (1) Treble Bar Moths, Cinnabar Moths, Common Carpet. The Chalkhill Blue was very impressive probably the best count I've seen in a few years, and it was nice to see the Small Blue and the Common Blue on the wing again."



Chalkhill Blue



Marbled White



Small Blue

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (109), Marbled White (1), Ringlet (6), Large White (5), Red Admiral (2), Gatekeeper (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalkpit (SZ365854) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (6), Meadow Brown (6), Marbled White (6), Small Blue (3), Large White (1). "Second brood small blue- see photos at www.flickr.com/photos/lepreskil/".

Mark Tutton reports from Alice Holt (SU808403) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (27), Essex Skipper (8), Marbled White (4), Gatekeeper (4), White Admiral (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (12), Purple Emperor (6), Purple Hairstreak (3).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Alice Holt, Straits Inclosure (SU8014010) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (6 "3 Male and 3 Female"). "Went once again to Alice Holt Forest Straits Inclosure and spent two hours looking along the ride for PE with no sighting once again. As we were on our way out we bumped into Mark T. who was surprised that we had seen no activity. As we were talking however he spotted a male flying in the oaks over our heads, our first sighting? Over the course of the next hour or so we saw 2 more males and 3 females, we were overjoyed and many thanks go to Mark from us. We had been to Goose Green two days before and did not realise that we had seen and even had a distant image of a male PE perched in a chestnut making short gliding flights which we had dismissed as a white admiral!".



Purple Emperor

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508292) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (60 "Most Male only 4 Female seen"), Small Skipper (11), Gatekeeper (25), Marbled White (40), Ringlet (12), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Grayling (3), Green-veined White (10). "Arrived at 3pm and the temperature was 28 degrees C, very warm."



Chalkhill Blue



Gatekeeper

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (7 "All males. In similar areas to last year. Most (5) in SW Corner of garden").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (15 "including 5 mating pairs, in my garden").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (1). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (4), Small White (2), Common Blue (1 "male"), Marbled White (7), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (43), Gatekeeper (33).

Anne McCue reports from Fairthorne Gardens, Gosport (SZ602998) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3).

Ashley Atkins reports from Gilkicker (south-west), Gosport (SZ605976) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2 "mating pair photographed at 1835").

Thursday 26th July

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Downland Area (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (25), Marbled White (14), Large White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Small Skipper (1), Six Spot Burnet (20). "9.15 visit 30 mins sunny".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Broxhead Common (SU804375) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (10), Large Skipper (6), Gatekeeper (8), Ringlet (10), Grayling (1), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (1).



Silver-studded Blue



Meadow Brown

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU746262) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "being hopeful buddlia keeps its charms."



Red Admiral

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Woodland (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3), Speckled Wood (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Female egg-laying"). "The Silver-washed Fritillary was very intent on egg laying and visited 3 different trees, none of which were Oaks. At least there were a few butterflies about today, last week there were none."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Silver-washed Fritillary

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (127), Ringlet (6), Large White (3), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Small Skipper (1).

Peter Gammage reports from Southleigh Woods (SU7408) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (4 "all seemingly males between 13:00 and 14:00"), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Marbled White (1), Purple Hairstreak (2). "One emperor at low level perched up in willow, possibly freshly emerged. Two males in pursuit and another seen further along the ride at tree top height. Fewer SW fritts than a visit earlier in the week when there was no evidence of emperors."

Chris Rose reports from Old Down Wood (SU659331) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1 "First of the year found sitting on bracken"), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (30 "All over the wood"), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (3), Gatekeeper (3 "First of the year in the wood"), Silver-washed Fritillary (3 "Dueling with each other, and being chased off by the meadow browns"), Small White (6), Speckled Wood (3), White Admiral (1 "Seen very briefly"). "A hot and steamy morning and alate afternoon. The silver washed were fascinating to watch as they flew around fighting with each other, and then struggling to avoid the meadow browns that did not like them coming too close."

Chris Rose reports from Plain Farm (SU685315) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (5), Large Skipper (2), Large White (5 "Favouring the thistle flowers"), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (30), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (100 "Impossible to count they seemed to be everywhere."), Small Skipper (22 "Were plentiful in the long grass but had to wade through to see them"), Small White (26). "The number of ringlet was quite amazing, they were by far the most plentiful, and have now exceeded the meadow browns in this area. More information at <http://fourmarksbirding.blogspot.co.uk/>."

Mark tutton reports from Creech wood (SU638113) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (3), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (12), Purple Emperor (2), Marbled White (2), Small Skipper (4).

David Jode (Sussex) reports from SMUGGLERS HAVEN (SZ580787) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Ringlet (1), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (1). "Very hot and full sunshine".

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Ventnor Downs (SZ5678) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Gatekeeper (3), Small Heath (1), Red Admiral (1). "Very hot and full sunshine."

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Ventnor Downs (SZ5778) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Gatekeeper (2), Small Heath (1), Red Admiral (1). "Very hot and full sunshine."

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Ventnor Botanic Garden (SZ546769) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Very hot and full sunshine."

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary (SZ5481) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1). "Very hot and full sunshine."

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Wednesday 25th July

Peter Gammage reports from Havant Thicket (SU7111) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3 "territorial male plus two rivals at 13:15").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (11 "First sightings this year"), Green-veined White (1), Large White (4), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (59), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (24), Small Skipper (9), Small White (5), Cinnabar moth (1), Silver Y moth (3).

Alan Butterworth reports from Pennington Common (SZ304953) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (14), Gatekeeper (18), Meadow Brown (11 "Very tatty"), Small Skipper (15), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Ringlet (2), Six-spot Burnet Moth (12 "Feeding on knapweed and heather"). "One hour walk around the common on a very hot afternoon showed lots of activity."

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island SSSI area (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Essex Skipper (5), Gatekeeper (14), Green-veined White (6), Large White (2), Marbled White (22), Meadow Brown (50), Small Skipper (6).

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (3), Gatekeeper (4), Marbled White (23), Meadow Brown (35), Small Skipper (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female, newly emerged"), Essex Skipper (10), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Emperor (1 "Male, circled the master trees at 5:15pm, and disappeared"), Purple Hairstreak (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Small Skipper (10), White Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from weston common (SU675403) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (26), Red Admiral (2), Meadow Brown (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Skipper (2), Small White (1), Large White (2), White Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (1), Marbled White (1), Comma (1), Large Skipper (1). "large wood, got lost, very hot clear sun, the west end is the best part for butterflies, we know most are in single numbers, were made up by the admirals and sutch".



Large Skipper



Large White



White Admiral

Roy Symonds reports from Hayling Billy Cycle Trail (SU713013) where the following observations were made: Small White (26), Green-veined White (2), Large White (5), Meadow Brown (27), Marbled White (11), Gatekeeper (6), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (6), Painted Lady (2), Comma (2). "Walked from North Hayling Halt (SU716033) to West Town (SU709998), along the Hayling Billy Cycle Trail. The temperature was a scorching 27 degrees! Surprised to see Marbled Whites along the Southern end of the trail, where historically I have seen them more at the extreme Northern end. Marbled Whites seem to be having a good year."

Sue Lambert reports from Yew Hill (SU453263) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1), Chalkhill Blue (0), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (0), Marbled White (0), Small Skipper (6), Gatekeeper (2), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Small Heath (2), Large Skipper (3), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1), Comma (2), Green-veined White (1), 6-spot Burnet Moth (7 "2 empty Cocoons"), Roesel's bush cricket (1). "Also reported sightings were one Silver-washed Fritillary, one Common Blue and two Small Tortoiseshells 17 species in total. Thanks for an informative walk."



Small Heath



Chalkhill Blue



Six-spot Burnet

shaun barrett reports from harewood forest (SU4045) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (19), Essex Skipper (23), Large Skipper (2), Large White (2), Marbled White (38), Meadow Brown (50), Peacock (1), Ringlet (18), Silver-washed Fritillary (16), Small Skipper (18), White Admiral (11).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (151), Ringlet (3), Large White (2), Green-veined White (2), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (4), Comma (1).

Ed Merritt reports from New Forest (heath between Buck Hill and Beaulieu River) (SU377058) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (150 "I think this might be the first time this year where I been in one of those patches of heath where there seems to be one of these butterflies perched on almost every other blade of grass. I counted 150 but there were probably more.").



Silver-studded Blue

Andy Bolton reports from Herbert Plantation, nr. Burghclere (SU478623) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Purple Hairstreak (2), White Admiral (1), Green-veined White (1). "An early evening visit around 5.30pm".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1 "Basking in long grass"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Overflew").

Anne McCue reports from Meon Shore (SU524028) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Small White (13), Peacock (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (10), Gatekeeper (1).

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Leconsfield Hotel grounds (SZ578784) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1), Humming-bird Hawkmoth (1). "Nectaring in grounds".

Roger Pendell reports from Beacon Hill Wardford (SU599228) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (24), Small White (15), Meadow Brown (37), Gatekeeper (5), Marbled White (43), Red Admiral (4), Large White (1), Small Skipper (12), Small Heath (3), Brimstone (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1).

Tuesday 24th July

peter gardner reports from MAGDALEN DOWN (SU540299) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (40), Meadow Brown (30), Marbled White (40), Small Skipper (45), Green-veined White (6), Gatekeeper (6), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (2), Chalkhill Blue (100 "only counted the top of old reserve"), Large Skipper (4). "one hell of a job trying to count as they were each looking for a mate,the same gos for pictures".



Chalkhill Blue



Ringlet



Green-veined White

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (43), Marbled White (7), Gatekeeper (13), Small Skipper (8), Large Skipper (2), six spot burnet moth (6), common ear moth (1). "during the day and with a late afternoon count found the above in the garden and lower meadow."



Six-spot Burnet

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Went to my local patch after work today at Milton shoreline and Fort Cumberland and the following were seen: At Milton there were Marbled White (6) Green-Veined White (1) Meadow Brown (10) Small White (25) Small Skipper (5) Red Admiral (1) At Fort Cumberland where the grasses are about 5 feet tall the Small Skipper was everywhere, with a Conservative figure of well over (100) all flying around in batches of threes and fours. Essex Skipper up to (10) Marbled White (25) Meadow Brown (50) Large Skipper (1) Small Heath (5) Painted Lady (1) Small White (5) Green Veined White (2) Silver'Y' Moths and Six-Spotted Burnet Moths. I suspect this site may well have the Grayling if which I shall have a look for when its peaking in a few weeks time."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713258) where the following observations were made: hummingbird hawk moth (1). "interrupted our tea we saw it hovering above the buddleia in the front garden, it can do that any time."



Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (Su550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "1 individual larger and quit active - feeding on Buddleia. The secon smaller and resting with wings folded in semi-shade on a Buddleia leaf."), Gatekeeper (1 "Now very active - feeding on Perpetual Wallflower, Thistle, Buddleia and Marjoram."), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia, Thistle and Perpetual Wallflower").

Roy Symonds reports from North Hayling Halt (SU716033) where the following observations were made: Small White (12), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (9), Marbled White (5), Red Admiral (5), Comma (1). "Walked from site of North Hayling Halt around part of the old oyster beds along the Hayling Billy Trail to the site of the railway bridge. Temperature was 25 degrees."

Sue Lambert reports from Bently Station Meadow (SU791428) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (2), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small White (2), Gatekeeper (3), Common Hawker (1), Beautiful Damosiella (1). "A BC walk at Bently Station Meadow yielded 14 species, although everyone did not see them all. The other species seen were Large and Small skipper, Large White, Marbled White, Small Heath, Comma and a Purple Emperor seen on the route back to the car by 3 participants. I then picniced at Goose Green with dancing Purple Emperors overhead. A visit to Straits Enclosure yielded White Admiral nectaring on the bramble, Ringlets, Small Skippers and a Brown Hawker on the main path. The Silver-washed Fritillary did not settle at all."



White Admiral



Small Skipper



Silver-washed Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from Beaulieu Heath (near Hill Top) (SU398046) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (23), Dark Tussock (1 "Viewed from eye level, this was so brilliantly camouflaged against the grass stem on which it was perched that it took me quite a while to work out that I was looking at a moth and not a part of the plant itself! I hope this is the correct identification?").



Dark Tussock?

David Jode (Sussex) reports from BEMBRIDGE COAST HOTEL (SZ657879) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1). "Very Hot. Full sunshine!"

Monday 23rd July

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Arboretum (SU368384) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1 "Female searching for violets"), Marbled White (20), Meadow Brown (18).

Martin Pitt reports from Basing forest, Basingstoke (SU647555) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), White Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Skipper (1), Ringlet (12), Meadow Brown (12).

Martin Pitt reports from Ladle Hill (SU478568) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (2), Ringlet (30), Meadow Brown (40), Large Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Large White (4), Comma (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Fyfield Road (SU305465) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (6), Gatekeeper (6), Essex Skipper (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Weyhill (SU315465) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (4), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (2), Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Hanging Bushes & A342 Roadside (SU325465) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (2), Essex Skipper (10), Marbled White (1), Small White (4).

Mike Wildish reports from Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Ringlet (7), Gatekeeper (3), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1). "More tales from the unpopular roadside margins - mostly brown jobs, but my first Sexy Kippers of the year - antennae freshly dipped in the blank ink!"

Terry Hotten reports: "The only butterflies seen at Bramshot Common, Fleet (SU825550) this morning were a few Meadow Browns, Ringlets and Large Skippers that were nectaring on Ragwort. The latter was also home to a number of Cinnabar Moth larvae who were also present at Fleet Pond (SU823553). However on returning home to Cove (SU861561) I was pleased to see a second brood Holly Blue circling my camellia bush. This is a regular habit of each successive brood of Holly Blues."

Richard Carpenter reports from Botley Wood (SU5409) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (5), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (10), Marbled White (15), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Emperor (1 "Female"), Ringlet (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (15), Small Skipper (30), White Admiral (4). "Three hours observing in unbroken sunshine and very warm temperatures."

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU735268) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (2 "first ever at froxfield"), Red Admiral (3), Brimstone (1), Ringlet (32), Meadow Brown (40), Large White (1). "very clear warm day needed hat on marbled white 1st here great".



Marbled White



Meadow Brown



Red Admiral

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (135), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (8), Small White (5), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Comma (2).

Peter Short reports from Chappetts Copse (SU626523) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Meadow Brown (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Upperford Copse (SU593137) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Speckled Wood (2), Small Skipper (1), White Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Green-veined White (1). "3,30pm. 30min. visit".



Silver-washed Fritillary

Gareth Holms reports from Port Solent Common (SU622049) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (17 "Pretty sure they were all Essex and not small."), Gatekeeper (7), Marbled White (9), Meadow Brown (15), Small White (3), Large White (1), Emperor dragonfly (1). "A short walk around the grasslands near the amenity tip, warm and sunny 20+ degrees, with no wind. Walked for about an hour in mid afternoon, about 17:00. Highest number of species and numbers, so far this year at the site."

Mike Gibbons writes: "Over the weekend of 21st and 22nd July I visited Straits Inclosure and Goose Green, Alice Holt over two contrasting days. I struggled to see any at Straits on 21st with just a flyover male, others had been luckier before I arrived and seen 2 by the wooden tower. The afternoon though was much better at Goose Green with a veritable air display going on. Comings and goings around the favoured Sweet Chestnut with a 'King of the castle' dominant male, the action was non stop from 14.00 - 14.30 when I left. Up to 5 or 6 were seen including one male with very little in the way of forewings, but it did not stop him getting involved in a riveting aerial 'dog fight'. In the end a rather cocky male remained circling and landing on the uppermost leaves having seen all the others off. Sunnier Sunday was much better at Straits with up to 8 being estimated by myself and fellow Iris enthusiasts. 2 males near the wooden tower, with a male showing on and off up to mid-day on the structure imbibing. My main highlight however was a shy egg laying female a little further on, deep in a sallow, trying not to be seen while another female flew off nearby high through the oaks. This was around 12.30 when male activity seemed to have ceased here. At Goose Green I saw 2 males displaying, but I was told 6 had been seen earlier."

Richard Harden reports from Lordsfield Gardens, Overton (SU510499) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "believed to be male"). "Seen in own garden, visible a short while only whilst on side of house, then flew back into the woode area on the school field next to our house."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Meadow Brown (50 "Plus"), Marbled White (6), Ringlet (1), Small Heath (2), Chalkhill Blue (200 "Plus"), Small Skipper (3). "A wonderful morning (temperature 22.5 degrees) at this site where the weather has encouraged mass emergences of the Chalkhill Blue. I had not walked a quarter of the distance of my route when I had already counted over 50. Similarly there were between 50-100 Meadow Browns."

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1 "Found resting in long grass. Flew up when disturbed."), Large White (1 "Still on patrol over our and adjoining gardens."), "Buddleia's: This year the Buddleias have been prolific. However, many of the flowers have already finished and are begining to set seed. We have already applied feed and will soon have to start dead-heading. The flowers normally last much longer than this. However, what we have noticed this year is that despite the weather, and adverse press comments, there have been lots of Bees about which have polinated the flowers causing them to set seed. There seem to be good numbers of Bumble, Honey and Solitary Bees - indeed our "Bee House" is now on it's second generation and almost all the holes are occupied. The bees seem to be flying at any time during the day so long as it is not raining hard - they are even active during light drizzle. A similar thing happened in 2009 when we had large numbers of Painted Lady butterflies - their mass feeding seemed to cause the Buddleias to set seed very quickly."

Sue Davies reports from Brickfields Newtown IOW (SZ424921) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (50 "plus"), Large White (3), Marbled White (50 "plus"), Meadow Brown (50 "plus"), Ringlet (8), Small Heath (50 "plus"), Small Skipper (7), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Large Skipper (2), Six-spot Burnet (50 "plus"), Silver Y (8), Shaded Broad-bar (1). "Flower rich meadow and scrub, hot, still, sunny, much reduced species count compared to this time last year".

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (38), Marbled White (75), Small Skipper (3), Small White (5), Ringlet (28), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (15), Large White (2), Chalkhill Blue (32), Common Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (10).

Sunday 22nd July

Alan Thornbury reports from Alice Holt Forest (SU8014010) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (5 "All males, 3 in Straits Inclosure (SU8014010), 2 in Abotts Wood Inclosure (SU814399)"). "Ail PE sightings were made during 3 hour morning visit. In Straits Inclosure the PE activity was focussed on the two observation towers (two males at first tower, third one at the second). The photos below are of the same male high up on the first observation tower (feeding on a tie-wrap and timber). In Abootts Wood Inclosure, 2 males were perched in the same tall oak in the southern section, before flying off. On this occasion, other species were not actively recorded."



Purple Emperor



Purple Emperor

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large White (5), Small White (6), Chalkhill Blue (9), Meadow Brown (32), Marbled White (33), Ringlet (12), Small Heath (18), Red Admiral (5), Dark Green Fritillary (10), Small Skipper (3). "Spent 2.5 hours in the late morning walking the main paths. There was cloud at first which later cleared with a temperature of 18 degrees. A surprise was seeing 10 Dark Green Fritillaries on the far side of the hill fort. In the past I had only seen this species in 2's or 3's in the same spot."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding in Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overflying"), Gatekeeper (1 "Resting in long grass. The first sighting this year - last year first was on July 13th."), Humming-Bird Hawk Moth (1 "First seen basking in full sun on a brick wall. Also seen on wild flower "Lady's Bedstraw" and lastly feeding on Buddleia.").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (4), Chalkhill Blue (50 "In excess of 50 mostly males"), Meadow Brown (11), Marbled White (5), Small Heath (2), Small Skipper (1). "Returning from Old Winchester Hill I called in at this site where the numbers of Chalkhill Blues have now increased following the recent warmer weather. I stopped counting at 50. There was sun with the temperature of 20 degrees."

Chris Hall reports from Aldershot Heath (SU8450) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (23), Ringlet (5), Large Skipper (7), Small Skipper (32), Gatekeeper (1 "Still very scarce on local heaths"), Small Heath (4), Silver-studded Blue (15 "Total includes two females; most males quite faded."), Small White (2), Large White (1), Brimstone (1 "Male, first of the summer brood."). "At last a real summer day with 100% sunshine but butterfly numbers are disappointing. The 90 above were seen in one hour and a walk covering about 2 km."

John Roberts reports from Ashlett Creek (SU466030) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1), Meadow Brown (32), Six Spot Burnet (17).

Steve Keen reports from Holmsley Gravel Pit (SU216010) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1 "Flew through rapidly north"), Grayling (1 "First of the year"), Meadow Brown (8), Gatekeeper (2), Small Heath (2), Large Skipper (2), Large White (1), Small White (1), Brown China Mark (3), Silver Y (3), Narrow-winged Pug (1).

Steve Keen reports from Wood's Corner (SU220044) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Ringlet (5), Green-veined White (3), Gatekeeper (3), Large Skipper (2), Purple Hairstreak (1), Red Admiral (1), Glyptotritix thrasonella (1).

shaun barrett reports from stockbridge down (SU379347) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (52 "only 3 females"), Comma (1), Dark Green Fritillary (13), Essex Skipper (18), Gatekeeper (27), Large Skipper (1), Large White (18), Marbled White (130), Meadow Brown (112), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Small Heath (29), small elephant hawk moth (2), forester (2), six spot burnet (8), silver y (3).

Peter Hunt reports from West High Down, Isle of Wight (SZ322852) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (8 "All males"), Common Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (6), Gatekeeper (3), Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (30), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (10). "A beautiful summers day and plenty of butterflies on the Down."

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU374066) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (4), Meadow Brown (2), Grayling (1).



Grayling

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Downland Area (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (13), Meadow Brown (22), Large White (1).

Chris Cobb reports from Wickham Common (SU587105) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (4), Gatekeeper (2), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (15), Comma (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Today I saw (19) Purple Emperors in Alice Holt Forest which is my second best record. Not bad for a poor year! In Straits Inclosure I saw (3) Two were in the area of the lookout tower of which one was imbibing on the sap of the wood, where it stayed for up to 30 odd minutes. Another was oak edging down the ride. In Abbots Wood Inclosure there was two sat in the same Oak tree barely a metre apart looking down at me, contemplating on coming down to get minerals I suspect although they never did, one took off over the oaks and another decided to look at a large Sallow bush, where he found no females, and he decided to go wandering off. Another Male was seen oak edging further up the ride towards the large car-park, At the Assembly points at ALH(1) there was three males on territory, and female came wandering through and a male followed her in the usual 'follow me flight' and promptly disappeared However it was back later, and I think the female was playing hard to get. At the Abbots Wood territory, there was one male flying around and using a Norwegian Spruce for a landing platform, where he looked very uncomfortable!. My wife and I decided to have lunch there, at the picnic tables and just as I was tucking into my Chicken and Mushroom Pie we espied a female flying across the vista she was a lovely specimen with rusty coloured wings, she promptly took off over the Pines and Sweet Chestnut trees, she may well have been looking for a suitable Sallow to Egg-Lay as it was about that time. At Buckshot Hole there was nothing, I don't think they have occupied this site this year. At Goose Green there was a female flying around the Cherry tree as soon as we got there, and was tormenting the males on station of which there were at least (6) two down the ride on the wayleaves on the large oak, two were at the top on the small beech tree, and one was in Georges Vista. An excellent days Emperoring."

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Nursery (SU367388) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Perfect condition, nectaring on Buddleja"), Brimstone (1 "Male"), Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from whiteley enclosure (SU522091) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (30), Red Admiral (3), Meadow Brown (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Green-veined White (1), Small Skipper (8), Painted Lady (1), White Admiral (4), Brimstone (1), Gatekeeper (1). "hot clear da,butterflies dont stop,but we got the best ones,i do not know what the one is with the qqk it landed in the bramble had trouble getting at it, some one will know."



Painted Lady



White Admiral



White Admiral

Michael Gwilliam reports from Bedenham Grasslands, DSDA, Gosport (SU593043) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Essex Skipper (29), Gatekeeper (64), Green-veined White (2), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (36), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (4), White-letter Hairstreak (9 "All invisible until disturbed by branch-shaking").

Michael Gwilliam reports from Marsh Orchid Meadow, DSDA, Gosport (SU596035) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Essex Skipper (4), Meadow Brown (16), Small Heath (2), Small Skipper (5).

Michael Gwilliam reports from Elson Wood, DSDA, Gosport (SU599031) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Essex Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (8), Small Skipper (1), White Admiral (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Bedenham Grasslands, DSDA, Gosport (SU593043) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (30 "Omitted in error from main record").

Sue Lambert reports from Rownhams Wood (SU387178) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (7), Small White (4), Large Skipper (8), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (3), Comma (1), Scarce Chaser (1), Emperor Dragonfly (1), Gatekeeper (2).



Silver-washed Fritillary



Gatekeeper



Comma

Clive Wood reports from Footpath adjacent to Winnall Trading Estate, Winchester (SU493306) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (46), Small White (5), Large White (1), Marbled White (17), Ringlet (13), Small Skipper (1). "Warm, sunny day using an old footpath between the River Itchen and a trading estate."

Clive Wood reports from Easton Down (SU497317) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Small White (3), Large White (1), Marbled White (10), Ringlet (6), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (3). "Warm, sunny day."

Clive Wood reports from Easton Down (approaching Easton) (SU505323) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Small White (2), Marbled White (3), Ringlet (2). "Warm, sunny day."

Andy Bolton reports from Basing Wood, Chineham (SU646556) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (11), Small Skipper (9), Meadow Brown (1), Ringlet (33), Silver-washed Fritillary (12), White Admiral (7), Comma (3), Purple Hairstreak (4), Marbled White (1), Red Admiral (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (2), Purple Emperor (1 "Circled 3ft above ground just in front of me, considering whether to mud puddle; decided not to then soared above the canopy and was gone."). "This looks like a suitable and reliable site to see Emperors and I've seen them here in 2010 and 2012."

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (18), Large White (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (2 "male & female"), White Admiral (5), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (9), Marbled White (11), Meadow Brown (9), Gatekeeper (7), Ringlet (53).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (11), Small White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (14), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Marbled White (6), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (7), Gatekeeper (2), Ringlet (34).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (63), Meadow Brown (53), Small White (5), Essex Skipper (1), Large White (2), Chalkhill Blue (4), Ringlet (8), Large Skipper (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (8), Gatekeeper (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Purple Emperor (3), Gatekeeper (1), Small Skipper (1), Comma (1), Ringlet (2), Meadow Brown (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (10), White Admiral (2), Small White (3).

Saturday 21st July

P Gammage reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU618130) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "male"), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), White Admiral (2).

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Visited one of my favourite woods today Farley Mount/West Wood, and having arrived early there was very little on the wing except Ringlets and Marbled Whites. The sun was very intermittent, with no great lengths of sunshine. I went for a walk and I think I now know where the best Sallows are in the Wood as I walked the equivalent of about 10 miles in the 4 or more hours I was there. There are good Sallows which run from East to West

and are on a slight incline near to Pitt Down. This is the core breeding area within the wood. However the Emperor was only seen once a fleeting glimpse in a Oak tree for a few seconds at 1007 when the sun had been out a while. None descended to the floor in my favourite ride, or seemed to be interested in flying at all today. The following were seen on the wing: Ringlet (55) Marbled White (25) Comma (4) Meadow Brown (35) Red Admiral (8) Large Skipper (4) Small White (3) Small Skipper (10) Essex Skipper (91) Silver-Washed Fritillary (20) Dark-Green Fritillary (2) White Admiral (3). I then went over to Pitt Down and the following was seen: Red Admiral (2) Marbled White (Hundreds!) Ringlet (100+) Meadow Brown (100+) Comma (1) Small White (3) Large Skipper (2) Small Skipper (17) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Dark Green Fritillary (22) Gatekeeper (11) Small Heath (1)



Essex Skipper

Dark Green Fritillary

Small Tortoiseshell

Neil Ludford reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU648228) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2), Small Heath (4), Small Tortoiseshell (8), Marbled White (50), Red Admiral (10), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (9).

John Roberts reports from Lepe Beach (SZ453984) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (9). "The weather was warm and sunny. All were new emergents".

Jan Hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (63), Meadow Brown (41), Ringlet (28), Small Skipper (2), Small White (1), 6 Spot Burnet (2), Silver Y (2). "Warm afternoon, cloudy with sunny intervals. Difficult to count with clouds of Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns - a wonderful sight on Old Down by the tumulus where there is plenty of knapweed, oxeye daisies, clover, kidney vetch and wild marjoram".

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2 "Males vying with each other and impertinent Hairstreaks for pole position on master trees"), White Admiral (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Comma (1), Green-veined White (3), Large White (2), Large Skipper (6), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (20), Purple Hairstreak (4), Ringlet (40), Small Skipper (4).

Peter Gardner reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU662209) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (4), Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (50), Small Heath (7), Red Admiral (7), Large White (1), Small White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Small Skipper (4), Chalkhill Blue (2), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (1). "The cloud and chll wind kept the butterflies down, but managed to kick some up".



Chalkhill Blue

Dark Green Fritillary

Small Tortoiseshell

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

Chris Hall reports from Marwell (SU500220) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (176 "Mainly in West Copse Field"), Gatekeeper (10), Ringlet (45), Small Skipper (12 "one ovipositing on Holcus"), Essex Skipper (1 "West side of field, SU 499219"), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (14 "most in West Copse Field"), Comma (3), Red Admiral (7 "all on buddleia"), Painted Lady (1 "by car park 503217"), Silver-washed Fritillary (5 "wood borders, not very active due to cloud"), Large White (2), Small White (9), Green-veined White (1), Six-spot Burnet (3), Cinnabar (0 Larval). "Recorded during a three hour walk around, conditions cloudy though fairly bright but cool within woodlands. Butterflies only intermittently flying. Above includes observations of those basking or roosting".

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Ed Merritt reports from King's Copse Inclosure (SU4202) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (12), Large Skipper (2), Ringlet (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Gatekeeper (5), White Admiral (2), Marbled White (1), Small Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (1). "Travelled the length of the inclosure and saw the above butterflies".



Marbled White

Ed Merritt reports from Hawkhill Inclosure (SU347024) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (18), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (13), Gatekeeper (2), Marbled White (6).



Small Skipper

Large Skipper

Marbled White

Ed Merritt reports from Black Down (SU350068) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (75), Large Skipper (2).



Silver-studded Blue

Andy Bolton reports from The Warren, nr. Kingsclere. (SU515566) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (83), Marbled White (51), Ringlet (37), Small Heath (11), Red Admiral (1 "recently emerged"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "newly emerged, my first since March!"), Common Blue (1 "tatty male"), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (6), Shaded Broad-bar (1), *Pyrausta purpuralis* (1). "A sunny butterfly day at last."

Andy Bolton reports from track beside Combe Hole, nr. Kingsclere. (SU510569) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (19 "Good numbers starting to be seen, but no Essex yet."), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (25 "concentrated beside the track."), Meadow Brown (45), *Pyrausta purpuralis* (1).

*Pyrausta purpuralis*

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Seen well circling the roof of the house at midday, it then perched on the chimney pot showing the underside. Rapidly moved on to see the neighbours, but appeared again briefly on Sunday late morning").

Andy Bolton reports from Ham Lane, Axmansford (SU566605) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (4 "seen active around 8pm on several oaks.").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Marbled White (1), Grayling (3), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Marbled White (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Silver Y Moth (1).

Friday 20th July

Chris Cobb reports from Wickham Common (SU588106) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (48), Gatekeeper (2), Small Skipper (2), Essex Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1). "9.30am visit 45minutes 50% sun".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU721266) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1). "1st customer for our newly opened buddlia lets hope there are a lot more to follow".



Meadow Brown



Red Admiral

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508292) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (3), Gatekeeper (2), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (2), Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (3), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (0), Meadow Brown (0), Ringlet (0), Small White (1). "Many thanks to Jenny Mallett for an informative walk this morning. Although the sun was not very evident we saw 11 confirmed species. There were many Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns and Ringlets were seen together, giving the chance to compare the two. We also saw Six-spot and Narrow-bordered Burnet Moths (and two Pupa) and a Common White Plume Moth, an Emperor Dragonfly and lots of red soldier beetles. We heard a Kestrel, a Buzzard, a Yellowhammer and a Chiff Chaff and saw, briefly, a Skylark. There were many colourful flowers to see - well worth a visit."



Chalkhill Blue



Marbled White



Six-spot Burnet

Alan Thornbury reports from Browndown(S) (SZ581990) where the following observations were made: [Grayling](#) (2), Small Heath (1), Meadow Brown (4). "Butterflies were scarce in generally overcast conditions, but at least Grayling are now on the wing in Hampshire."



Grayling

Mark tutton reports from Havant thicket (SU717110) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (5), Large White (3), Green-veined White (1), Ringlet (15), Meadow Brown (12), Silver-washed Fritillary (2).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (79), Gatekeeper (38), Meadow Brown (73), Small Heath (3), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (37), Essex Skipper (28), Small Copper (1), Small White (2), antler moth (2), silver y (3), scarce footman (1). "A good walk around the common and into the bunny found the above, of note the essex skipper and gatekeeper numbers are building nicely."



Gatekeeper



Antler Moth



Scarce Footman

Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU719092) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Red Admiral (1). "Cloudy".

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Overflow "on patrol" our and adjoining gardens "), Red Admiral (1 "Warming itself on Tumble Dryer Vent").

Thursday 19th July

Chris Cobb reports from Wallington Meadow (SU586072) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (32). "9am visit - 30 minutes patchy sun".

Alan Butterworth reports from Beaulieu Heath (SU353011) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (12 "Tatty"), Meadow Brown (2 "Mating pair"), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Breezy with clouds and a little sunshine. 2 photos of s-s blues and mating pair of meadow brown."

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (SU251290) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Large Skipper (22), Meadow Brown (8), Purple Emperor (1 "High around Oak trees at 10.35"), Purple Hairstreak (2), Ringlet (43), Silver-washed Fritillary (12), Small Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (4). "Sightings made during a visit from 08.30-12.15 in cloudy weather with sunny spells and about 18-19 degrees. The image of the Purple Hairstreak was actually taken in a huge puddle and it was swimming for its life! After grabbing a few images I effected a rescue and after placing it on some bracken it dried its wings and flew back into the canopy!"



Purple Hairstreak



Ringlet



Silver-washed Fritillary

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU658063) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Marbled White (7). "A day with plenty of cloud. The temperature was 17 degrees but with no sun most of my sightings were from grass disturbance."

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU483279) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (60 "Including 1 female"), Small Blue (2), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (8), Comma (2), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2). "Warm bright late afternoon."

Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU719092) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2), White Admiral (2), Ringlet (2), Speckled Wood (2). "In between black clouds!"

Wednesday 18th July

Andy Bolton reports from Railway field, Whitchurch (SU458487) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (15), Marbled White (9), Small Skipper (6), Ringlet (3), Gatekeeper (1). "seen in light rain and drizzle."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Sheltering from rain under house eaves").

Tuesday 17th July

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Downland Area (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Marbled White (24), Meadow Brown (13), Small Skipper (1). "9.30 am visit 30mins Sunny".

Mike Wildish reports from Ampert Village (SU305445) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (10), Comma (1), Large Skipper (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Village (SU315445) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (13), Meadow Brown (11), Gatekeeper (3), Marbled White (10), Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (1), Small White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Lane (SU316455) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (7), Small White (2), Ringlet (11), Meadow Brown (5), Large Skipper (3), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (6), Meadow Brown (10), Marbled White (2), Small White (7).

Hazel Pratt reports from Caesar's Camp (SU398595) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Silver-studded Blue (8), Small Heath (4), Small Skipper (2). "A short, late morning visit in a brief spell of warm sunshine so only a small area studied."

Alan Butterworth reports from Wootton Coppice (SZ241998) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (6), Marbled White (5), Ringlet (50), Peacock (1), Small Skipper (3), Large Skipper (2). "At last a warm sunny day and great to see a variety of active butterflies. Majority of sightings were about 800m+ from the main entrance to the coppice. Ringlets were abundant, but fritillaries were sparse and mainly moving very quickly. Just managed to photograph one which fortuitously landed right in front of me to feed on brambles."



Silver-washed Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "var. hutch., spent over one hour feeding on scat."), Green-veined White (3), Large Skipper (8), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Emperor (1), Ringlet (40), Silver-washed Fritillary (12), Small Skipper (5), White Admiral (3 "2 male, 1 female, the latter in immaculate condition").

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices, Boarhunt (SU589094) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (8), Large Skipper (1), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (40), Silver-washed Fritillary (28 "Most in immaculate condition"), White Admiral (4 "3 in excellent condition").

Ron Stephens reports from Roker Park golf course (SU971525) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (2).

Mike Gibbons writes: "I had a glorious morning at Straits Inclosure with very sunny conditions from the off. I have just returned from a butterfly trip to Poland and was wearing the same trousers from the end of my trip. Well, my first Purple Emperor was around the wooden tower area at 10.30 and had a corner of it's forewing missing. My second male however was in pristine condition and circled me just after 11.00, eventually landing on these trousers. After flying off briefly he returned landing on my rear and made his way down my trouser leg. He then flew off to land on the tower and telegraph pole. The pictures show this breath-taking experience, hence the odd angles! Also seen were 50+ Silver-washed Fritillaries, 10+ White Admirals, 5 Red Admirals, 3 Large Whites, 2 Commas and a Marbled White. I also saw Brown and Southern Hawker Dragonflies, a Stoat and 2 Marsh Tits. Summer has roared in, I just hope it lasts!"



Silver-washed Fritillary



Forest high point



White Admiral

peter gardner reports from STRAITS ENCLOSURE (SU798412) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (50), Meadow Brown (11), Silver-washed Fritillary (21), White Admiral (7), Red Admiral (3), Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (6), Comma (2), Purple Emperor (4), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (3). "a fantastic day very long periods of very warm sun ,but small clouds so thy stoped flying enough to take picktures,the four purple emperors were flying in the tree tops by the gate,we could see them with bins but not with camera[pitty]"



Red Admiral



Silver-washed Fritillary



White Admiral

Geoff Jones reports from Alver Valley, Gosport (SU580010) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (14), Small Skipper (20), Large Skipper (6), Large White (5), Small White (8), Comma (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Meadow Brown (18), Marbled White (8), Small Heath (2), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (1), Chalkhill Blue (29), Holly Blue (1). "A sunny day with the temperature of 21 degrees. The sun brought more Chalkhill Blues out than were on the site on Sunday."

mark swann reports from bentley wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2), Purple Hairstreak (50), White-letter Hairstreak (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (45 "inc 5 females"), White Admiral (30), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Ringlet (0 "lots"). "summer finally started for me 2day. cloudy day was forecast but it was sunny till mid afternoon and warm. behind the masses of ringlets the purple hairstreaks were out in big numbers got to fifty in no time with almost every oak and ash tree containing them all very active.struggled to find the purple emp any where in my favoured spots till midday only saw 2 one oak edging the other i almost stood on flew up did a few circuits then landed on my arm .it was in mint condition not a mark or blemish on it .get the feeling bentley wood s season has just got going and has a lot more to offer yet".

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU805413) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (9), Purple Hairstreak (8), White Admiral (7), Marbled White (2), Large Skipper (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (7).

Andrew Burns reports from Copse Road, Overton (SU516506) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1). "1 male Purple Emperor was found on the ground in a seemingly stunned condition, but I took it home and it seemed to revive. I was able to take a number of photos of it in my garden, where it remained for most of the evening. By this morning it had gone, so I hope it has recovered. I have never seen a Purple Emperor in Overton before."

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Alice Holt Forest Straits Inclosure (SU8014010) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (23), White Admiral (8), Ringlet (18), Small Skipper (5), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (30), Marbled White (2), Comma (3), Grayling (1). "Also saw 2 common lizards together 1 male and a pregnant looking female 3 feet off the ground in a bramble patch."



Comma

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (2), Small Skipper (1).

Monday 16th July

David Tining reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell (1 "disturbed by day").

Sunday 15th July

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Downland Area (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (26), Meadow Brown (9). "9.15 am visit, 30 minutes - 70% Sun".

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton (SU355465) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (14), Ringlet (10).

nick lawrence reports from straits inclosure (su805403) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1 "female"), Purple Emperor (1 "briefly settled on the electricity pole"), Marbled White (1), White Admiral (15), Green-veined White (1). "i also saw large numbers of silver washed fritillaries, meadow browns, ringlets and small skippers."



Purple Hairstreak

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471575) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (4 "3 males 1 female"), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (40), Meadow Brown (40), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (50), Small Skipper (5), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (5). "The first records of Dark Green fritillary on this site for a while and coincides with decline in Rabbit population and much taller vegetation than normal. The female was already mated as it kept rejecting the advances of the males."

shaun barrett reports from harewood forests (SU4045) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (54), Meadow Brown (41), Ringlet (42), Small Skipper (14), Large Skipper (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (19), White Admiral (7), Gatekeeper (6), Comma (2), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Essex Skipper (2), Small Heath (1), *pyrausta purpuralis* (1), silver y (1).

Lynn Fomison reports Just recorded the 60plus butterflies I saw this morning at Ladies Walk Meadows at Andover on Big Butterfly Count. At 2pm today less than 500 reports had been received & not much from Hampshire and Isle of Wight by the look of it. So if the sun shines or at least if it does not rain please use the opportunity to add your records.

shaun barrett reports from andover (SU347466) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (19), Meadow Brown (15), Ringlet (13), Gatekeeper (9), Small Skipper (16), Large Skipper (5), Comma (3), silver y (2), five spot burnet (4), cinnabar (1), shaded broad bar (4).

R A Hume reports from Amberwood Enclosure, New Forest (SU216143) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "At long last I have joined the Purple Emperor club for 2012! After spending most of the morning in beautiful sunshine in Abbots Wood Inclosure, with good counts of Silver Washed Fritillary (26) and the White Admiral only (6) and (9) other species, the Emperor was not noted doing its usual Oak Edging and Sallow searching. In fact I met several recorders in the wood who hadn't seen it either. It was time to go to the usual Assembly points and I arrived at Alice Holt Forest (1) at 12:10, and there was patchy blue sky and very little wind, and was quite warm at times. It took about 5 minutes for what I thought was a male sneaking in over the top of an oak stand, and then another possibly flying towards the west a few minutes later. There was no activity and I thought the vista was getting rather enclosed, and will have to get some loppers to trim up the small oaks that hide the vista. It was at 12:22 when the male was seen flying in and around the vista, and three minutes later he was joined by his mate, and they gave chase, high speed jinx through the vista and then in and around their perches again. There was plenty of activity in the bright sunshine, lots of chasing, and then at 12:31 they were joined by another male! This was the best activity I'd seen at this site for several seasons, I thought they may have aborted this site, but nothing doing, they were still there. I stayed for an hour, the sun did disappear and the activity stopped, but returned again towards my allotted hour. I then went on to other Assembly sites, but they seemed to be deserted, until I got to Goose Green Inclosure, where it was reported that up to (6) males had been seen! And sure enough over the hour I was there there was certainly up to that amount, One was in George's vista and (2) chasing regularly at the Cherry tree High point, and then a bit further down there was another pair of males circling around a master Oak, being seen with another male at times. The weather was perfect for them when the sun was out, and they were even chasing at times when the sun had gone in and the temperature was till warm enough. A perfect day!"



Silver-washed Fritillary



Forest high point



White Admiral

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ252934) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Essex Skipper (3), Small Skipper (40), Large Skipper (5), Small Heath (20), Meadow Brown (30), Marbled White (100), Gatekeeper (2). "A walk mid morning around the common in mainly cool breeze and clouds found the above, of note the first Essex skippers, gatekeepers still very slow to show but marbled white in great numbers."



Comma



Essex Skipper



Gatekeeper

Chris Cobb reports from Garden (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

nick lawrence reports from goose green (su804415) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3).

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (7), Meadow Brown (7), Marbled White (21), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Dark Green Fritillary (4 "Included a mating pair").



Dark Green Fritillary

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood (SU5310) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (4), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (50), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (8 "including one valezina"), White Admiral (2). "About four hours observing with the only significant butterfly activity in the twenty minutes or so of sunshine. Also seen were three Small Purple-barred moths and a Southern Hawker dragonfly."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Magdalen Hill (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (29 "29 +"), Meadow Brown (24 "24 +"), Marbled White (36 "36 + ; numerous"), Green-veined White (3), Cinnabar (1), Six spotted burnet (2), Large Skipper (3), Small Skipper (6), Essex Skipper (3), *Nemophora metallica* (5 "? on Scabious"). "17 deg C; 50% sunshine; No blues".

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU809410) where the following observations were made: Comma (7), Gatekeeper (1), Large Skipper (8), Large White (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Emperor (6), Purple Hairstreak (3), Red Admiral (7), Ringlet (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (62), Small Skipper (9), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (22).

Hazel Pratt reports from Stockbridge Down (SU383345) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Large Skipper (4), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (40), Ringlet (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Small Heath (6), Small Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Large White (1).

peter gardner reports from micheldever woods (SU559417) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (6), White Admiral (1 "flying fast by our noses"), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (50), Meadow Brown (27), Marbled White (23), Small Skipper (3), Large Skipper (2). "short periods of very warm sun then cloud that sort of day".



Large Skipper



Marbled White



Silver-washed Fritillary

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (SU255290) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Large Skipper (32), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (40), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Small Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (5). "Visit made from 10.40 to 15.40 in mostly cloudy conditions with occasional bright spells. Another low count."



Silver-washed Fritillary



White Admiral



Comma

Roy Symonds reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (50 "50 plus"), Ringlet (16), Marbled White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (24), White Admiral (7), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (2). "Spent a few hours in the morning in Straits, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Purple Emperor, unfortunately I did not see it, although Colin Baker reported he had seen it earlier in the morning! Still a poor year with barely half a dozen White Admirals and two dozen Silver Washed Fritillary's flying in ideal conditions."

Roy Symonds reports from Goose Green Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU806415) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1). "Having spent the morning unsuccessfully looking for the Purple Emperor I ventured to Goose Green after lunch. At around 1:30pm I met a helpful guy with a telescope focussed on a male Emperor sitting on a leaf upon the favoured Sweet Chestnut master tree. This gave a fantastic close up of this regal of butterflies, although during the time I was there he did not chased any intruders!"

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Marbled White (2), Ringlet (2), Small Heath (1), Chalkhill Blue (2 "Males"), Comma (1). "After visiting Alice Holt Forest I called into Chalton Down on my way home. The temperature was 16°C but little was flying. I was however pleased to record my first Chalkhill Blues of the year. Hopefully there will be many more here soon!"



Chalkhill Blue



Silver-washed Fritillary

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse Newtown (SZ429906) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Ringlet (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), White Admiral (4). "Silver-washed fritillaries in pristine condition seen in a forty minute window of sunshine!"

Susan Lambert reports from Rownhams Wood (SU387178) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (6), Large Skipper (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), White Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2), Scarce Chaser (1).



Ringlet



Silver-washed Fritillary



Scarce Chaser

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (12), Large Skipper (3), Small White (2), Essex Skipper (2 "Settled on my hand so saw the black antenna.").



Essex Skipper



Cinnabar larva

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar in my garden"), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni").

Chris Hall reports from Broad Oak Common (SU752518) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (18), Ringlet (3), Small Skipper (4), Essex Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Six-spot Burnet (2). "The usual mainly cloudy and cool conditions of this summer. Most species seen at rest or disturbed by walking through grass. My first Essex Skipper of 2012."

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "2nd brood male"), Small Skipper (10), Essex Skipper (17), Small Copper (1 "very fresh 2nd brood"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (42), Gatekeeper (1 "male"), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "2nd brood males"), Small Skipper (2 "male & female"), Meadow Brown (13), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "male"), Essex Skipper (2 "males"), Small/Essex Skipper (4), Small White (2 "2nd brood males"), Small Copper (3 "2nd brood"), Marbled White (9), Meadow Brown (22), Cinnabar (1).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Essex Skipper (3 "including a mating pair"), Small/Essex Skipper (3), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Small Copper (1 "2nd brood"), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (7), Silver Y Moth (1 "taking mallow nectar").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2 "males").

David Tinling reports from Brown-down South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "male"), Essex Skipper (1 "female"), Small Copper (1 "2nd brood"), Gatekeeper (1 "male"), Cinnabar (2 Larval), Mullein BF2221 (1 Larval).

P GAMMAGE reports from Havant Thicket (SU716110) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (0 "roughly same locality and time as previous day").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "Female - feeding on Perpetual Wallflower.").

Saturday 14th July

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1 "very fresh male,my first of 2012,at last").

DAVID GOWER reports from ALDERSHOT COMMON (SU846504) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5 "just before the rain"), Essex Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1).

DAVID GOWER reports from ALDERSHOT COMMON (SU846505) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (12), Small Skipper (3). "Seen within 15 mins".

DAVID GOWER reports from ALDERSHOT COMMON (SU845503) where the following observations were made: Mint Moth (1 "in the drizzle").

DAVID GOWER reports from ALDERSHOT COMMON (SU836502) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (1 "MALE"). "Watched it for 20 mins in fairly heavy rain on heather while Farnborough air show in the skies".

P GAMMAGE reports from Havant Thicket (SU716110) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "in flight along ride at c13:30").

Andy Bolton reports from Bransbury Common (SU419420) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (32), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (18), Small Skipper (6), Small Copper (1 "A fresh one").

Friday 13th July

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU658063) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (10). "A cloudy and windy day where the temperature was 16°C. With a strong wind most butterflies were resting in the long grass. Most of the Marbled Whites were located around Fort Widley." /p>

Colin Baker reports from Goose Green (SU804415) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (3 "Males"). "A flying visit to Goose Green on the Alice Holt complex at 3pm,just as the sun appeared,gave me my own aeronautical display as I watched 3 male Purple Emperor's doing what they do best,namely playing "Catch the leader". At one time one spiraled almost to the ground as it chased a dead leaf as it fell out of the tree. How assuring to know that at least 3 individuals have managed to survive the tempest. One wonders how many butterflies wont at the end of this awful summer."

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Downland Area (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (9), Meadow Brown (2), Large White (1). "30 mins visit at 3.45 pm, Patchy Sun & a fresh breeze".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Straits Enclosure (SU800400) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (100), Comma (19), Meadow Brown (50), Silver-washed Fritillary (45), White Admiral (28), Red Admiral (4), Small Skipper (4), Large Skipper (11), Marbled White (3), Green-veined White (1). "3:30 - 4:30 pm; 17 C overcast then brightened up to 19.5 C 50% cloud cover."

Andy Bolton reports from Garden at Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch (SU462478) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from St Mark's Churchyard,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "very fresh 2nd brood female taking lavender nectar"), Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (2 "mating pair in my garden").

Mervyn Grist reports from Quarley Hill (SU263426) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Marbled White (2). "These were seen on the hilltop during a rather damp evening visit by an archaeological group which had been specially arranged with the private estate."

Thursday 12th July

Terry Hotten writes: "This morning I counted at least 9 Silver-studded Blues, all males, in the wet heath area of Hazeley Heath (SU764581). On the reclaimed area I counted 5 Marbled Whites along with good numbers of Meadow Browns and Ringlets, a few Small and Large Skippers and a single Red Admiral."

Sue Lambert reports from Rownhams Wood (SU387178) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (1), Ringlet (2), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), White Admiral (1), Broad-bodied Chaser (1). "A short trip before the rain settled in yielded 6 species, including my first sighting of a Gatekeeper. But according to a gentleman, who has walked here for 50 years, there are very few butterflies as compared to earlier years."



Gatekeeper



Silver-washed Fritillary

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Widley (SU659067) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (22 "9 am visit, Sunny").

Mike Wildish reports from Penton Mewsey (SU335475) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Ringlet (1), Green-veined White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Down (SU345485) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (4).

Mike Wildish reports from Chalk Croft (SU335485) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (3).

peter gardner reports from pit down (SU435312) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (8), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (5), Meadow Brown (12), Ringlet (7), Marbled White (18). "we arrived in the rain, we left in the rain and it rained inbetween, we were thankful for the good english butterfly, thy fly even in the rain, we only visited the east corner. thats why the numbers were low, we are not so waterproof".



Comma



Dark Green Fritillary



Small Skipper

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU564616) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (115), Meadow Brown (5), Speckled Wood (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), White Admiral (7), Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (2), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Silver Y (2). "A late morning walk as it clouded over. Ringlets were typically abundant in the soggy grass, but nothing else was; looking bad for the Fritillaries".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Shaded Broad-bar (47), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (3), Small Skipper (64 "taking nectar from red & white clover"), Marbled White (39), Meadow Brown (30). "Cloudy after weak early sunshine; grassland partly flooded after yesterday's heavy thundery showers".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Shaded Broad-bar (3), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (4 "taking nectar from tufted vetch"), Small Skipper (35), Marbled White (13), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (5). "Drizzle after weak early sunshine; grassland partly flooded after yesterday's heavy thundery showers".

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Shaded Broad-bar (1).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Small/Essex Skipper (2), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (2), Silver Y Moth (1).

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1 "female"), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (5). "Butterflies are few & far between in many exposed places this wet & windy summer".

Geoff Baker reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Marbled White (20), Red Admiral (1 "on bramble flowers at woodland edge"), Ringlet (20), Meadow Brown (10), 6 spot burnet moths (3). "moderate wind, but warm sun. Only spent 1/2 an hour in a fairly small area of the reserve".

Robert Guest reports from Upton Grey (SU691486) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (30), Meadow Brown (20), Gatekeeper (1), Large Skipper (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (1 "freshly emerged 27.5 days after spinning cocoon in my garden").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (8), Holly Blue (1 "female"), Marbled White (22), Meadow Brown (31).

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni"), Speckled Wood (2).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen in late afternoon feeding on Buddleia").

Wednesday 11th July

john hunt reports from bartley heath (SU728531) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (11), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (2), Marbled White (2), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (10), Ringlet (31), Silver-washed Fritillary (4). "Bartley Heath transect only possible nine times this year. Areas waterlogged and inaccessible due to strong growth. Numbers down by 87% up to today. Count of 64 today improves the figure to 78%. Today's figure last year was 136".

Richard Carpenter and Heather Anthony reports from Whiteley Pastures/Botley Wood (SU5410) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Ringlet (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), White Admiral (1). "Three hours observing mostly in showers but with occasional sunny periods".

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (8), Meadow Brown (30), Ringlet (18), Silver-washed Fritillary (4). "An early afternoon visit to BSM where we found an impressive collection of tall purple thistles. It was wonderful to see the meadow browns and ringlets rise en masse from the grasses as the sun emerged from behind the clouds. A short glimpse of summer!".

Jan hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (52), Meadow Brown (21), Ringlet (16), Small Skipper (3), Small Blue (2), Silver Y moth (5), Cinnabar moth (1). "Mix of sunshine and cloud over 2 hours during the afternoon. Very windy in exposed areas".

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622263) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "First this year"), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (4), Red Admiral (2). "1 Cinnabar Moth and 4 Scarlet Tiger moths".

Mark Tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708206) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (8), Small Heath (2), Ringlet (1).

Dave Law reports from Bentley Wood (SU220298) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "hutchinsoni"), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (30), Purple Emperor (1 "Flying around top of Oak at Switchback"), Purple Hairstreak (1), Red Admiral (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (27), White Admiral (5), Ringlet (30). "A beautiful morning at Bentley after a torrential downpour between 9 - 10 am .No White letter Hairstreaks seen despite a group of 8 people searching the usual Wych Elms . Considering its mid July , Bentley is very disappointing this year for the volume of butterflies observed as is mirrored in my local woods around Shaftesbury although i can,t help feeling that a few days of good sun could cause a mass emergence . . . hopefully .Record book shows this to be only the second Emperor sighting so far ! !".

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (6), Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (0), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (2). "Weather poor, temp. 15 C."

Sorrel Johnson-Hughe reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (33), Meadow Brown (18), Small Heath (15), Ringlet (3 "First time I've seen them on Beggarwood this year.").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Comma (4 "hutchinsoni"), Cinnabar (1).

David Tining reports from Hasleworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

Tuesday 10th July

Terry Hotten reports: "I had a plume moth, possibly a Common Plume, Emmelina monodactyla, sheltering from the showers in my car this morning at Cove SU860560."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I took some time off over the last few days hoping for some Emperoring weather,but putting in for leave over a year ago, how was I to know what the weather was going to be like?..... but its still raining, so I went to a local patch of grassland just off of the beach about 10 minutes from my house known as Fort Cumberland, and here the following were seen under heavy leaden skies: Marbled White (25) Meadow Brown (15) Small Skipper (3) Large Skipper (1) Small Heath (1). This site although a local nature reserve part of an old shingle beach is overgrown with all manner of wildflowers, and in good weather should have quite an attraction, for many other species. It was here that a Large Tortoiseshell was seen for a few days a few years ago, but I never lived near here then! There is also the Dartford Warbler and the Smooth Snake as added attractions at this site."



Fort Cumberland

Hazel Pratt reports from Goose Green (SU807417) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (6), Purple Emperor (3), Large Skipper (2), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1). "I took advantage of the sunny intervals at lunchtime to visit Goose Green where I was rewarded with my first sightings of Purple Emperor this year. At 1.35pm two of them emerged from the top of the roadside sweet chestnut tree. A third also emerged a few seconds later and flew off in a different direction from the first two which were spiralling in the air. This activity continued intermittently for half an hour or so until there was a heavy shower and I left."

Andy Barker reports: "When doing the Magdalen Hill Down butterfly transect this afternoon between showers, I was very pleased to find a freshly emerged [Chalkhill Blue](#), my first for the season. Other than this, the highlights were 113 Marbled Whites and 45 Ringlets."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "A very tatty specimen trying to shelter from the rain under the eaves.").

Monday 9th July

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Small Skipper (4).

Mark tutton reports from Cosham (SU638055) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (3), Large White (5), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (25), Small White (2), White-letter Hairstreak (7).

Chris Cobb reports from Wickham Common (SU587105) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (11). "Heavy Cloud, half hour visit at 3.30pm".

David Tining reports from Gosport Ramparts(No 1 Bastion),Gosport (SZ622995) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (17), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (15), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (14).

David Tining reports from Haslar Marina(west),Gosport (SZ619994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Cackle Pond,Gosport (SZ619997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads south (SU717267) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (8), Ringlet (1). "we were very surprised to see any butterflies at all ,no sun but no wind. we only went about a mile up the road when rain drops came falling down,so that ended our short walk. but we were pleased to see those."



Meadow Brown



Meadow Brown



Ringlet

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (1 "taking verbena bonariensis nectar"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking verbena bonariensis nectar"). "in my garden".

Sunday 8th July

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (9), Marbled White (11). "4 pm patchy sun, half hour visit."

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Arboretum meadows (SU368384) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (2), Large Skipper (5), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (10), Red Admiral (3), Ringlet (4).

Steve Keen reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (84), Dark Green Fritillary (75), Small Heath (52), Marbled White (24), Ringlet (11), Large Skipper (7), Small Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Stenoptilia pterodactyla (8), Chimney Sweeper (7), Celypha lacunana (4), Silver Y (3), Yellow Shell (2), Crambus lathionellus (2), Opsitotys (Anania) fuscalis (2), Crambus perlella (1), Common Carpet (1), Platyptilia

(Gillmeria) pallidac (1), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1). "Far from ideal conditions but pretty good counts, I suspect the butterflies realised as much as I did that it's possibly not going to get any more suitable."

Steve Keen reports from IBM Lake (SU648053) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (2), Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (1), Holly Blue (1), Small White (1), Large White (1). "Thanks to Tim Doran for detailed directions, a bit of a wait but cracking views in the end."

shaun barrett reports from harewood forest (SU4045) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Large Skipper (9), Marbled White (35), Meadow Brown (21), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (14), Silver-washed Fritillary (16), Small Skipper (14), White Admiral (8), Gatekeeper (3).

Sue Lambert reports from West Wood (SU417295) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (8), Small Skipper (3), Red Admiral (5), Ringlet (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Dark Green Fritillary (9), Marbled White (17), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (3), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (13), Scarlet Tiger (3), Large Yellow Underwing (1), Silver Y Moth (4), Narrow-bordered 5 spot Burnet (5). "Six of us visited West Wood for a butterfly walk today hoping for some sightings and we were rewarded with 12 species. The Fritillaries were flying strongly - the Silver-washed in the wood and the Dark Green mainly on the down area, although we did see three at the main path crossing. There were many Ringlets in the wood and Marbled Whites were mainly on the down. I only stayed for the morning so do not know what was seen after lunch."



Dark Green Fritillary



Dark Green Fritillary



Small Skipper

Mark tutton reports from Alice Holt (SU808409) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (7), White Admiral (8), Large Skipper (9), Ringlet (20), Meadow Brown (30), Silver-washed Fritillary (16), Speckled Wood (5), Purple Hairstreak (4), Marbled White (1), Red Admiral (3), Comma (1), Purple Emperor (2).

Richard Somers Cocks reports from Hollybank Woods, Emsworth (SU745084) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (3).



White Admiral



White Admiral



Silver-washed Fritillary

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (116), Meadow Brown (79), Small Heath (49), Small Skipper (40), Large Skipper (7), Red Admiral (4), Small Copper (3), Gatekeeper (2). "A good walk around the common on a sunny morning begun to show how good this site can perform, with my best count of marbled white since recording here making up for a low species count. of note my first gatekeepers and a huge influx of silver y moth."



Small Skipper



Marbled White

Ed Merritt reports from Frohawk Ride (Parkhill Inclosure) (SU318052) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (5), Meadow Brown (2), Ringlet (23), Silver-washed Fritillary (2).



Ringlet



Ringlet

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap / Churchplace Inclosures (SU3409) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (4), Ringlet (5), Small Skipper (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), White Admiral (8). "Cycled a complete loop around this inclosure complex and saw the above butterflies."



White Admiral

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (9), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Small White (2 "fresh 2nd brood male & female"), Comma (2 "hutchinsoni"), Marbled White (11), Meadow Brown (35), Speckled Wood (1), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (4 "taking Red Clover nectar").

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (11 "taking Red Clover nectar"), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (26), Silver Y Moth (6).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (9), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Small White (2 "2nd brood males"), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (1).

Chris Cobb reports from Pitt Down (SU416293) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "Poorly Female"), Small Skipper (2), Marbled White (40), Dark Green Fritillary (40), Meadow Brown (25). "Further to Sue Lambert's record of the mornings Field trip, 5 of us went on to Pitt down in the afternoon. The Quantities of Marbled Whites and Dark Green Fritillaries I have entered could have been higher ?? Please for other members of our little group to amend if needed. All in all it was amazing considering the previous days downpour."



Marbled White



Dark Green Fritillary

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "5 males & 1 female,2nd brood,taking bramble nectar").

Saturday 7th July

Chris Hall reports from Aldershot Common (SU8450) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (8), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (1). "For what it is worth, a total of eight silver studded blues seen roosting in very wet conditions on Aldershot Common. One even flew a few metres between the persistent showers. Also two meadow browns and a large skipper disturbed during a walk around, mainly to admire the bog asphodel. The heath is much wetter now than when we did management there last January!".

Friday 6th July

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Made a vain effort to Alice Holt Forest today but it rained most of the time I was there, I did get to see Marbled White (1) Many Meadow Browns which fly in most weather and several Ringlets."



Marbled White



Ringlet

Thursday 5th July

Chris Cobb reports from Browdown North (SU583997) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (2), Small Skipper (2). "10.45pm Sunny & Humid".

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking on bramble "), Marbled White (20 "both basking and on the wing"), Meadow Brown (40 "large numbers "), Red Admiral (1 "perched on valerian"), Ringlet (40 "numerous roaming widely"), Speckled Wood (2). "warm and humid conditions under rolling cloud".

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (55), Ringlet (80), Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (1), White Admiral (2 "Very active despite overcast skies and temp. of only 18 Celsius").

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir (SU608073) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (1 "Very tatty male."), Marbled White (60), Meadow Brown (80).

Mike Wildish reports from Weyhill (SU315463) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Ringlet (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Lane (SU316455) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Large Skipper (3), Ringlet (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Meadow Brown (7), Ringlet (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (8), Meadow Brown (7).

Terry Hotten reports: "A good number of fresh Ringlets flying this afternoon at Southwood Meadows together with a few Meadow Browns and a couple of Silver Y moths."

Richard Somers Cocks reports from Brook Meadow, Emsworth (SU751060) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3 "Both male and female seen").



Small Skipper

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (43 "Including 1 mating pair"), Small Heath (11), Red Admiral (2), Meadow Brown (23), Common Blue (1). "3.15pm. A mix of sunshine and cloud, approx 18 degrees. Took a walk around Beggarwood park perimeter for 1.5hrs and saw a huge difference in the number of butterflies today. Possibly also saw a Speckled Wood but it was away to quickly into the woods to check."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "A look around Milton Lock and Milton Common after work while the sun was out! and it was very warm and the following were seen on the wing. Marbled White (2) Meadow Brown (5) Red Admiral (5) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Small White (6) Silver 'Y' Moths"

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (48), Meadow Brown (31), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (11 "First sighting this year"), Small Blue (7), Small Skipper (1 "First sighting this year"), Small Heath (3), Cinnabar moths (3), Silver Y moths (9), Plume moth (1), Burnet moth (1), Burnet Companion (2).

John Roberts reports from Ashlet Creek (SU475017) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (27), Marbled White (3), Painted Lady (0). "Sunny and warm time 1530".

Ron Stephens reports from car park of Vauxhall car dealer (SU878498) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU627232) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (122), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (1). "4 Scarlet Tiger Moths".

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU804415) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (2), Marbled White (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Meadow Brown (2), White Admiral (2), Purple Hairstreak (2), Large Skipper (3), Ringlet (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1). "Spent four hours in Alice holt and bumped into Matthew Oates in Goose Green car park who had just seen his first Emperor of the year. Within fifteen minutes it reappeared briefly but despite staying for two hours it did not reappear. I then took a run over to another territory where I stayed for a further two hours for one more brief sighting. Although I had a good number of species the numbers of each were very low even in quite pleasant conditions."

shaun barrett reports from bentley wood (SU257291) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (24), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (13), Ringlet (20), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2 "two very tatty ones in eastern clearing"), Small Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Comma (2), White Admiral (3), large yellow underwing (1), four dotted footman (1), silver y (1), five spotted burnet (4). "a late afternoon visit to bentley today turned out to be very fruitful the sun was out and so where the butterflies saw my first white admiral and silver washed fritillary and good numbers of large skipper".

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ602866) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (8), Meadow Brown (6), Small Heath (4). "Lovely sunny corner where the butterflies seemed to forget what a terrible summer we are having!".

Ian Pratt reports from Branstone (SZ557835) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (8), Large Skipper (10). "Late evening sun kept these butterflies active."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (63), Marbled White (9). "the sun came out towards the end of morning and a walk around the grass paths of the meadow in the bottom of the garden found the best show of meadow brown and marbled white ive seen on this site."



Meadow Brown



Meadow Brown



Meadow Brown

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ247995) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Meadow Brown (47), Ringlet (18), Marbled White (7), Green-veined White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Large Skipper (11), Small Skipper (1). "A late afternoon walk around the main rides found the above, of note the huge lack of fritillary species plus no sign of white admiral."



Red Admiral



Ringlet



Ringlet

Andrew Hill reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU792429) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Marbled White (2), Comma (1), Small Skipper (2), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (12).

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU582359) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (50), Marbled White (40), Meadow Brown (50), Small Heath (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Skipper (3), Large Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (2). "a very good day butterflies every where ,how thy are surviving heaven knows ,its great to see them all,we have halved the silver washed number to compensate for the distance thy fly".



Meadow Brown



Silver-washed Fritillary



Small Skipper

Holly Humphries reports from Poets Way (SU469297) where the following observations were made: Scarlet Tiger (1 "inside our house in residential area, fine warm day outside, mid-morning, flew off in afternoon").



Scarlet Tiger

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (25), Marbled White (7), Small Heath (9). "Visited this site in the afternoon where there was cloud. The temperature was 18Â°C, but butterflies only seemed to be disturbed from the grass."

Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU719092) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (5), White Admiral (1), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (4).

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant garden (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Silver Y (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (12), Essex Skipper (3 "male & female"), Large Skipper (5), Small White (2), White Admiral (1 "female"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2 "old & fresh"), Marbled White (19), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (9).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1 "male taking nectar from creeping thistle"), Meadow Brown (15), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3 "males"), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Small White (3 "2 fresh males & 1 old female"), Marbled White (11), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (27), Silver Y Moth (4), Cinnabar (3), Cinnabar (1 Larval).

David Tinling reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (56), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Marbled White (16), Meadow Brown (22), Small Heath (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "First of the year here at Pamber"), Marbled White (3).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (28 "taking nectar from Red & White Clover and Creeping Thistle"), Essex Skipper (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Marbled White (23 "taking nectar from Red & White Clover and Creeping Thistle"), Meadow Brown (25), Small Heath (7), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (36 "taking Creeping Thistle nectar"), Silver Y Moth (6), Shaded Broad-bar (3).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (32 "taking nectar from Red & White Clover and Common Vetch"), Essex Skipper (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (12), Small Heath (7), Cinnabar (3), Silver Y Moth (2), Yellow Shell (1), Shaded Broad-bar (2).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1), White Admiral (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2). "& others".

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

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (15), Large Skipper (3), Small Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1).



Small Skipper

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

Anne McCue reports from Little Woodham Lane, Gosport (SU585002) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Large Skipper (2), Small White (1), Comma (2), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (5).

mark swann reports from bentley wood (SU256302) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (2 "near east gate").

David W Hunt reports from our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on nettles. Quite a small, fresh looking specimen").

Wednesday 4th July

Peter Hunt reports from Ningwood Common, IOW (SZ395900) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Comma (1), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (20), Meadow Brown (30), Ringlet (10), White Admiral (1), Small Heath (5). "A brief period this afternoon when the sun shone on the heathland and woodland edge."



Marbled White



Small Skipper

shaun barrett reports from andover (SU348466) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (1), Comma (1), Marbled White (23), Meadow Brown (11), Small Skipper (14), Large Skipper (5), Ringlet (6), silver y (6), white plume moth (1), pyrausta purpuralis (1), emmelina monodactyla (2), crambus pascuella (5).

shaun barrett reports from andover (SU347466) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (1).

mark swann reports from rownhams wood (SU387178) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (17), **Purple Emperor** (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Ringlet (5), Red Admiral (7). "Very cloudy with drizzle but warm good numbers of white admirals which came out on the Thursday not seen them flying in such grotty weather before . Only 1 swf but no dgf s seen . Bonus of a pe down main track".

John Goodspeed reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU643205) where the following observations were made: wood tiger moth (6 "qty is estimated they were pretty active south of the hill fort").



Wood Tiger

Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU719092) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Ringlet (2), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (3).

Monday 2nd July

Paul Crook reports from Straits Enclosure (SU803400) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (6), White Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Meadow Brown (10), Ringlet (2).

Sunday 1st July

David Buckler reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (8), Speckled Wood (3). "10.30-1130am, Cool and breezy, warm when sun shone, and butterflies appeared. Also tit flock of about 100 crossed the path, must be a good tit year!".

David Buckler reports from Goose Green, Bucks Horn Oak. (SU804416) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1). "No emperors."

Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse (SZ358888) where the following observations were made: **Gatekeeper** (1), Meadow Brown (0), Red Admiral (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Marbled White (7), Small Heath (12), Cinnabar Moth (1). "Sunny, but very windy F5-6".



Silver-washed Fritillary

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I visited the Meon Valley and the following butterflies were on the wing: Large Skipper (9) Red Admiral (2) Meadow Brown (100+) Ringlet (50+) Marbled White (37) Dark Green Fritillary (32) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Small Blue (4) Common Blue (3) Small Heath (45). The weather may be lousy for many butterflies but for the wildflowers its been a boon, every where Ive been the wild Delphinians, Thistles, Devils-Bit Scabious, Ox-eye Daisy, Kidney Vetch, and a host of other wild flowers look a picture."



Dark Green Fritillary



Large Skipper



Ringlet

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (1). "we are seeing about 6 Scarlet Tigers a day. On a recent visit to Norfolk we saw about 23 Swallowtails on Hickling and Horsey Broads."

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood. (SU252291) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (0 "50-60+"), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (4), White Admiral (2). "A windy and often very cloudy day with light showers and rather cool, visit times 0940-1530. Another disappointingly low butterfly count for me, although Large Skippers were seemingly everywhere!".



Dark Green Fritillary



Green-veined White



Silver-washed Fritillary

David Lobb reports from Lordswood (SU397161) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "Large Skipper flew on to Scabious flower for around 10 minutes and then flew to a perch on an evergreen plant for over 50 minutes. Only butterfly seen in the garden lately, but last Sunday noted 1 comma and 2 Small Whites along with a swift visit from two Red Admirals. Today a chance to try out the new camera, a Fuji Finepix S. Overall a poor butterfly season in the garden also little in the way of Moth activity.")

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ246995) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (12), Small Skipper (2), Large Skipper (1). "an early morning walk down the main ride was once again hampered by the clouds and wind, but found my first silver washed."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Marbled White

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (42), Marbled White (18), Small Heath (51), Large Skipper (6), Small Skipper (5), Red Admiral (2), yellow shell (1), brown silverline (1), silver y (2). "although again high winds on this coast made hard work of quartering the common in the afternoon, at least the sun was out for longer periods which brought the temperatures up and some butterflies more visible."



Small Skipper



Meadow Brown

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU805403) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Meadow Brown (12), Large Skipper (8), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), White Admiral (3).

Geoff Jones reports from Botley Wood (SU544101) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Marbled White (3), White Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (4), Meadow Brown (5). "a.m. Generally very poor weather conditions with only the occasional brief patch of bright sunlight. Heavy rain around lunchtime prevented further butterfly searching!"



White Admiral

peter gardner reports from micheldever woods (SU532375) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Ringlet (14), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (5), Speckled Wood (4), Red Admiral (4), White Admiral (1). "when we arrived at the site we thought lets go home ,then the sun came out,so we said blowed it lets have a go we travled out here so lets have a look im glad we did . at least we had the small skipper and the white admiral , worth it."



Red Admiral



Small Skipper



White Admiral

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park arboretum meadows (SU369385) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (10), Meadow Brown (1).

Neil Ludford reports from Portchester Common (SU619068) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (3), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1).

Neil Ludford reports from Royal Armouries carpark site (SU608069) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (9).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), Holly Blue (1 "very old female"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1 "old"), Marbled White (1), Speckled Wood (4), Meadow Brown (17), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (4 "taking red clover nectar"), Silver Y Moth (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Red Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (11), Silver Y Moth (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (32), Ringlet (8), Narrow-bordeded Five-spot (2), Silver Y Moth (1). "also a hornet".

Roy Symonds reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (17), Ringlet (3), Speckled Wood (1), White Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (10), Comma (2), Red Admiral (2), Large Skipper (4). "Spent the morning in Straits Inclosure where the temperature ranged between 15 and 18°C. There was a combination of cloud and sun with the odd shower, the last of which was heavy and ended my day. With such a poor summer there was no sign of the Purple Emperor with only 2 White Admirals seen. On this same day 2 years ago in company with my son, Richard, the temperature was 24°C with over 50 White Admirals and over 100 Silver Washed Fritillaries seen."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Large Skipper

Mark Tutton reports from Cosham (SU638055) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (6), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (78), Small White (1), White-letter Hairstreak (14).



White-letter Hairstreak

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU716210) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Meadow Brown (2), Common Blue (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Straits Inclosure (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), White Admiral (2).

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Friday 31st August

Mike Wildish reports from Hook Lane (SU305435) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Green-veined White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton, Broad Road (SU315435) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Village (SU315445) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Stuart Read reports from newport-cowes cyclepath (SZ500936) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Common Blue (2 "in the fields at Medham"), Gatekeeper (2), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (32), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "on a buddleia in Arctic Road"), Speckled Wood (9), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (4), Small Copper (1). "Not a bad tally for the last day of August!"

Geoff Jones reports from Hill Head, Fareham (SU530024) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1). "My first Clouded Yellow sighting of the year. Richard Levett also reported seeing one this morning at Warsash."

Clive Wood reports from Hinton Ampner (SU596275) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (2), Large White (2), Red Admiral (8), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1). "Warm, fresh day, c17C. Mostly seen basking or feeding on buddleia in warm, sheltered spots within the grounds of Hinton Ampner House".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (14 "10 males & 4 females taking sea radish nectar; females rejecting males with upturned abdomen"), Common Blue (1 "female taking ragwort nectar"), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"). "900-935".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1). "955-1025".

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female"), Small Copper (2 "taking bell heather nectar"), Brown Argus (1 "female"), Common Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2), Grayling (4), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (1 "taking bell heather nectar"), Silver Y Moth (7 "disturbed in daylight"). "1030-1110".

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (8 "6 males & 2 females taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (2 "taking bell heather nectar"), Common Blue (3 "males"), Speckled Wood (3), Grayling (15), Meadow Brown (20), Small Heath (2), Silver Y Moth (32 "disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (1). "1110-1330".

David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Small Copper (2 "males in aerial combat"), Brown Argus (1 "male"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (7), Grayling (15), Gatekeeper (9), Meadow Brown (15), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (2 "disturbed in daylight"), Emperor Dragonfly (3), Common Darter (1). "1350-1540".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "including a mating pair"), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (3 "including a tandem pair egg laying"), Volucella zonaria (1 "large hoverfly"). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Meon Shore (SU524028) where the following observations were made: Small White (5), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (11), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight").

Anne McCue reports from Titchfield Haven Canal Path (SU533030) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (10), Meadow Brown (2), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"), Banded Demoiselle (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Blue-tailed Damselfly (1), Common Darter (1).

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

shashaun barrett reports from broughton down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (7), Brown Argus (4), Chalkhill Blue (16), Large Heath (2), Meadow Brown (47), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (4), Silver-spotted Skipper (4).

shaun barrett reports from B3084 (SU290365) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1). "After two unsuccessful hunts for brown hairsreak at shipton i decided to visit broughton today hoping to see adonis after a great day amongst the blues i began my cycle home to andover feeling very pleased to have seen 7 adonis so i couldnt beleive my luck when i came across afemale brown hairsreak on the edge of the road a few miles from broughton i managed to get a few pics wings open and clored before it flew of into bramble verge".

Mike and Cathy Skitttrall reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU223456) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (2 "2 x F"), Speckled Wood (8), Red Admiral (6), Meadow Brown (50), Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (3), Brimstone (6). "2 Female Brown Hairstreaks seen flying around and settling in an Ash tree. Also seen through binoculars, did not descend to a lower level."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (3 "All Feamles - 1 fresh looking. In long grass."), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (16), Meadow Brown (20 "2 with 2 spots and one with no spots at all."), Small Heath (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (4). "A hour long morning walk around the park perimeter. Quite sunny but breezy. Will add the photo of what I believe is a Meadow Brown with no eye spots at all (not a great picture)."



Small Heath

Thursday 30th August

David Arthur reports from Newchurch, Isle of Wight (SZ564856) where the following observations were made: Jersey Tiger (1 "I have a great photo if required").>



Jersey Tiger



Jersey Tiger

Tom Dunbar Alan Wingrove reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU220457) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Brimstone (10), Common Blue (8), Holly Blue (15), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Brown Hairstreak (3 "2female 1male; one f on ash and one on blackthorn; faded male on ash; very blustery conditions"), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (120), Small Heath (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU742262) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (0), White Ermine (0), Meadow Brown (4), Holly Blue (2). "just a pleasant stroll down the lane with the camera in my hand".



Small Tortoiseshell



White Ermine larva

Sue Davies reports from Afton Down Chalk-pit (SZ365854) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (4 "1 F krodeli variant"), Brown Argus (1), Chalkhill Blue (5), Common Blue (3), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (3), Wall (1). "Lovely warm sunny afternoon very sheltered in chalk-pit. Very worn krodeli Adonis Blue, first F found in this area, male krodeli variants in previous years."

Adonis Blue f ab. *krodeli*

Sue Davies reports from Tennyson Down (SZ320852) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (20), Common Blue (20), Gatekeeper (7), Meadow Brown (3), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Plenty of Chalkhills and Common Blues around mostly roosting in herbs out of the wind on top of down. Most of active butterflies along sheltered track from High-down car park. Sunny but strong wind blowing."

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "very fresh female taking buddleia nectar & with upturned abdomen rejecting male Small White in my garden"). "also other Small Whites,Holly Blues & Red Admirals in my garden".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Blackwater Valley (SU885527) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (2). "All species apart from Speckled Wood seen nectaring on buddleia during a fifteen minute period of sunshine."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (1 "Female"), Chalkhill Blue (6 "Males"), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (33), Speckled Wood (1). "A morning at this site where the temperature was 17.5 degrees. Probably saw the last Chalkhill Blues here this year."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2 "Both Females. 1 on Cats Ear, 1 in grass. Both tatty."), Large White (1 "Overflew"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "latest ever garden record").

Wednesday 29th August

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Garden Carpet BF1728 (1 "disturbed in my garden in daylight").

Tuesday 28th August

stuart read reports from newport-sandown cyclepath (SZ526851) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (15 "mostly favouring hemp agrimony"), Red Admiral (20). "There are encouraging numbers of small tortoiseshells on wing at the moment. They are almost as numerous as red admirals which are enjoying another good year."

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Meadow Brown (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1), Comma (2), Large White (3), Small White (5).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6 "5 male, 1 female"), Gatekeeper (8), Green-veined White (3), Large White (4), Meadow Brown (24), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Very fresh,brilliant colours"), Small White (3), Silver Y Moth (4).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (9), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (1 "female"), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (2), Brown Argus (1 "male"), Small Copper (1). "By mid afternoon the above was found in the garden. of note male brown argus for the forth year running in august."

peter gardner reports from stockbridge down (SU379363) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (10), Small Copper (1), Brown Argus (1), Small Heath (5), Small White (5), Adonis Blue (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (100), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Brimstone (10). "a very good day was had on stockbridgr down,we had an even beter time when whent to our car at theend of our walk. but comes in the next episode."



Adonis Blue



Comma



Silver-spotted Skipper

peter gardner reports from stockbridge down car park (SU384345) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Brimstone (5), Red Admiral (8), Peacock (6), Meadow Brown (3), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (2). "a great surprise ,after a very good walk across the downs".



Peacock, Red Admiral & Small Tortoiseshell

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "All feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (2 "Both females. 1 feeding on Marjoram, 1 on Hebe. "), Mint Moth (1 "On Marjoram").

Andy Bolton reports from East Cholderton (SU294450) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Andy Bolton reports from meadow at Amport (SU307443) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (8), Small Heath (3), Brown Argus (1), Meadow Brown (3), Comma (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males"), Holly Blue (6 "4 males & 2 females;taking bramble nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (15), Vapourer Moth BF2026 (1 "male flying in sunshine"), Common Darter (3). "1105-1130".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (39). "1550-1620".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (31 "taking fleabane nectar"), Small Heath (1 "taking hoary ragwort nectar"), Silver Y Moth (20 "disturbed in daylight"). "1620-1635".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (3), Holly Blue (9), Speckled Wood (7), Meadow Brown (8).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (20 "males"), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (10), Grayling (57), Gatekeeper (13), Meadow Brown (19), Small Heath (3), Silver Y Moth (3 "disturbed in daylight"). "1435-1630".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (6 "5 males & 1 female taking knapweed nectar"), Red Admiral (2 "taking bramble nectar"), Gatekeeper (3 "taking fleabane nectar"), Meadow Brown (26 "taking nectar from knapweed & fleabane").

David Tining reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"), Grayling (28). "& others".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2 "Both Females. 1 on Marjoram and 1 on Hebe"), Red Admiral (4 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Comma (1).

Monday 27th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (4 "Feeding on Marjoram and Fleabane"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Speckled Wood (1 "In long grass"), Large White (1 "Overflow"), Mint Moth (1 "On Marjoram"), Poss Humming Bird Hawk moth (1 Larval "See comments & photo"). "Humming Bird Hawk moth - attached photo is of a caterpillar found late afternoon on 25th August. It was found near a patch of Bedstraw and seemed to be heading towards a gap under a concrete slab. It was apx 40 mm long and seems a fair match to the pictures of HBHM caterpillars on the Moths UK website. We have had HBHM's in the garden both this year and last. Last year a HBHM spent several days in the garden including some time at the same patch of Bedstraw.". (The photo didn't arrive, please send again directly to webmaster@hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk)

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "2 males & 1 female taking buddleia nectar"), Common Blue (1 "female"), Holly Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female "), Red Admiral (8 "taking buddleia nectar"), Comma (1 "hutchinsoni taking buddleia nectar"), Gatekeeper (1 "female"), Silver Y Moth (1 "flying just before dusk"), Mother of Pearl (3 "disturbed in daylight"). "in my garden".

Sunday 26th August

Chris Cobb reports from Beacon Hill, Warnford (SU608225) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (8), Comma (1 Larval "6th Instar"). "30 min visit, cloudy".

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU648211) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Brown Argus (1), Chalkhill Blue (60 "proably more than this."), Meadow Brown (100 "We gave up counting at this stage since they seemed to be everywhere."), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (5), Silver-spotted Skipper (3 "We were very pleased to find these since these were our first sightings of this species this year."), Small Copper (1 "a really fresh specimen."), Small Heath (8), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (6). "Alec and I made this visit in the early afternoon when the weather was mainly cloudy but interspersed with spells of warm sunshine."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU731252) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (0). "the cafe opened very early this morning and brought them in after all the terable rain yesterday we thought thy were all washed away."



Peacock



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU743319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "female"), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (10), Gatekeeper (4).



Brown Hairstreak

Stuart Read reports from St George's Down (SZ507878) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (35 "feasting on buddleia!"), Small Tortoiseshell (15 "best count on the down for some years!"), Chalkhill Blue (25), Meadow Brown (20), Common Blue (1), Comma (1).

Andrew Burns reports from Stockbridge Down (SU390344) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (2), Chalkhill Blue (4), Brown Argus (1), Meadow Brown (20), Small Heath (4), Small Copper (1).

peter gardner reports from beacon hill (SU603230) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (50), Gatekeeper (1), Small Heath (1), Common Blue (1), Chalkhill Blue (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (5), Brown Argus (5). "we had agood time on the hill although we only went along the top twenty yards from the path,[the hill is to steep for me these days] the grass is a bit long but the skippers found some short bits. the warden said said that thy were trying to manage it for the butterflies."



Brimstone



Brown Argus



Silver-spotted Skipper

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU716267) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (3), Small White (1), Large White (4), Gatekeeper (1). "when we got back from beacn hill we our buddlia had these butterflies on it. im glad we went on the walk though".



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell



Small Tortoiseshell

Andrew Burns reports from Stockbridge Down (SU390344) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (4), Brown Argus (1), Chalkhill Blue (6), Meadow Brown (20), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (3), Gatekeeper (1).

Andrew Burns reports from My garden, Foxdown, Overton (SU515505) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (3), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Large White (3).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647209) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Small Heath (2), Small White (1), Large White (3), Painted Lady (2), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (50), Chalkhill Blue (30), Essex Skipper (5), Silver-spotted Skipper (8 "Includes 1 mating pair").



Silver-spotted Skipper



Painted Lady



Essex Skipper

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (173), Small Heath (3), Chalkhill Blue (75), Silver-spotted Skipper (4), Brimstone (3), Gatekeeper (2), Small Skipper (2), Peacock (1), Small White (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (1).



Silver-spotted Skipper

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited one of favourite sites today very early before the weather changed, and at Old Winchester Hill today I saw the following: Speckled Wood (1) Meadow Brown (thousands) Small Heath (6) Chalkhill Blue (36) Common Blue (3) Small Skipper (1) Silver-Spotted Skipper (16) Gatekeeper (5). The weather has played havoc with the ground flora, where it should be still nicely cropped the very wet weather over the last few months has meant there is very few good short turf areas for the Silver-Spotted Skipper. Around the rabbit scrapes the grasses are still ideal, but there seems to be less and less of these delightful butterflies now flying. The lack of warm sunshine has obviously taken its toll as well. I had to search very hard in a timed count over an hour for the (16) including one mating pair which seemed very reluctant to come out of the tall grasses. This is still one of the prime sites in the country, but we certainly need to get back to drier summers if the numbers are to recover. This is probably another reason why the recently introduced Adonis Blue only lasted a couple of seasons."



Old Winchester Hill



Silver-spotted Skipper



Small Heath

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Nursery buddleja display (SU367388) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (2), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (13), Small Tortoiseshell (4 "Highest number here for a long time"). "Brimstones and almost all the Peacocks seem to have hibernated in the past week."

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Large White (5), Brimstone (6), Peacock (4), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "First this year").

Ed Merritt reports from Gurnetfields Furzebrake (SU375048) where the following observations were made: Grayling (6), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (3).



Small Heath

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (1), Brimstone (1), Large White (1).

Saturday 25th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3 "All females - quite tatty. Basking in long grass."), Silver Y Moth (1 "Flushed from Buddleia."), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Holly Blue (1 "Feeding on Marigolds").

Friday 24th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3 "All Females. On Fleabane and basking in grass."), Large White (1 "Overflew"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Meadow Brown (1 "Female. Very fresh. Basking on Perpetual Wallflower.").

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU741317) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (38).

Thursday 23rd August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU729258) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (2), Gatekeeper (1). "came out hot hot just as we were going to old winch hill."



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU675215) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (40), Chalkhill Blue (40), Brimstone (7), Small Heath (5), Silver-spotted Skipper (10). "Great day for climbing very steep hills looking for beautiful butterflies."



Silver-spotted Skipper Silver-spotted Skipper

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "5 Male 2 Female"), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (100 "Plus"), Gatekeeper (8), Small Heath (8), Speckled Wood (2), Chalkhill Blue (56), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (2). "Visited this site once more to find the Silver Spotted Skipper. Finally saw just two in long grass. Temperature was 18 degrees."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (6 "All females. Feeding on Fleabane and basking in long grass."), Small White (1 "Basking in long grass"), Speckled Wood (1 "Fresh looking. Basking in long grass.").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Grayling (55). "& others, 1445-1615".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan (north-west) (including Fort Rowner), Gosport (SU592011) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Common Blue (1 "female"), Holly Blue (2 "taking nectar from bramble & buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "taking buddleia nectar"), Comma (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Speckled Wood (34), Gatekeeper (2 "females taking bramble nectar"), Meadow Brown (6), Silver Y Moth (1), Mother of Pearl (1). "also Common Darter 7, 1000-1225".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan (south-west) (including Fort Grange), Gosport (SU589002) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Holly Blue (5), Red Admiral (4 "taking hemp agrimony nectar"), Speckled Wood (8), Gatekeeper (1 "female"), Meadow Brown (23), Comma (1), Silver Y Moth (5), Mother of Pearl (2). "also Common Darter & Southern Hawker, 1225-1420".

Wednesday 22nd August

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Broughton Down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (20), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Adonis Blue (2), Meadow Brown (30), Brimstone (3), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1). "Very windy cloudy afternoon but our first sighting of Adonis Blue here."



Adonis Blue Adonis Blue

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU572345) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (10), Speckled Wood (12), Green-veined White (11), Meadow Brown (20), Small White (3), Brimstone (8), Gatekeeper (2), Peacock (2), Large White (2). "all though a lot of cloud about ,temp was just right ,butterflies were flying[and stopping]"



Brimstone Holly Blue Speckled Wood

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (10), Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (1), Common Blue (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (14), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1).

Anne McCue reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU640200) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3 "one egg laying"), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Large White (1 "female"), Small White (3), Brimstone (8 "4 males & 4 females"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (5), Chalkhill Blue (100 "approx, including 10 females"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (2), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (200 "approx"), Small Heath (8).

Sue Davies reports from Headen Warren IOW (SZ306859) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Gatekeeper (5), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (3), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (1), Small Heath (9), Speckled Wood (2), Wall (3). "Sunny and warm out of strong SW wind F5-6, butterflies nectaring in sheltered areas, Wall on landslip area clay cliff."

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (3 "males"), Common Blue (2 "male & female"), Holly Blue (11 "6 males & 5 females taking nectar from bramble & ragwort"), Speckled Wood (50 "2 taking ragwort nectar"), Gatekeeper (11 "taking ragwort nectar"), Meadow Brown (48 "taking nectar from ragwort & knapweed"). "also Common Darter 4 & Volucella zonaria (large hoverfly), 1015-1135".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (1). "1150-1200".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3 "males taking bell heather nectar"), Holly Blue (1 "male taking bell heather nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (20), Grayling (56 "taking nectar from bell heather & ling"), Gatekeeper (38 "taking bell heather nectar"), Meadow Brown (34 "taking nectar from knapweed, ragwort & bell heather"), Silver Y Moth (3 "disturbed in daylight"), Rush veneer (1 "disturbed in daylight"), Small Magpie BF1376 (1 "disturbed in daylight"), Emperor Dragonfly (1), Southern Hawker (1 "male"), Common Darter (3). "1230-1610".

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Meadow Brown (6), Gatekeeper (3), Peacock (1).

Tuesday 21st August

Dave Pearson reports from Keyhaven (SZ310921) where the following observations were made: Wall (1). "I made a quick visit to the area near the Lower Balancing Pond this afternoon and found one Wall, actively patrolling its territory. There may well be others around the reserve but I did not have time to look."



Wall

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2 "A windy day. Both Females - sheltering in long grass").

Anne McCue reports from Farlington Marshes (SU680040) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (65), Small Heath (3).

Monday 20th August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU731274) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Meadow Brown (1), Peacock (8), Gatekeeper (0). "the sun came out and the doors open great".



Peacock



Brimstone



Peacock

Sarah Butcher reports from Private garden where the following observations were made: Swallowtail (1 "Seen over last 4 days flying across garden!").

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head garden (SU545026) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (3).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Gatekeeper (5), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (34), Peacock (2), Small Heath (1), Essex Skipper (1), Small Skipper (1), Small White (0). "Cloudy and only moderately warm."

Alan Butterworth reports from Pennington Marsh (SZ330935) where the following observations were made: Wall (3 "Presumably second brood, on the sea wall path beyond the saltens.").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723264) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (1), Brimstone (3). "we have had a check up of the contence of our very small garden that attracts these beautiful creaturs to our garden,this was the the result,11 buddlia, madjoram sedum[sorry about the spelling], when the doors opened they came flying in,".



Peacock



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (1).

c piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (485275) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2).

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (485275) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (800 "on transect walk "), Silver-spotted Skipper (10 "on transect"), Chalkhill Blue (100 "on transect "), Common Blue (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Peacock (10), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (6), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (4), Large White (3), Comma (4), Small White (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Old Railway line nr. Seven Barrows, Litchfield (SU463554) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Pyrausta aurata (40 "very busy on the marjoram"), Pyrausta nigrata (1), Spindle Ermine (12 "nectaring on creeping thistle"), Common Carpet (7).

Andy Bolton reports from Downland combe east of Seven Barrows (SU465551) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (9), Brown Argus (12 "doing quite well - lots of rockrose here."), Common Blue (3 "this is the largest no. I've seen this summer!"), Small Copper (3), Brimstone (3), Peacock (1), Small Skipper (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Beacon Hill north-west corner (SU456577) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Gatekeeper (1), Small Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (12), Silver Y (2), Six-spot Burnet (1).

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (3), Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (9), Speckled Wood (4), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (22). "at 1345".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (2 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (6), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (24), Silver Y Moth (1). "1715-1800".

Andy Bolton reports from Lower Woodcott Down (SU452553) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (11), Essex Skipper (4), Peacock (7), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (3), Silver Y (3).

Sunday 19th August

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent garden (SZ575997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1 "A beautifully fresh one!"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "It was somewhat heart-warming yesterday afternoon to observe these species all enjoying visits to the white and purple buddleias in my front garden. On occasions I was able to observe two species perched on the same flower spike. Less heartwarming perhaps was the fact that I only observed ONE of each species."



Red Admiral



Comma

peter gardner reports from shipton belinger (SU230457) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (4), Brimstone (12), Meadow Brown (20), Small White (2), Gatekeeper (4), Holly Blue (10), Comma (2), Common Blue (8), Peacock (2), Small Heath (1), Green-veined White (1). "very hot windless day when the target was sighted one had to fight our way in at times, no names given, but a worth the while."



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak



Holly Blue

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Went to the New Forest today to see the Grayling and to find out how they were doing as they seem to be fading somewhat in and around Hayling Island now. They didn't disappoint as they seemed to be everywhere, although I didn't venture very far from the car-park at Hawkshill Inclosure, I suspect over the whole area there are literally hundreds. The following were observed on the wing: Gatekeeper (75) Small Skipper (3) Meadow Brown (35) Grayling (32) Peacock (1) Silver-Studded Blue (13) several of these males were straight out of the box, very late or maybe a partial second brood? Painted Lady (1) Red Admiral (1) Silver 'Y' (5) I then zoomed over to Oxenbourne Down where the following were seen in the blistering heat: Small White (5) Brimstone (14) Chalkhill Blue (100+) many looking very tatty and tired now, Small Heath (30) Meadow Brown (100+) Common Blue (17) Gatekeeper (35) Small Skipper (8) still no Silver-Spotted Skipper as yet, Peacock (15) Red Admiral (3) I then went home for a BBQ and I noted over a few hours that the back garden attracted the following: Small Tortoiseshell (1) it alighted many times in the afternoon, Small White too numerous to count, several Large Whites and Holly Blues and Meadow Browns"



Grayling



Hawkshill Inclosure



Common Blue

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU609072) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (56), Small Skipper (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Nursery Buddleja display (SU368387) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Comma (1), Painted Lady (1), Peacock (16), Red Admiral (7), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from St Catherine's Hill (4827) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "rather faded"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (3), Meadow Brown (0 "too many to count"), Chalkhill Blue (0 "too many to count"), Common Blue (2), Peacock (1).

John Roberts reports from Ashlett Creek (SU467030) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (62), Common Blue (14).

David Tining reports from Browdown South (east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Grayling (7), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (7).

David Tining reports from Browdown South (west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh late summer brood, taking bell heather nectar"), Grayling (84 "taking nectar from bell heather & ling"), Gatekeeper (14), Meadow Brown (12), Small Heath (1 "2nd brood"), Silver Y Moth (7).

David Tining reports from Browdown North (south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1 "very fresh summer brood, basking in late afternoon sunshine"), Meadow Brown (4 "taking nectar from fleabane & ragwort"), Silver Y Moth (1).

Rupert Perkins reports from Shipton Bellinger (223457) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "One nectaring on bramble along main track. A few others seen in tree tops."), Brimstone (20), Holly Blue (8). "Hard work to find a nectaring Brown Hairstreak, maybe still too early for egg laying as well. A couple of others seen in the trees and one flew away from bramble back up to the trees as soon as I found it. 14 species seen in all including some stunning Brimstone."

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (4 "3 Male 1 Female"), Meadow Brown (100 "Plus"), Gatekeeper (5), Small Heath (6), Speckled Wood (1), Chalkhill Blue (100 "Plus"), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1). "A very hot (25 degrees), late morning-early afternoon spent here where I walked the main track to the Hill Fort and back via the steps through to the woods and returning to the main car park. No sign of any Silver Spotted Skippers, but plenty of Chalkhill Blues and Meadow Browns, probably in excess of my estimations."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Bashley (SZ245973) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (18), Red Admiral (3), Essex Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (2), Large White (1). "1 - 2pm. 28 C".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Magdalen Hill (SU512292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Chalkhill Blue (100), Gatekeeper (20), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (2), Large White (6), Meadow Brown (30), Small Blue (1), Small Skipper (1), Peacock (1), Silver - Y (2). "4:30 pm. 28 C. Although we only saw 1, someone else had seen at least 6 Small Blues just before us."

Sue Lambert reports from Blashford Lakes (SU150080) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Meadow Brown (6), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (4), Brimstone (4), Comma (2), Common Blue (3), Small Copper (2), Blue Damselfly (0), Red-eyed

Damselfly (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1). "Most of the butterflies were seen around the buddlia near the centre. The Small Copper and Common Blue were on the meadow near Ivy north hide."



Small Tortoiseshell



Small Copper



Blue Damselfly

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Common Blue (8), Holly Blue (1), Small Blue (1), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (16).

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU564616) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (4), Ringlet (1). "Some additional off transect sightings of note."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Overflew"), Holly Blue (1 "Overflew"), Silver Y Moth (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (8 "2 Males/6 Females. Feeding on Fleabane & Watermint.").

Saturday 18th August

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ572782) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (15), Adonis Blue (15), Chalkhill Blue (12), Comma (1 "Possibly one or Wall flying fast across Downs"), Common Blue (8), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Gatekeeper (8), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (4), Small Copper (1). "Very good day for seeing four of the blues flying together."

Chris Hall reports from Long Hill (SU831518) where the following observations were made: Peacock (12), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Walking home along a track through an unremarkable pinewood, apart from several buddleias along the track margins. Nine peacocks and a silver-washed fritillary on the flowers; three more peacocks on hemp agrimony. Easily the most peacocks I have seen on any date this year. The fritillary presumably originated from the small colony at Bourley. Some good news about graylings: numbers were well down in July but impressions are that they are increasing during the current warm weather."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Speckled Wood (1 "Very faded specimen basking on Gorse bush"), Holly Blue (1 "Overflew"), Gatekeeper (7 "Now all females. Feeding on variety of flowers."), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Farley Mount (west end) (4129) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Meadow Brown (23), Brimstone (8), Holly Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Common Blue (4).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Crab Wood (4329) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Peacock (6), Brimstone (3), Meadow Brown (2), Holly Blue (1). "Silver washed fritillaries - some tatty and faded Peacocks - very fresh Both feeding on hemp agrimony".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725271) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (5), Gatekeeper (1). "just came back from a week hols in east sussex great, we had a week in self catering in seafood ,if you need a dood holiday with lots of butterflie ,try it, it s central to the best sites. we came home with 5 peacocks flying around our buddlia."



Brimstone



Peacock

Andy Barker writes: "This afternoon, Linda and I were lucky enough to see 5 Brown Hairstreaks (3 male, 2 female) low down at Shipton Bellinger. Three were nectaring on Creeping Thistle, and amazingly they were within a metre of each other on neighbouring flowerheads. It's the first time we've seen a group of three nectaring together like this. The other two were seen elsewhere, nectaring on bramble flowers. Other butterflies included Holly Blue (12) and Peacock (13). It's the first time we've recorded these species in double-figures this year, but over the last week it seems that Peacocks have had a good emergence."



Brown Hairstreak

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622050) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1), Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (1 "Nectaring on buddleja"), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Garden, Castle Street, Portchester (SU621048) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male, on Buddleja dav. 'Autumn Glory'"), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Comma (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Broadgardens, Portchester (SU623044) where the following observations were made: Comma (6 Larval "Feeding on Gooseberry"), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (12), Large White (20 Larval "on Brussel Sprouts"), Small White (2), Small White (4 Larval "On cabbage").

Sue Lambert reports from Leckford (SU374376) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Very tatty"), Green-veined White (4), Small White (2), Large White (1), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (5), Gatekeeper (1), Brimstone (2), Azure damselfly (1). "While on a Fungi Foray at Leckford there were 10 species seen".



Comma



Peacock

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU391360) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (100 "1 mating pair"), Chalkhill Blue (60), Small White (1), Small Heath (13 "including a mating pair"), Brimstone (15), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (4), Silver-spotted Skipper (2 "a mating pair"), Comma (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1). "A visit here to see silver-spotted skippers was unsuccessful after one hour but a decision to visit the western section led to a sighting of a mating pair. The buddlia in the car park yielded six species."



Small Heath



Silver-spotted Skipper

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Common Blue (1 "female"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1), Volucella pellucens (1 "large hoverfly"). "in my garden".

Anne McCue & David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh late summer brood, taking nectar from hemp agrimony").

David Tining reports from Haslar (south-west), Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh late summer brood, taking ragwort nectar").

Anne McCue reports from Gilkicker (south-east) & Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "very old female"), Small White (2), Common Blue (6), Gatekeeper (5), Meadow Brown (7).

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "3 Male 4 Female"), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (50 "Plus"), Gatekeeper (5), Speckled Wood (4), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (1), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Hot day with a temperature of 24 degrees. Relatively few butterflies considering the conditions. No sign of any Brown Hairstreaks - late emergence this year?".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU531330) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (100), Meadow Brown (40), Brimstone (10), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Large White (6), Painted Lady (1). "Chalkhill Blues are looking a bit past their best but there were still some fresh looking specimens and mating pairs to be seen."



Painted Lady



Painted Lady

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Holly Blue (1), Grayling (1), Gatekeeper (1), Large White (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Green-veined White (7), Comma (1), Peacock (8), Red Admiral (3), Large White (5), Small White (4), Brimstone (7), Comma (3), Holly Blue (1).

John Webb reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1).

Friday 17th August

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (4 "3 Males 1 Female"), Chalkhill Blue (50 "Plus"), Meadow Brown (16), Peacock (1). "Still plenty of Chalkhill Blues, some now looking a bit worn."

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU217457) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Gatekeeper (3), Peacock (4), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (7), Holly Blue (5), Brown Hairstreak (4 "2 Male, 2 Female"). "We observed the Brown Hairstreaks nectaring on bramble and resting on leaves at a high level. Just occasionally one would make a foray into a lower(ish) position. The colour difference between the two photographed with closed wings was very striking."



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (7 "See comments below"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Brimstone (1 "Female, feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Mating in a patch of long grass. Later feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Silver Y Moth (1 "Flushed from Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Holly Blue (1 "Overfly"). "Gatekeepers: Of today's 7 there was only 1 male and this was in poor condition. All were seen feeding on the usual plants -

Fleabane, Perpetual Wallflower, Marjoram & Water Mint. Also: In the evening went to the Moth Night at Titchfield Haven. Highlight was a Jersey Tiger moth caught in the light trap."



Jersey Tiger

Mervyn Grist reports from southern Andover (SU360446) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "This well marked individual landed on a suburban garden fence to enjoy the late afternoon sunshine").

Thursday 16th August

Bob Bailey reports from Stagg Lane, Newport IOW (SZ499918) where the following observations were made: Moth (1 "Looked like a garden tiger moth - very bright orange in flight. About 4cm wing tip to wing tip in flight."). "I've lived in Cowes area since 1985 and have never seen one of these before. I didn't notice any spots on the moth's orange part but at rest it looked identical to online photos of Garden tiger Moth. Very brightly coloured in flight and at first I thought it was a butterfly. Sadly photo was too blurred to be of any use. Sighted 08.25 16.Aug 2012 about 100m west of Stagg Lane Motors."

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Fresh looking - basked on Buddleia for over 30 minutes"), Holly Blue (1 "Flew over several times."), Large White (1 "Overflew"), Small White (2 "Feeding on perpetual wallflowers"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (7 "See comments"), Mint Moth (1 "Feeding on Marjoram"). "Gatekeepers: Today's weather not ideal but still good numbers. All seen today are female. Feeding on usual range of flowers - Fleabane, Water Mint, Marjoram and Asters."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1 "First sighting this year"), Common Blue (10), Essex Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (14), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (3), Large White (2), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (55), Peacock (3), Small Skipper (2), Small White (2), Silver Y moths (4), 6 spot burnet (1).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Broughton Down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (50), Chalkhill Blue (50), Small Heath (4), Brimstone (4), Gatekeeper (10), Silver-spotted Skipper (3), Small Skipper (1), Small Copper (3), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (3), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Large White (15), Small White (4).



Silver-spotted skipper

Sue Lambert reports from Deerleap enclosure (SU355093) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (1). "In spite of it still being cold and very windy at 9.30am the small copper settled on the open area near the carpark."

Anne McCue reports from Newport Road, Gosport (SU596003) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (3), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (1). "in a private garden".

Wednesday 15th August

Andy Bolton reports from Foxlease Meadows SSSI (SU830567) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (1), Small Skipper (3), Green-veined White (2). "The male Chalkhill Blue spotted in these wet meadows was a big surprise - having wandered many miles from its natural habitat. Seen in the company of Andy Barker & Clive Wood." p>

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (2 "Very poor weather. Gatekeepers seen sheltering on Fleabane").

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Large White (1).

Tuesday 14th August

Mike Wildish reports from East Anton (SU375475) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (2).

Mike Wildish reports from River Way, Andover (SU375465) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (3), Meadow Brown (1), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (1).

shaun barrett reports from enham track (SU369484) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Common Blue (2), Essex Skipper (3), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (11), Holly Blue (6), Large White (4), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (12), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (8), Speckled Wood (1), silver y (2).

Ed Merritt reports from Yew Tree Heath (SU374066) where the following observations were made: Grayling (39 "Very active in the evening sunshine"), Silver-studded Blue (3 "One extremely tatty, one relatively fresh and one somewhere in between"), Bordered Grey (3), Silver Y (1).



Silver-studded Blue



Bordered Grey

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (155), Gatekeeper (9), Small Heath (2), Chalkhill Blue (850 "at least"), Small White (6), Small Skipper (2), Peacock (3), Small Copper (2), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (3).



Chalkhill Blue

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (5), Holly Blue (1), Small Copper (2), Brimstone (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (14), Meadow Brown (13), Narrow bordered five-spot burnet (1). "After a warm day a count around the garden found the above."

Andy Bolton reports from Kingsclere Recreation Ground (SU527582) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Holly Blue (3), Essex Skipper (1), Peacock (1), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (24), Six-spot Burnet (26).

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Peacock (7 "An emergence worth waiting for!"), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (1), Brimstone (1). "All seen on or around the garden buddleias in late morning."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Seen Mid afternoon feeding on Ragwort - spent 30 mins there."), Silver Y Moth (1 "Fresh looking - flushed from Hebe"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overflew"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (12 "See Comments"). "Gatekeepers: No mating seen. All seem happy to feed and bask. Foodplants today added an Aster to the usual Fleabane, Lavender etc."

Anne McCue reports from Half Penny & Pig Bush, New Forest (SU360040) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Silver-studded Blue (8 "very faded & damaged"), Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (1), Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (11).

Anne McCue reports from Rowbarrow & Furzy Brow, New Forest (SU350040) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Holly Blue (1), Grayling (9), Gatekeeper (14), Meadow Brown (10), Small Heath (1).

Robert Guest reports from Blackbushe (SU810589) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Copper (1), Gatekeeper (4), Meadow Brown (2).

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU817593) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Grayling (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Large White (1).

Monday 13th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Overflew"), Gatekeeper (2 "Weather very poor. Gatekeepers seen on Fleabane").

Anne McCue reports from Gilkicker(south-east) & Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (7 "6 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (8), Meadow Brown (25).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Sunday 12th August

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Went up to Portsdown Hill to do a transect today and the following were observed: Brimstone (1) Small White (5) Small Blue (3) Common Blue (7) Chalkhill Blue (22) Holly Blue (5) Red Admiral (1) Peacock (3) Comma (1) Speckled Wood (13) Gatekeeper (31) Meadow Brown (82) Looks as if the Marbled White has finished and there was no Skippers to be seen either."

Tim Doran reports from IBM Lake (SU649051) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (1 "on a flower head - very tame as allowed mobile phone camera to be only couple of inches away - in good condition - quite a late record at usual traditional area"), Chalkhill Blue (1 "my first record for site - presumably from nearby Portsdown Hill"), Comma (1), Holly Blue (8 "good numbers"), Green-veined White (5), Speckled Wood (5), Meadow Brown (100), Gatekeeper (15), Common Blue (15), Small White (5), Brimstone (3). "The Chalkhill Blue becomes my 24th species recorded here and joins Silver-washed Fritillary and Small Heath as species represented by just a single record".

Barry Collins and Margaret Collins reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU716183) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (50), Chalkhill Blue (100), Brimstone (1 "male"), Small Copper (1).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2m, 2f"), Comma (1), Common Blue (1 "m"), Gatekeeper (22), Holly Blue (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (30), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (12 "probably more. This is the largest number of peacocks I have ever seen at one time. They were mainly in the two last pits and visiting the flower heads of Hemp Agrimony."). "A mid afternoon visit in bright sunshine."

John Roberts reports from Needs Ore (SZ417973) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Meadow Brown (87), Speckled Wood (7), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (2), Comma (1), Brimstone (1), Gatekeeper (1), Small Skipper (1), Large White (1), Small White (11).

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU804401) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (21), Comma (2), Green-veined White (4), Large White (2), Purple Emperor (2), Purple Hairstreak (2), Ringlet (3), Meadow Brown (45), Silver-washed Fritillary (17), Speckled Wood (2), White Admiral (6), Large Skipper (0).

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown Cmp1. (SU626066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "5 male 1 female"), Dark Green Fritillary (2 "1 on bottompath. 1 on 'set-a-side' field."), Chalkhill Blue (10 "no doubt more present"). "first time I have seen the fritillaries and chalkhills in this compartment."

Mike Wildish reports from Augurs Hill Copse S (SU385425) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (3), Meadow Brown (70), Gatekeeper (5), Small Heath (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Augurs Hill Copse N (SU382433) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (30), Gatekeeper (2), Peacock (1). "Records from HWT Flora Group visit around the field/wood margin of this area. Awash with Meadow Browns; Silver-washes looked very fresh, and a mini-burst of Brimstones."

Andrew Hutchison reports from Straits Enclosure (SU807399) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (11 "Mostly worn specimens, but saw a courtship flight"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (3), Gatekeeper (8), Ringlet (1), Large Skipper (1), Comma (1), Small Skipper (1), White Admiral (2). "Two hours in the afternoon along the main track, hazy sunshine."

Graham Dennis reports from Mortimer West End garden (SU633635) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "on buddleja"), Peacock (5), Gatekeeper (9), Large White (2).

Graham Dennis reports from silchester common (SU626622) where the following observations were made: Purple Hairstreak (1).

John Tuffrey reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU4827) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (0 "Too many to count").



Chalkhill Blue

gary palmer reports from holmsley passage (SU220009) where the following observations were made: Peacock (8), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (4), Meadow Brown (13), Gatekeeper (22), Small Skipper (4), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Grayling (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (3). "A visit to holmsley passage and a look in on the old site and gardens of shrike cottage found the above, of note a female small copper that was laying eggs on both grass blades and a young oak leaf shoot and not on its near by food plant of sorrel?".



Brimstone

Peacock

Small Copper egg

Andy Bolton reports from Peat Gully Copse, Pamber End (SU625576) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Pamber Farm, Pamber End (SU620584) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (34), Gatekeeper (12), Ringlet (2), Small Skipper (2), Essex Skipper (1), Large Skipper (1), Green-veined White (5), Small White (2).

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 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (14 "Mostly Females. Feeding on various flowers inc. Fleabane etc as before").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Large White (2), Small White (3), Common Blue (3 "males"), Holly Blue (8), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (14), Gatekeeper (43), Meadow Brown (62).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1).

Saturday 11th August

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited one of my favourite sites Oxenbourne Down and I was amazed by how much was on the wing at 0730 in the morning! The down was alive with Chalkhill Blues. I haven't a clue how many there were but it must have been thousands. Other butterflies seen were as follows, Meadow Brown (100+) Common Blue (4) Gatekeeper (100+) Peacock (9) Ringlet (1) Essex Skipper (1) Marbled White (1) Holly Blue (1) Small White (2) Small Skipper (11) Speckled Wood (2) Brimstone (7) Red Admiral (1) Silver 'Y' moths and Six Spotted Burnets I then went around Clanfield in the field margins by wooded areas like Hyden Wood and the following were seen, Silver-Washed Fritillary (3) Brimstone (4) Small White (3) Large White (1) Meadow Brown (5) Gatekeeper (1) Red Admiral (1)"



Six-spot Burnet

Chalkhill Blue

Small Skipper

Mike Wildish reports from Foxcotte (SU345475) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1), Green-veined White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Down (SU345485) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (4), Holly Blue (1). "Sad lists from grim areas!"

Neil Ludford reports from magdalen Hill original site (SU512295) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (500), Brown Argus (8), Gatekeeper (10), Meadow Brown (23), Peacock (5), Small Skipper (8), Brimstone (7), Large Skipper (6). "There were a huge number of Chalkhill Blues flying about the old reserve with a good number of mating pairs seen. Also saw 5 pristine condition peacocks."

Robert Beale writes: "On Aug 2nd at Odiham canal basin I saw a Purple Hairstreak. Today at Catherington Down I saw this Meadow Brown with one wing lacking the brown colour."



Meadow Brown

Meadow Brown

gary palmer reports from hordle undercliff (SZ265921) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Large White (1), Common Blue (3), Small Copper (3), Meadow Brown (2), Gatekeeper (3), six-belted clearwing (3 "2 females 1 male"). "An inspection of the undercliff looking for orthoptera i also happened upon the species above, of note the six-belted clearwings, one of which was egg laying on kidney vetch."



Six-belted Clearwing

Stuart Read reports from st george's down (SZ505880) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (1000 "in the chalk, the meadow adjacent to the pit and on top of the down!"), Gatekeeper (25), Meadow Brown (50), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (2). "St George's Down is another good site for the Chalkhill Blue. Sadly, the buddleia on the top of the down were devoid of butterflies, as they have been for much of the summer. But on the way home my spirits were raised by the sighting of 3 separate pristine peacocks and a very friendly small tortoiseshell."

shaun barrett reports from broughton down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (117), Common Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (4), Essex Skipper (4), Gatekeeper (7), Large White (3), Brimstone (4), Meadow Brown (46), Ringlet (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (22), Small Copper (3), Small Heath (5), Small White (13), six spot burnet (39), silver y (6). "this is the first time i have come across essex skipper at broughton i found them at the point of the spike i am not sure all 4 i saw were essex but the one decent pic i got was definatly essex".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Holly Blue (1 "Overflew"), Peacock (1 "Sheltering on Patio"), Small White (2 "Mating on leaves of a Primrose plant"), Gatekeeper (12 "See comments"). "Gatekeepers: These are well spread out in the garden now but in distinct territories. They are less active with no mating seen. The males are much less aggressive. All the gatekeepers are busy feeding on the plants in "their" area. These include Fleabane, Marjoram, Origamo, Perpetual Wallflower, Lavender and a Hebe."

Sue reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Peacock (10), Brimstone (18), Gatekeeper (13), Chalkhill Blue (100), Meadow Brown (60), Small Heath (3), Dark Green Fritillary (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Green-veined White (2), Large White (2), Small White (2), Comma (1), Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (1), Essex Skipper (2), Small Skipper (25), Red Admiral (3), Marbled White (5), Common Blue (3), 6 spot Burnet moth (20). "The joint walk arranged by BC and the Wildlife Trust at Old Winchester Hill was well attended and we were rewarded with very good weather. We saw 19 different butterflies species and a number of moths, including Common Carpet, Silver-Y, Treble Bar and two Pyrausta species. But the target species of Silver-studded Skippers had not yet been seen on the site. Thanks to Brian Fletcher for leading the walk."



Chalkhill Blue



Small/Essex Skipper



Chalkhill Blue

Anne McCue reports from Privett Gardens, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Pyrausta aurata (5 "in my garden").

Andy Bolton reports from Tidgrove Warren, nr Overton (SU528544) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (77), Gatekeeper (37), Small Skipper (11), Essex Skipper (1), Large Skipper (1), Brimstone (13), Holly Blue (3), Peacock (4), Green-veined White (12), Marbled White (1), Small White (5), Brown Argus (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "a tatty female showing egg-laying behaviour in the hedge base vegetation."), Six-spot Burnet (1), Cinnabar (1 Larval).

Friday 10th August

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725264) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (4), Gatekeeper (2), Large White (2), Small White (3). "hot morning ,cafe open early,".



Comma



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "3m 2f"), Chalkhill Blue (100), Essex Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (20), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (18), Large White (2), Small Skipper (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU217457) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (4 "All males"), Brown Argus (1). "3 of the male Brown Hairstreaks were seen feeding on creeping thistle and bramble with two of them briefly feeding from the same flower head (photo). The other was high in blackthorn. Common species not recorded."



Brown Hairstreak



Brown Hairstreak

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Essex Skipper (1 "First sighting"), Gatekeeper (2), Marbled White (9), Meadow Brown (38), Peacock (2), Small White (1), Common Blue (2), Unidentified whites (7). "Very warm afternoon with occasional cloud and a light breeze. Very pleased to see my first Essex Skipper. Saw 2 other Skippers but was unable to identify them."

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SUSU383345) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (100 "Too many to count"), Meadow Brown (0), Dark Green Fritillary (7 "Mainly female"), Peacock (7), Brown Argus (2), Green-veined White (5), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (10), Gatekeeper

(6), Brimstone (22), Small Skipper (4), Small White (1), Six-spot Burnet Moth (3), Common carpet (2), *Pyrausta purpuralis* (2). "A trip to Stockbridge Down yielded hundreds of Chalkhill Blues - too many to count, and a good number of Meadow Browns, both were observed mating. The Chalkhill Blues were enjoying any dog/horse poo lying around. The sun decided to go in just after I arrived so I did not see Silver-spotted Skippers although they had been seen earlier. There were a few Common Blues but no Adonis Blues. The Brimstones and Dark-green Fritillary were flying strongly and I saw a DG Fritillary egg laying."



Chalkhill Blue



Chalkhill Blue - female

Clive Wood reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU218456) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (5 "All males"), Small Skipper (1), Brimstone (56), Large White (3), Small White (18), Holly Blue (11), Peacock (7), Comma (2), Gatekeeper (30), Meadow Brown (172), Ringlet (3), Small Heath (12). "The Brown Hairstreaks were recorded as part of a new species-specific transect to the west of Shipton Bellinger".

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Small Skipper (14 "Checked several - no Essex confirmed."), Brimstone (7 "Nectaring on purple loosestrife, bramble and thistles."), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (5 "Very scarce this summer"), Brown Argus (1 "Observed ovipositing on Geranium molle"), Comma (2), Peacock (1 "The first I have seen since spring"), Speckled Wood (7), Grayling (33 "Numbers well down on a typical summer"), Gatekeeper (84 "Numbers well down on a typical summer"), Ringlet (1), Meadow Brown (389 "Always the survivor!"), Six-spot Burnet (13), Silver Y (2). "I spent about three hours at Eelmoor in warm sunshine, made a complete count of nine compartments but did not visit two of the grasslands or all of the grayling habitats."

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Meadow Brown (20), Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (4), Small Skipper (1). "Walked around the various paths surround the rear of the fort. Temperature was 21°C by mid morning. A Speckled Wood landed on my trousers! - a poor year for this butterfly."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (4 "2 Male 2 Female"), Meadow Brown (15), Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (3), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1). "Temperature was 23°C. No Small Blues, but nice to see the second generation Brimstones."

mark swann reports from shipton bellinger (SU226460) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (17), Holly Blue (20), Brimstone (45), Peacock (7). "a really warm sunny day most of the brown hairstreaks were on ash trees but there was no shortage of nectaring males low down. no one i met hadn t seen one or not have a piccy of one close up. nice to see good numbers of holly blues"

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Alice Holt Forest (SU804401) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (10), Comma (1), Peacock (1), Ringlet (2), Gatekeeper (6), Large Skipper (2), Green-veined White (2), Meadow Brown (15), Small Skipper (1), Purple Emperor (2).



Ringlet



Gatekeeper

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU652219) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (200), Large Skipper (8), Gatekeeper (6), Brimstone (6), Meadow Brown (12), Small Heath (4), Dark Green Fritillary (4).



Chalkhill Blue



Brimstone

Roger Pendell reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Meadow Brown (13), Small White (2), Ringlet (3), Large Skipper (1), Gatekeeper (7).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (106), Gatekeeper (11), Marbled White (1), Common Blue (1), Small Heath (8), Brimstone (9), Small Skipper (5), Peacock (4), Large White (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Small White (3), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (1).

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 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Holly Blue (0 "Basking on various bushes"), Gatekeeper (15 "See comments"). "Gatekeepers: There were several new females today and 1 new male. One pair were seen mating. Otherwise they were feeding on a wide range of flowers - Fleabane, Marjoram, Lavender, Origamo, Watermint and Buddleia. Todays count was the highest we have ever had."

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Comma (2), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (1), Brimstone (1).

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ609989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (4). "in my garden".

John Webb reports from Alverstoke Village (SZ601988) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3).

Thursday 9th August

Andy Barker writes: "I thought it would be of interest to report that I had a massive count of 1044 Chalkhill Blues when doing the Magdalen Hill Down (original) transect this week! This is the first time I've ever recorded a weekly count in excess of 1000, and suggests that we are in for a bumper total for this species when we come to combine all the weekly counts to get an Annual Index. For anyone who wants to see a chalk downland alive with Chalkhill Blues I would strongly encourage a visit to Magdalen Hill Down over the next week or two. To put in context, when Butterfly Conservation started managing the site in 1990, the Annual Index for this species was around 300, with 70 being regarded as a good weekly tally. Clearly the site is has improved greatly since then thanks to the work of staff and volunteers, and of course the grazing animals!"

Mike Wildish reports from Gallagher's Copse (SU345455) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (4), Meadow Brown (1), Gatekeeper (4), Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Balksbury (SU345445) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (4), Meadow Brown (12), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (2). "Sudden eruption of Green-veins here in Andover suburbia - most have very conspicuous veining making them easy to id, even in flight."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU713260) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (3), Small White (1). "beautiful clear warm start ,the cafe opened early every butterfly crouted in,befor the skies clouded over completely. had to be quick to get them befor the doors shut."



Comma



Gatekeeper



Red Admiral

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Farley Mount (SU416292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Gatekeeper (100), Meadow Brown (100), Small Heath (1), Marbled White (2), Pyrausta aurata (10), Six-Spot Burnet (6), Chalkhill Blue (1). "30 minutes walk at 12:00. 23 C."

Jan Hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (2), Gatekeeper (30), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (3), Large White (16), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (75), Peacock (1), Ringlet (6), Small Skipper (8), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (6), Brimstone (4 "3 male, 1 female"), Burnet 6 spot moth (2). "Sunny, warm and still morning, beautiful conditions!"

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (39), Peacock (1), Comma (2), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (5), Large White (4).

shaun barrett reports from enham track (SU368483) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (14), Holly Blue (3), Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (23), Small Copper (1), Small Skipper (19), Essex Skipper (4).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250932) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Gatekeeper (151), Meadow Brown (65), Marbled White (7), Large White (1), Common Blue (3), Small Copper (4), Small Skipper (16), Essex Skipper (14), Peacock (1), silver y (37), six spot burnet (2), antler moth (2). "A late afternoon walk on barton common down to becton bunny found the above".



Small Copper

Ian Pratt reports from Arretton Down IOW (SZ533869) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Meadow Brown (6), Gatekeeper (2), Large White (2), Chalkhill Blue (1000 "Too many to count - probably in the tens of thousands"). "Most butterflies I have ever seen in one day in the UK."

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ575997) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Small Skipper (1), Small White (5), Large White (2), Gatekeeper (3), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (4), White Admiral (1). "I spent much of yesterday in the garden attempting to photograph a few of the 'visitors' - hoping for the occasional perched insect. I was pleased to see sometimes 4 Holly Blues flitting about often being driven off by a Speckled Wood. At one point, I was aware of a butterfly approaching me above head height but below the height of the bungalow - it was heading East towards Browndown North. Looking up, all I could see was black and white patterning - combining that with the jizz, led me to identify it as a White Admiral! Other sightings included a female Emperor; Common Darter(2); a 'Hawker which landed in the Silver birch but I failed to locate it; plus another large dragonfly high above a neighbouring oak tree."



Holly Blue

Chris Cobb reports from Browndown North (SU583996) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (13), Common Blue (3), Grayling (38), Small Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (1). "A general visit in preparation for a "timed Count" UK BMS check on 10th for the Grayling target species in this area. The majority of Graylings were seen in a small 10 hectare area in the middle of the site at SU583998. Visited at 10.45 for 1 hour." zel Pratt reports from Caesar's Camp (SU398595) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (10), Brimstone (3 "(f)"), Grayling (12 "Our first sightings this year."), Red Admiral (2), Small Skipper (1), Essex Skipper (2), Large White (2), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (6).

Lamarck tutton reports from Broughton down (SU296325) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (5), Silver-spotted Skipper (5), Chalkhill Blue (15), Green-veined White (7), Brimstone (11), Meadow Brown (56), Gatekeeper (12).

Roger Pendell reports from Petersfield Heath (SU756230) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (6), Meadow Brown (6), Small Skipper (2), Essex Skipper (1), Ringlet (2).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Feeding on Marjoram"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Brimstone (1 "A female, Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Basked for 30 mins near a nettle patch, then feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia - chased off by 2 Gatekeepers"), Gatekeeper (9 "See comments"). "Gatekeepers: There has been a new emergence of 2 new males. The rest are mostly Females. One is too faded to sex. The new males are busy patrolling the garden and chasing the females These would rather feed on Fleabane, Marjoram and Oregano and reject the males advances."

Wednesday 8th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Overflow"), Small White (1 "Overflow"), Large White (1 "Overflow"), Gatekeeper (7 "See comments, below"). "Gatekeepers: Of the 7 remaining, 5 are females. There was one fresh looking male as well as one tired male. I found one deceased Gatekeeper on an escalonia bush (not included in count). One pair were seen mating. Other than the fresh male, which is very active, the rest are now quite slow flyers and seem to spend most of the time resting or feeding. Foodplants noted today were Fleabane, Marjoram, White Lavender and Hebe."

peter gardner reports from beacon hill (SU594225) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Chalkhill Blue (40), Gatekeeper (10), Dark Green Fritillary (3), Large White (2), Small White (3), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (26), Peacock (3), Red Admiral (4), Meadow Brown (30), Marbled White (2), Small Skipper (10), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (10). "so hot on the hill,swetted blood trying to get back up again,no silverspotted skippers,although they are always late up here,low in chalk hill numbers,".



Brown Argus



Common Blue



Holly Blue

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (51), Large White (7), Small White (3), Marbled White (1), Gatekeeper (1). "Although there is a huge amount of Ragwort this year I have not seen one single Cinnabar Moth Caterpillar. Peacocks are very rare and have only seen about two Small Tortoiseshells."

mark swann reports from ashurst heath (SU328090) where the following observations were made: Grayling (2), Silver-studded Blue (80). "a warm day with a constant drizzle am brightening up pm was a tale of 2 heaths ashurst was alive with s.s. blues but struggled to find the grayling and in the morning buck hill heath was alive with 50+ grayling but only 5 s.s.blues !".

Tuesday 7th August

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Overflow"), Gatekeeper (5 "On Fleabane and sheltering on Lawson Cypress").

Monday 6th August

Mike Wildish reports from Saxon Way (SU355475) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Essex Skipper (2), Marbled White (1), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes North (SU365475) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Gatekeeper (3), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (2).

David Jode (Sussex) reports from Bonchurch -The Undercliff (SZ5777) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Six-spot Burnet Moth (1). "Very Hot and full sun."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU729260) where the following observations were made: Peacock (0), Large White (2), Small White (1), Gatekeeper (1). "a good sunny period opened the buddlia cafe".



Peacock

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU652219) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Gatekeeper (17), Meadow Brown (30), Ringlet (3), Small Heath (2), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (3), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Chalkhill Blue (45 "only went to the top little bit of the south meadow"), Marbled White (1). "when we opened the gate to go in we let the rain out,we got as far as the meadow when all heavens opened up,we got soaked right through,very pleased with what we did see".



Silver-washed Fritillary



Brimstone



Chalkhill Blue

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Overflow"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (6 "on Fleabane and sheltering on Lawson Cypress"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Sunday 5th August

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU810404) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (7), Holly Blue (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (50), Purple Emperor (6), Ringlet (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (25), Small White (4), White Admiral (14 "Including five on a flower of wild angelica at once").

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (41), Gatekeeper (2), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (2), Marbled White (2), Large White (6), Small White (5).

Mike Gibbons writes: "A visit to Shipton Bellinger yielded Olympic gold in the shape of **Brown Hairstreak**. In fact I saw 2 males on bramble. One had been out a little while as it had some bits of wing missing around the edge but the other was fresh looking. Both were very awkward to get photographs of as they were just above my head but I did my best in the circumstances. I was also lucky to find a Ringlet with just white dots on the hind wing, ab. caeca I believe. I also saw 1 Peacock, 2 Comma, 2 Silver-washed Fritillaries, 3 Small Whites, 3 Small Skippers, 6 Holly Blues, c.30 Gatekeepers and c.40 Meadow Browns."



Brown Hairstreak

Ringlet

Brown Hairstreak

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill and Pigeonhouse Coppices, Boarhunt (SU589094) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (8), Green-veined White (7 "Several reduced to nectaring on Herb Robert"), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (32), Ringlet (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (21 "Many still in very good condition; 4 seen nectaring on one Marsh Thistle"), Speckled Wood (8).

Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Large White (3), Brimstone (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Meadow Brown (46), Gatekeeper (25), Small Heath (1), Chalkhill Blue (400 "Plus including 67 females"), Holly Blue (3), Small Skipper (7), Large Skipper (1), Six Spot Burnet (50). "Visited this site in company with my father before I return home to Cornwall. Temperature was 19 degrees and we were greeted with the usual sight of at least 400 Chalkhill Blues flying on the turf, a welcome sight during this poor year. The males were so numerous that I only gave an exact count of the females, most of which were being chased by at least 3 males. Around the wooded areas a few second generation Holly Blues were flying."

Richard Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Small White (5), Meadow Brown (25), Gatekeeper (20), Marbled White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Skipper (2), Six Spot Burnet (18). "Walked the various tracks around the rear of Fort Widley where the temperature was 20 degrees. Was pleased to record my first sighting this year of the Marbled White which was feeding on a Knapweed flower."

Richard Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Green-veined White (3), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (14), Gatekeeper (14), Chalkhill Blue (1), Holly Blue (4), Small Blue (1), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1). "Crossed over the road from Fort Widley and walked East along the path towards the main car park. Was elated to see a second generation male Small Blue which caught my eye as it landed on a leaf. Managed to get a good photo. With at least one sighting of Chalkhill, Common and Holly Blues as well this was my Blue Day! A wonderful end to a trip back to Hampshire."

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Gatekeeper (2), Green-veined White (1), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (10), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (2), Ringlet (5), Small Skipper (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (2).

peter gardner reports from HENWOOD (SU656223) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (15), Brimstone (2), Gatekeeper (19), Meadow Brown (2), Small White (1), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Small Skipper (33), Marbled White (4), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (4). "we were toying about going for a walk so we were glad we did, the trees protected us from the wind, although we were a bit worried about the guns around us, survived, so did the butterflies".



Green-veined White



Silver-washed Fritillary



Small Skipper

mark swann reports from keyhaven (SZ320923) where the following observations were made: Wall (2 "seen along the ancient highway"), Gatekeeper (40), Common Blue (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU564616) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (9), White Admiral (7), Red Admiral (1), Purple Hairstreak (1 "Very scarce - the worst season I can recall for this species."), Small Skipper (2), Comma (1). "During very pleasant sunday afternoon conditions I saw a reasonable no. of species active and very surprised to see this many White Admirals still about. This in fact matched my count from 12th July, which I assumed would be the peak count in this miserable season. A similar no. still active three & a half weeks later may suggest a more prolonged emergence this year or perhaps an extended lifespan?".

gary palmer reports from barton cliff (SZ256925) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1 "female"). "An odd sighting for this spot, not one ive seen here before, likely to have arrived from across the water on the iow and pretty fresh, happily nectaring on hawkweeds".

Tony Baines writes: "Just to report, after a rather anxious wait, my first Peacock of the season in Odiham this afternoon. The very fresh looking insect appeared in my kitchen (presumably gaining access through an open window) this afternoon. Happy to report that it was helped back outside successfully."

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (13), Small White (5), Small Copper (2 "2nd brood"), Brown Argus (1 "very fresh 2nd brood male"), Common Blue (2 "2nd brood males"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (8), Marbled White (1), Grayling (32), Gatekeeper (66), Meadow Brown (60).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "male & female"), Small White (2 "male & female"), Green-veined White (1 "female"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (1 "female"), Meadow Brown (3 "2 males & 1 female").

Saturday 4th August

sue davies reports from Mill Copse (SZ357888) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Gatekeeper (50), Green-veined White (3), Large White (7), Marbled White (50), Meadow Brown (50), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (7), Ringlet (1), Small Heath (1), Small Skipper (9), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (5), White Admiral (1), Silver Y (2), 6-spot Burnet (1).



Small Skipper

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on Fence"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Lavender"), Gatekeeper (10 "See comments box"). "Gatekeepers: These are getting slower now and spending more time feeding and less time sparring or mating. Their favorite foodplant seems to be Fleabane which offers a flat platform for them to feed on. Marjoram is still used as a second favorite."

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "Cruising over the willow tops near the master trees"), White Admiral (1 "Nectaring on what's left of the bramble flowers"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (34). "Overcast, just 19 Celsius, but humid."

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU622262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (11), Gatekeeper (2), Red Admiral (2), Green-veined White (2), Small Skipper (1), Comma (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Burnt Common (SU624647) where the following observations were made: Grayling (1), Gatekeeper (20), Meadow Brown (70), Ringlet (15), Speckled Wood (1).

Friday 3rd August

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (2), Large Skipper (2), Brimstone (3), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (2), Silver-studded Blue (1 "Female at rest on young Calluna"), Common Blue (6), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (11), Grayling (9), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Gatekeeper (14 "Remarkable for its scarcity on all local heaths this summer."), Meadow Brown (107), Six-spot Burnet (12). "The above is not a full site count but based mainly on some sample timed counts of selected areas for the Big Butterfly Count, plus a few casual records."

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (garden) (SU8153) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1). "The liveliest afternoon in my Fleet garden for weeks, with Small Whites an almost constant presence (though usually only one or two at a time), the first Holly Blue since May and the first Meadow Brown this year. Yesterday we had the first Green-veined White of 2012. Back to the showers this morning (Saturday)!"

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads south (SU723268) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (40), Gatekeeper (7), Green-veined White (1), Small White (2), Large White (1), Red Admiral (3). "we only walked for about 2 miles but we counted these,the sun was good but the wind was strong".



Gatekeeper



Large White



Red Admiral

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Overflew"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Catsear"), Holly Blue (1 "Basking od Rhododendron"), Gatekeeper (12 "See comments"). "Gatekeepers: Today there were 2 more Females but males still outnumber females by about 3 to 1. Mating continues. Some of the males are very territorial and will chase after any other butterfly coming close. One spent about a minute chasing a Small White while another took on a Red Admiral. Other males just spar with each other briefly then return to feeding. They seldom move outside the garden area. If they do venture out they quickly return. Their diet continues to be Ragwort, Fleabane, Perpetual Wallflower & Marjoram. One male took a liking to Water Mint and returned many times to the plants to feed. Peak number today was 2 more than last years peak and occurred 3 days later."

Thursday 2nd August

Andy Bolton reports from Frith Farm, Wheathold, nr. Ashford Hill (SU545600) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1 "male - I seem to be getting the knack for this species now. 4 at different locations this season is a 'personal best!"), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Small Skipper (6), Large Skipper (1 "becoming tatty"), Ringlet (12 "still plenty about at this moist location."), Meadow Brown (17), Small White (1), Shaded Broad-bar (5), Common Carpet (1).

Mervyn Grist reports from Linkenholt valley (SU361589) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (2), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (22), Gatekeeper (2), Ringlet (3). "with Mike Wildish these few species were seen in the far north-west corner of Hampshire".

Mervyn Grist reports from Combe Wood (SU3559) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3), Essex Skipper (5), Large Skipper (1 "elderly but still clearly marked"), Green-veined White (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (19 "(includes one in valezina form)"), Marbled White (2), Gatekeeper (5), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (13), Ringlet (12), Small Heath (2). "with Mike Wildish. These butterflies were seen along all the main Combe Wood tracks in Vice County 12 (N Hants. Sadly NO Purple Emperors but plenty of blood seeking Clegs in the sun periods before the heavy showers started."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (2 "Sheltering in Cold Frame"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia and basking on patio"), Large White (2 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower"), Gatekeeper (6 "Still all males").

Wednesday 1st August

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Wood (off transect) (SU416243) where the following observations were made: Essex Skipper (1), Gatekeeper (12), Meadow Brown (6), Ringlet (4), Speckled Wood (8), Silver-washed Fritillary (2). "30 minutes across fields from Hursley and along forest tracks. Except for Gatekeepers, which are looking pristine, the others all look fairly worn (though Meadow Browns still pairing). Overcast, 18C, fairly windy."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Marjoram"), Gatekeeper (9 "See additional comments."). "Gatekeepers: Today the 7 males were joined by 2 Females. The males are "sparing" mostly in long grass or on a Lawson Cypress Bush. The females have been mostly feeding on Ragwort, Fleabane and Buddleia. Some mating took place with one female on a platform of Ragwort being attended by one of the males - other males were rejected with a rapid wing fluttering display. The second female was feeding on Buddleia and rejected the advances of all the males."

shaun barrett reports from broughton down (SU332305) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (3), Chalkhill Blue (100), Common Blue (1), Dark Green Fritillary (9), Gatekeeper (18), Green-veined White (5), Large White (2), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (32), Silver-spotted Skipper (11), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (5), six spot burnet (16), silver y (3), ground carpet (2).

peter gardner reports from havent thicket (SU730109) where the following observations were made: Purple Emperor (1), Meadow Brown (16), Gatekeeper (12), White Admiral (4), Ringlet (7), Brimstone (8), Small Skipper (8), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (1), Purple Hairstreak (1). "turned out great in the pm,we have only been here once before and that was fore birds, so glad ashly did a report about it ,it is not to far for us either,thy say you never visits near home,very pleased we did,had a good afternoon."



Red Admiral



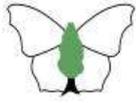
White Admiral



Brimstone

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Sunday 30th September

SuLambert reports from Itchen Woo9d (SU509329) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Fresh"), Small White (3), Orange ladybird (1). "Lunch time on a Fungi foray yielded some butterflies feeding on very ripe blackberries in the sun. The Speckled Woods had seen better days."



Comma

Kathy Brickwood reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ579994) where the following observations were made: Peacock (7 "6 of them basking on the same bush"). "in intervals of weak or very weak sunshine at 1030-1045".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia in between showers").

Saturday 29th September

Mike Wildish reports from Red Rice Park (SU345415) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Red Admiral (3), Large White (1), Comma (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Barrow Hill (SU355415) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Small White (2), Comma (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Briar Hill (SU355425) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (2).

Andy Barker writes: "Linda and I went to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey, earlier this afternoon, and were treated to excellent display of Red Admirals. At the entrance to the car park, on the left-hand side, there is a pear tree (*Pyrus caucasica*), which currently has a lot of fallen fruit on the ground. The smell of the fermenting pears is very attractive to insects, and we counted at least 24 Red Admirals and 3 Commas imbibing the juices in warm sunshine. The 'Centenary Border' is also very good for butterflies at present, and our tally was Red Admiral (49), Comma (13), Small White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1) and Large White (1). These are mostly nectaring on Asters and Buddleia. In the pond area, we saw a further 3 Red Admirals, 4 Commas and a Speckled Wood. In total, therefore, we saw 76 Red Admirals and 20 Commas. Not bad for late September! "

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Comma (2), Large White (2), Small Copper (1), silver y moth (6), peppered moth (5 Larval), grey dagger (1 Larval), knot grass (4 Larval), buff tip (1 Larval). "A walk around the common inspecting the salix for larva found the above, of note peppered moth larva in various colours from pink to purple and olive to sap green."



Grey Dagger larva



Peppered Moth larva



Small Copper

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4 "Poorly"), Comma (1 "New one"). "3.00 pm Dog Walking".

Hazel Pratt reports from Beacon Hill (SU606223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "3m, 2f"), Brown Argus (1 "a very fresh specimen. This was spotted by Alec."), Comma (7 "All in very good condition"), Common Blue (2 "m. Lovely specimens."), Large White (4), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (5), Speckled Wood (1). "A late morning to early afternoon visit when the weather was mainly sunny and quite warm. It was good to find so many different species of flowers still in bloom here."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (2), Red Admiral (4), Comma (1). "Temperature was 14°C."

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (11). "Temperature 15 degrees. Many Red Admirals were on Ivy blossom."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Large White (4), Small White (13), Red Admiral (3), Comma (2). "Temperature was 15°C."

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking Buddleia nectar"), Small White (2 "males taking nectar from Buddleia & Hebe salicifolia"), Comma (2 "taking nectar from Ivy & Hebe salicifolia"), Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (5), Painted Lady (1), Comma (3), Silver Y Moth (1). "in my garden".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males taking nectar from perennial wallflower & prickly sow thistle"), Small White (8 "7 males & 1 female taking nectar from prickly sow thistle & ragwort"), Silver Y Moth (1). "1025-1040".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males taking Buddleia nectar"), Small White (13), Red Admiral (35 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (3 "imbibing ivy nectar & blackberry juice"), Speckled Wood (1). "1040-1105 & 1155-1200".

David Tining reports from Military Road to Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ608978) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Migrant Hawker (2), Common Darter (6). "1105-1115".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Small Copper (1 "taking Oxford Ragwort nectar"). "1115-1120".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "male taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (50 "taking nectar fromragwort & sea radish"), Small Copper (4 "taking rarwort nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Migrant Hawker (1), Common Darter (1), Colletes hederæ (300 "Ivy Bees foraging on Ivy"). "1120-1150".

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "male"), Large White (2), Small White (20), Small Copper (3), Common Blue (1 "old female"), Comma (1). "1345".

Anne McCue reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "over the beach").

David Tinling reports from Waterloo Road,Gosport (SZ615989) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (6 "taking ivy nectar"). "1210".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (5), Migrant Hawker (1). "1415-1500".

David Tinling reports from Foster Gardens,Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male taking Michaelmas Daisy nectar on Michaelmas Day"). "1505".

David Tinling reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601998) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"). "1515".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (62 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (4 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (11 "a few taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (1), Common Darter (5). "1520-1600".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (13 "taking nectar"). "1600-1610".

David Tinling reports from Privett Gardens,Gosport (SZ595994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking buddleia nectar"). "1620".

David Tinling reports from Solent Way,Gosport (SZ596990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6 "taking ivy nectar"). "1630".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (10 "taking ivy nectar"). "1640-1655;on Michaelmas Day,the last day of transects,I had seen the following butterflies:Clouded Yellow 1,Large White 13,Small White 84,Small Copper 5,Holly Blue 2,Red Admiral 147,Comma 9,Speckled Wood 17,TOTAL 278.If I had not had to spend much of the middle of the day at home while my roof was being repaired and had been able to visit Browndown,I would have seen many more!".

David W Hunt reports from Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu (SU386025) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (11 "Feeding on Salvia, Verbena & Rubekia"), Small White (3 "Feeding on Salvia"), Comma (2 "Feeding on Asters & basking on metal plant supports"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Asters").

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Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Comma (3 "Feeding on ivy flowers in garden. Annual site max.").

Friday 28th September

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Village,Gosport (SZ601988) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "basking on a wall"). "1145".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (24 "taking ivy nectar from one bush "), Speckled Wood (1). "1640".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Thursday 27th September

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU712269) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (12), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Large White (3), Small White (4). "a great day wery warm whenn thesun came through,and the cafe got very busy, the children enjoys them passing on the way from school.".



Large White



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Red Admiral (3), Small White (11), Large White (1), Silver Y Moth (2). "Sunny but windy".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Andy Bolton reports from Frith Farm, Wheathold (SU548600) where the following observations were made: Comma (13 "A marvelous sight, all feeding on blackberries in a sheltered sunny field edge.Best count of the year."), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (6), Small White (2).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hillier's Arboretum (SU376236) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (34), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (17), Small White (5), Large White (1).

Matthew Shaft reports from Butser Hill (SU7120) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (1).

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (9 "Feeding on ivy flowers in garden. Annual site max.").

John Moon reports from Norfolk House and adjoining field (SU329438) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (2), Small White (3).

Wednesday 26th 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 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Tuesday 25th September

Chris Hall reports from Church Crookham (Coxheath) (SU801525) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (1). "Red Admirals and Commas on ivy blossom beside canal towpath."

Jan Wood reports from Winchester (SU459284) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Comma (2).

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

Monday 24th September

David W Hunt reports from Our Garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Being blown around garden in strong winds. Eventually sheltered at base of Buddleia.").

Sunday 23rd September

Andy and Linda Barker report: "It's good to see a few photographs of larvae on the sightings page. When gardening in the autumn there are always larvae to be found and identified. I found two of interest on Saturday 22nd September. The first was a fully grown Holly Blue larva on the developing flower buds of ivy. The ivy grows in full sun on a trellis fence at the edge of our garden. Female Holly Blues were around these flowers on 19th August, and egg-laying was presumed to have occurred. The second caterpillar is that of the Iron Prominent, found (by Linda) when weeding under the large birch tree in our front garden"



Holly Blue larva



Iron Prominent larva

Saturday 22nd September

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250933) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Small Heath (2), Small Copper (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), silver y moth (3), buff-tip moth (36 "larva"), poplar hawk moth (3 "larva"), pebble prominent (4 "larva"), peppered moth (2 "larva"), herald (5 "larva"), grey dagger (2 "larva"), knot grass (1 "larva"). "Another visit to the common this morning in somewhat more favourable conditions with the sun out beautifully found the above, of note the stunning variety of colour forms of the pebble prominent larva."



Buff-tip larva



Pebble Prominent larva



Knot Grass larva

Martin hampton reports from Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird hawkmoth (1 "feeding on Honeysuckle (which has been very prolific and long-flowering in this cool, damp year)").

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street garden, Portchester (SU621049) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8 "On the usual flowers, but also Lantana cv. 'Pure Gold'"), Large White (2 Larval "Final instar, on Honesty"), Large White (3), Comma (1 Pupal), Comma (1), Small White (2).

Hazel Pratt reports from Stockbridge Down (SU379363) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Small White (7), Small Tortoiseshell (5 "The most I've seen on one occasion for several years."), Small Heath (40), Red Admiral (5), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (50 "Still alot around although most were quite faded."), Comma (1), Chalkhill Blue (2 "f, rather faded."), Brimstone (6 "i5m,1f. The males here were very bright, almost lime green. They were very easy to spot.").

Mark Painter reports from Hook Links, Warsash (SU4904) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Large White (4), Comma (1), Clouded Yellow (1), Red Admiral (20 "All going north west.").

Richard Carpenter & Sarah Pendarves reports from Hook-with-Warsash (SU4904) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Common Blue (1 "female"), Small Copper (2), Comma (1), Red Admiral (30 "Most moving west or south"), Large White (1).

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD NORTH ROADS (SU723264) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Comma (2), hummignbird hawk moth (0). "a big suprise on the walk when we spotted hovering around one of the last bramble flower,contesting with acomma for the remainig nectar. otherwise only the remaining butterflies still in fight."



Comma



Hummingbird Hawk-moth

Jason Claxton reports from Lord's Hill, Southampton (SU381160) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "A female.").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (15 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1). "1020-1030".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (3 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (21 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (4 "imbibing ivy nectar & blackberry juice"), Speckled Wood (10), Common Darter (1). "1045-1120".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking nectar from red valerian"), Small White (3 "males"), Red Admiral (9 "taking nectar from red valerian"). "1120-1130".

David Tinling reports from Crescent Road, Gosport (SZ602985) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking nectar from Buddleia & Verbena bonariensis"). "1200".

David W Hunt reports from Mottisfont Abbey Gardens (Nat Trust) (SU328268) where the following observations were made: Large White (11 "Throughtout the gardens"), Red Admiral (19 "Feeding on Buddleia, Aster and Sedum"), Small White (8 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (6 "Feeding on Buddleia, Aster and Sedum"), Comma (24 "All very fresh looking. Feeding on Sedums, Verbena Bonaris and Perpetual Wallflower."), Speckled Wood (2 "In dappled shade beside the river Test"), Common Blue (1 "A very tatty Male feeding on Nepeta"), Meadow Brown (1 "A very tatty Female feeding on Asters").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"). "Sightings taken in late afternoon."

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Brown Hairstreak (1 "female (ragged)"), Red Admiral (2), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Small Heath (1), Meadow Brown (8), Speckled Wood (1). "I also found brown hairstreak eggs".



Brown Hairstreak ova

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Newtown, IOW (SZ429904) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (25), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (3), Meadow Brown (5), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Newtown (SZ429908) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Sycamore Moth caterpillar (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU739318) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Itchen Navigation near Shawford (SU4726) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (15), Comma (1), Small White (1).

Friday 21st September

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723264) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Comma (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (16). "thank goodness for some sun even if its only now and then the trouble i suppose is the cold nights, it whent down to 3c last night. just hope thy have some where to hide."



Comma



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "probably my last of the year?"), Common Blue (8 "Including two very fresh males"), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (7), Red Admiral (6), Small Heath (3), Comma (2). "the seasons last hurrah?".



Brown Hairstreak

Thursday 20th September

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: pebble prominent (4 "larva"), poplar hawk (1 "larva"), herald (3 "larva"), peppered moth (1 "larva"), grey dagger (1 "larva"), Fox moth (1 "larva"). "A search late afternoon for moth larva on barton common found the above."



Poplar Hawk-moth larva



Peppered Moth larva



Pebble Prominent larva

Lynn Fomison writes of her keen interest in knowing what plants butterflies and moths use. She was thrilled to hear that James Halsey had seen around 100 Red Admirals at Shorwell on the Isle of Wight last Saturday (15th) nectaring on Escallonia Bifida. Looking it up on the internet led to this web site http://www.aberglasney.org/index.php?page=view_news&news_id=156 which extolled the virtues of this plant for butterflies and moths. However it is not easy to find on sale. If anyone has it in their garden and can spare a cutting I should be pleased to hear from them. It sounds divine! Lynn

Tony Filbee reports from Herbert Plantation (SU474622) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (4), Vapourer Moth (1 "Male").

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"), Small White (3 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Jim Park reports from Wildgrounds(west),Gosport (SU579011) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

Jan Wood reports from Winchester (SU459284) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Comma (4).

Matthew Shaft reports from Tilmore Road, Petersfield (SU7423) where the following observations were made: Small White (5).

Wednesday 19th September

Mark Tutton reports from Northney (SU722040) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (1), Small White (4).

Mark Tutton reports from Portsdown Hill (SU656062) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (15), Large White (7), Red Admiral (2), Small White (21).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Meadow Brown (2), Large White (2), Small White (25), Speckled Wood (1). "Sunny morning but cool and windy".

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Brownwich Cliffs (SU5103) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Small Copper (1), Comma (4), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (10).

Peter Hunt reports from Brighstone Mill Stream,isle of Wight (SZ427825) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (6), Comma (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Goodworth Clatford (SU365425) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Speckled Wood (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Upping Copse West (SU375425) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5), Comma (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "1 male & 2 females"), Small White (2), Red Admiral (3), Comma (5 "taking nectar from perennial wallflower,Bowles Mauve"). "in my garden;also a wasp spider on 16th & 20th".

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2), Small White (10), Small Copper (3). "1300".

David Tining & Jonty Denton reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "males"), Large White (2 "male & female taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (17), Red Admiral (1), Colletes hederæ (100 "Ivy Bees foraging on Ivy"), Argiope bruennichi (100 Egg "wasp spider eggs in cocoon"). "920-1105".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (5 "including a mating pair;taking buddleia nectar"), Small White (4 "taking buddleia nectar"), Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Comma (1 "very old hutchinsoni taking buddleia nectar"). "in my garden".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (3 "Feeding on Buddleia ").

Matthew Shaft reports from Titchfield Haven (SU5302) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Small White (10), Red Admiral (12), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Comma (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Tuesday 18th September

Andy Barker writes: "Encouraged by Paul Brock's Clouded Yellow sightings at Southborne on Saturday, we decided to have a look for ourselves. This morning's forecast looked reasonable, but on our arrival it was cloudy and there was a rather cool WNW wind blowing. However, once on the promenade at the base of the cliff the sun started to come out and in sheltered areas it was pleasantly warm. It wasn't long before we saw our first Clouded Yellow traversing the slope. Our tally for a 1 hour visit was Clouded Yellow (8), Red Admiral (6), Large White (8), Small White (10). Well worth the visit!"



Clouded Yellow



Southbourne habitat

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (17), Comma (5), Large White (1), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (1). "At mid day a quick count around the garden produced the above, of note all the red admiral and commas looked freshly hatched."

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (3 "males"), Red Admiral (18 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (3 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (10).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (3 "males taking red valerian nectar"), Red Admiral (27 "taking nectar from red & pink valerian"), Comma (2 "taking red valerian nectar").

David Tining reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "2 males & 1 female taking buddleia nectar"), Small White (3 "males taking buddleia nectar"), Red Admiral (4 "taking buddleia nectar"), Common Darter (5).

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU648217) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Small White (3), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (7), Meadow Brown (17), Small Heath (2), Chalkhill Blue (2), Adonis Blue (2), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "it was a beautiful day up to 1500hrs ,thats when the heavens opened and we got soaked again,but we found the adonis thy were quite close to the path,rewarded for the climb."



Adonis Blue



Chalkhill Blue



Comma

Jan Wood reports from Penstimen Camp (SU448299) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Monday 17th September

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "very bright and fresh"), Meadow Brown (12 "most were rather faded"), Red Admiral (3 "in very good condition"), Small Heath (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Brown Hairstreak (1 "f. I didn't find

this myself. It was spotted by another visitor who kindly called me over to see it."). "A lunchtime visit when the weather started mainly sunny but became increasingly cloudy."

Jason Claxton reports from Lord's Hill, Southampton (SU381160) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727254) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (18), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Brimstone (1), Large White (1), Small White (3). "brill morning the cafe well open".



Brimstone



Large White



Small Tortoiseshell & Red Admiral

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU677063) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (9), Common Blue (1), Meadow Brown (15), Large White (4), Small White (7).

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT Isle of Wight (SZ437907) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Common Blue (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (12), Small Heath (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street garden, Portchester (SU621049) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Comma (1 Pupal "On blackcurrant"), Red Admiral (6). "Most activity on Buddleja davidii 'Border Beauty' now that 'Autumn Beauty' (syn. 'Beijing') flowers are fading. Other popular flowers inc. Verbena bonariensis, Aster n-a 'Lye End Beauty', and Wallflower 'Bowles Mauve'."

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (2 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1), Grayling (2 "one kept landing on me"), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (1). "1420; also disturbed a nightjar & again on 19th".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker (south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (2 "mating pair"), Common Darter (2). "1105-1120".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (17), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1 "taking sea radish nectar"), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (1), Common Darter (4). "1125-1215".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (5 "males"), Speckled Wood (2), Common Darter (2). "1150-1205".

David Tining reports from Browdown South (east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Migrant Hawker (1). "1215-1240".

David Tining reports from Browdown South (west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (7), Small Copper (7), Brown Argus (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), Common Blue (4), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1 "imbibing blackberry juice"), Meadow Brown (2), Silver Y Moth (1), Common Darter (3). "1240-1450".

David Tining reports from Browdown Field (SZ573996) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Elephant Hawk-moth (1 Larval "crossing grass path in sunshine"). "1455-1505".

David Tining reports from Portsmouth Road, Lee-on-the-Solent (SZ577996) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking buddleia nectar"). "1505; also on 13th Sept".

Matthew Shaft reports from Liphook (SU8330) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Sunday 16th September

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Pilot Hill, (SU4060) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Facombe (SU3857) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Saturday 15th September

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Large White (1).

Paul Brock reports from Southbourne (SZ145911) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (10 "Including a mating pair"), Common Blue (1), Large White (8), Small White (30), Small Copper (2), Red Admiral (5), Small Tortoiseshell (5). "Clouded Yellows certain to be dispersing to parts of coastal Hampshire such as Barton-on-Sea within the next few days. The Clouded Yellows were proving popular with photographers!"



Clouded Yellow

Mike Gibbons writes: "A walk along the Southbourne seafront this afternoon produced 12 Clouded Yellows including a mating pair, 3 Small Tortoiseshells, 10 Red Admirals, a possible Peacock, 5+ Large Whites, 5 Small Whites, 2 Small Coppers and a Lancaster bomber which flew low east along the coast as I was surveying the slopes. The mating pair of Clouded Yellows were being hassled by an over zealous photographer who had straddled the fence, hopefully they finished what they had to do as the surrounding vegetation was pulled back to get better photos. This seems to be a tremendous end to what has been a poor season for many species. Red Admirals seem to be everywhere; at home they are feeding on apples in my garden along with Commas now there are fewer flowers. Seems to be a mixture of migrants with some home grown butterflies pushing up late summer numbers."

Ashley Whitlock reports from 11 Redlands Grove (SU674001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Large White (4), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (10). "Sat just in the back garden enjoying the sunshine and observing the Buddleia Bush which had lots of butterflies flying around it. The large Whites looked like Swallowtails in the breeze with such enormous wings. It was nice to see several Small Tortoiseshells feeding on the Buddleia, they seem to be having a good innings in the late Autumn sunshine."



Red Admiral Small Tortoiseshell

peter gardner reports from st catherines hill (SU483274) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (30), Brown Argus (2), Small Heath (6), Common Blue (1), Adonis Blue (6), Small White (4), Green-veined White (1). "we only walked along the centre of the main vally and not far from the path,supprised to see the adonis there,but a very good walk on a beautiful day."



Common Blue



Brown Argus



Small Heath

Ed Merritt reports from Beaulieu Heath (near Hill Top) (SU3904) where the following observations were made: Grayling (2 "Both quite tatty"), Red Admiral (6 "All in good condition, flying across the heath"), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1), Silver Y (15 "Lots of these flying around, primarily as I disturbed them from the heath as I walked past").

shaun barrett reports from stockbridge down (SU379363) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (4), Brimstone (3), Brown Argus (2), Chalkhill Blue (7), Comma (1), Common Blue (8), Green-veined White (3), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (68), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (43), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Speckled Wood (2), silver y (19).

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (4), Common Blue (3), Unidentified Whites (5), Meadow Brown (1). "Lovely Sunny afternoon walk in the Park. All the Common Blues were looking worse for wear."

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (2), Speckled Wood (1). "Last survey of the wood for 2012."

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (5). "All feeding on ivy flowers; grassland areas devoid of butterflies."

David Tinling & John Willis reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "male & female"), Large White (2 "very fresh females taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (60 "taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (7), Common Blue (2 "males"), Red Admiral (2), Silver Y Moth (1), Migrant Hawker (1). "1050-1130".

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (9 "taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle & cat's-ear"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Vapourer Moth (1 "male flying high & erratically in sunshine"). "1030-1040".

Jonty Denton reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2). "1200".

Jonty Denton reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (3 "at least,including helice female"). "1300".

Friday 14th September

Paul Crook reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794429) where the following observations were made: Silver Y (40), Small White (1).



Silver Y

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU725252) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "with complete cloud cover starting to rain we did not think the cafe would be open today but there thy were all queing up ready to be fed,even a comma."



Comma



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Thursday 13th September

Mark Tutton reports from Victoria Park (SU639003) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Holly Blue (1), Small White (1), Red Admiral (8). "No sign of the abuntant small tortoiseshells that seem to be appearing elsewhere?"

Maya Whitmarsh reports from Kingsgate Tennis Club (SU4828) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "Seen in flight in full sunshine around midday").

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU752259) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (25), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Small White (2). "09:30 AM".



Red Admiral

Steve Keen reports from Sway (SZ2798) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "In the same garden as the L-t Blue on 3rd; my 48th (and presumably last, as I was only targetting 46) species in the county this year"), Red Admiral (4), Large White (2), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Silver Y (3).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (7), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (40), Brimstone (1), Small White (6), Large White (4), Common Blue (6), Small Heath (3), Silver-spotted Skipper (8).

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU563359) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (5), Small White (5). "on a beautiful day like this it is sad to see so few butterflies we know its getting late, and not alot of flower around,thank goodness for the ragwort."



Painted Lady



Red Admiral



Small White

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Common Blue (2), Red Admiral (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (5), Grayling (5), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (1). "1225-1330".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "male & female"), Small White (4), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Comma (2). "in my garden".

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hillier's Arboretum (SU376236) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (25), Small Tortoiseshell (9), Comma (5), Small White (4), Green-veined White (1), Painted Lady (1). "The Centennial Border is back in business as a butterfly venue."

Wednesday 12th September

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU582347) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (12), Small White (8), Green-veined White (2), Red Admiral (3), Holly Blue (3). "spoil by some heavy clouds".



Green-veined White



Holly Blue



Red Admiral

jacqui reports from Titchfield Canal (50.841.234) where the following observations were made: Camberwell Beauty (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU735254) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (19), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (2), Small White (3). "the cafe doors were open very early today even though it was a cold night,it is graight to see all the red admirals still surviving,and of course the tortoiseshells."



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell



Small White

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "male & female;female moved onto my finger for 10 minutes while warming up in the sunshine"), Small White (15), Small Copper (5 "taking rarwort nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (2). "0910-1040".

Tuesday 11th September

Miss Lucy White reports from Lamport Bassitt Solicitors (SU410139) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (10 "Number seem to be growing as they were noticed a week ago. "). "They are around our Pear tree in the back area of the solicitors practice where i work and look like they are displaying mating tendancies."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (1), Small White (13), Speckled Wood (2), Silver Y moth (2). "Plenty of sun but cold wind coming across the Down this morning."

Ian Thomposn reports from Beacon Hill (SU809183) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1 "Observed feeding right next to SDW").

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Common Blue (3 "taking bell heather nectar"), Red Admiral (5), Painted Lady (1), Speckled Wood (12), Grayling (5 "taking bell heather nectar"), Meadow Brown (7), Rush Veneer BF1398 (1 "Nomophila noctuella disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (9). "1110-1310".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking cat's -ear nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1 "very fresh"), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1), Common Darter (3). "1310-1325".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking ragwort nectar"), Meadow Brown (2), Speckled Wood (1). "1325-1335".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Darter (1). "1535-1545".

David Tinling reports from Junkett Marsh,Gosport (SU578002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle"), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (2), Common Darter (3). "1345".

David Tinling reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males"), Common Blue (2 "males taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil"), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (1). "1350-1410".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (4), Migrant Hawker (3), Common Darter (11). "1420-1440".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (4), Migrant Hawker (3), Common Darter (11). "1420-1440".

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking Buddleia nectar"), Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Common Darter (3). "1440-1455".

David Tinling reports from Oval Gardens,Gosport (SZ596994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar"). "1530".

Monday 10th September

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3).

Sunday 9th September

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "female egg laying"). "I went back to noar hill this morning at 10.30 and after an hour I spotted a female (BH) on a blackthorn bush, where she proceeded to lay eggs."



Brown Hairstreak

Martin Hampton reports from Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7), Small White (2), Large White (1), Comma (1). "all nectaring, though not simultaneously, on Buddleia 'Beijing, which is only just reaching its maximum flowering; for once, Buddleia doing what it is so often said to do in exaggerated marketing!"

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU717254) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (18), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Meadow Brown (2). "great to have all these butterflies fluttering all around with every move you make. just hopping it gos on for a little bit longer as we are getting so used to it now. it was a lovely surprise to pull back the curtains and found a painted lady feeding on our daisies."



Painted Lady



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

peter gardner reports from shipton belinger (SU220454) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Meadow Brown (25), Small White (14), Brimstone (8), Speckled Wood (6), Holly Blue (2), Brown Hairstreak (0). "sad day, hunted every where but not a sign, it has been a week of cold nights so that may have finished them off. we hope some do survive."



Brimstone



Holly Blue



Meadow Brown

mark tutton reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU643212) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (14), Common Blue (11), Chalkhill Blue (17), Adonis Blue (5), Small Heath (0), Small Heath (11), Speckled Wood (1), Brown Argus (3), Brimstone (2), Small White (3), Red Admiral (3).

mark tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (9), Small White (6), Large White (4), Common Blue (1), Small Blue (1), Comma (1), Holly Blue (1). "A beautiful September day when it was decidedly warm at 8.30 in the morning. A total of fifteen species is by my reckoning excellent for so late in the season. Fort Purbrook revealed a very late Small Blue and a very fresh Comma and the day was rounded off by a Small Tortoiseshell in Morrisons car park. Perhaps the last really good day of the season?"

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Comma (1), Large White (1), Small White (1).

Paul Crook reports from Headley Down (SU841361) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (2), Small White (2), Silver Y (2).

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Small White (2), Red Admiral (4), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (1). "1320".

Andy Bolton reports from Field edge, nr Willesley Warren farm (SU500535) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Small White (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Whitnal Farm cottages (SU489514) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Comma (1), Silver Y (1). "seen on garden buddleia".

Andy Bolton reports from field south of Laverstoke (SU488479) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Andy Bolton reports from field edge nr Lodge Farm, Drayton Down (SU452433) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Andy Bolton reports from track from Larkwhistle Farm, Longparish (SU452437) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Holly Blue (1), Small White (3).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Harestock Winchester (my garden) (SU468315) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (9), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Small White (5), Comma (2). "The highest butterfly count in our garden this year."

Saturday 8th September

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (21), Small Tortoiseshell (3).

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ573783) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (30), Brown Argus (4), Large White (1), Small Heath (1), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (1). "The Adonis blues were mostly in good condition."

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743320) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "m Very fresh"), Meadow Brown (25 "plus"), Small Heath (2), Small White (4), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (2).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Well today was the day that the sun shone down and the species I was looking for paid me a visit. I undertook the Noar Hill walk again today and what a difference a week makes. Today I met up with (6) other recorders who were very eager to see the Brown Hairstreak. We wandered around for several hours without success looking at Blackthorn thickets and high rise Ash Trees without any luck. We wandered back to the famous triangle at about 12:30, when something caught our eye way down on a Blackberry bush, and sure enough it was a beautiful female Brown Hairstreak. It hung around for several awkward photographs, and flew away and we didn't see where it went. However about 30 minutes later, whilst we were still hanging around looking and hoping, another, well I say 'another' I'm not sure if it was the same female, I like to think there's more than one flying around today, and it rested up in a tree just above head height, just long enough to get some good photographs. Other butterflies recorded at Noar Hill were as follows: Red Admiral (13) Speckled Wood (4) Small White (4) Comma (3) Holly Blue (2) Large White (1) Meadow Brown (25) Peacock (1) Small Heath (4) Common Blue (11) Brimstone (2) Silver Y Moth (lots) There was also a chance to see a second generation Duke of Burgundy as one was recorded here last week, but unfortunately it had disappeared, probably succumbed to the cool nights we are getting now. Several of us decided to go on to Beacon Hill in the latter part of the afternoon, and with a lovely backdrop of the Meon Valley the following were seen, Meadow Brown (40) Speckled Wood (1) Small Heath (8) Silver-Spotted Skipper (4) Large White (2) Small Tortoiseshell (4) Brimstone (5) Chalkhill Blue (1) Small White (10) Red Admiral (6) Common Blue (13) Brown Argus (7) Silver Y Moth (lots) The Silver-Spotted Skipper was seen down at the site which is cordoned off with electric fencing, where it looks as if its been heavily grazed, which will do the specie no harm, as here is where the rabbit scrapes can be found. On a last note I would like to thank everybody who decided to join me in a lovely walk on two of our best sites in Hampshire, And Hannah gets the drinks in next time for spotting the Brown Hairstreak just before I did!



Beacon Hill



Brown Hairstreak



Comma

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Holly Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Graying (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "taking nectar from Erysimum & Verbena bonariensis"). "& others at 1710 & all day on 9th in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 "female"), Brimstone (1 "female"), Large White (2), Small White (3), Common Blue (7 "6 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (11), Comma (3), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (21), Small Heath (4). "on walk led by Ashley Whitlock 1015-1400".

Anne McCue reports from Beacon Hill, Warnford (SU600225) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (4), Brimstone (2 "males"), Large White (1), Small White (4), Brown Argus (8), Common Blue (12), Chalkhill Blue (2), Red Admiral (4), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (48), Small Heath (8). "on walk led by Ashley Whitlock 1430-1600".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "1 pair mating in grass. All feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Silver Y Moth (6 "Seen in many places in the garden.").

John Moon reports from Perham Ranges (SU2548) (SU2548) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20), Common Blue (6), Small Heath (2), Large White (1).

John Moon reports from Perham Ranges (SU2648) (SU2648) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20), Common Blue (4), Small Heath (2), Brimstone (1), Small White (1), Large White (2). "Site in VC12 (North Hampshire) but administrative Wiltshire".

John Moon reports from Norfolk House and adjoining field (SU329438) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Speckled Wood (2), Red Admiral (5), Brimstone (2), Comma (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (1).

Friday 7th September

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU648211) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (8 "m"), Speckled Wood (6), Small White (16), Red Admiral (10), Small Heath (6), Small Copper (1), Silver-spotted Skipper (8), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (150 "estimated, probably far more. Very distracting when we were trying to track other species."), Chalkhill Blue (20 "12m,8"), Common Blue (6 "4m,2"), Brimstone (10 "6m,4"). "We visited this site twelve days ago and saw no Adonis blues. We visited the same areas this time and were delighted to find the Adonis blues, five on the far southern slopes and three at the bottom of the car park slope. What a lovely surprise! Weather was wonderful too!"

Pat and Robin Turner report from their home in Grayshott (SU861355) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Gatekeeper (1), Small White (3 "all very fresh"), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU717256) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Gatekeeper (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Red Admiral (12), Painted Lady (1). "after a cold night the sun soon opened up the cafe, with a tranger coming in."



Painted Lady



The "cafe"



Red Admiral & Small Tortoiseshell

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU716248) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Meadow Brown (3), Brimstone (1), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (10), Clouded Yellow (1). "just ashort walk down the lanedid not want to use the car today ,done tomuch lately."



Clouded Yellow



Holly Blue (not reported above)



Speckled Wood

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (FeedingonBuddleia) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia").

shaun barrett reports from shipton bellinger (SU220457) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Brown Hairstreak (2), Holly Blue (3), Meadow Brown (24), Red Admiral (3), Small Heath (4), Common Blue (9), Small White (11), Speckled Wood (4).

David W Hunt reports from Titchfield Haven NNR (SU534023) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (9 "Most feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre. Some on Trails"), Small White (6 "Most on West trail - 1 by Visitor Centre"), Small Tortoiseshell (5 "Feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre"), Red Admiral (13 "Most Feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre. Few on trails."), Painted Lady (1 "Feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre. Tatty individual."), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia behind Visitor Centre"), Brimstone Moth (1 "On west trail - long grass"), Speckled Wood (6 "On East Trail"). "Spent the morning here. Seemed to be an influx of Red Admirals, Silver Y's and 1 Painted Lady. All in good condition and feeding on the same Buddleia bush behind the Visitor Centre".

Mark Tutton reports from Noar hill (SU743320) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Brown Argus (1), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (3), Meadow Brown (14), Red Admiral (5), Small Heath (2), Small White (5), Speckled Wood (3).

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU740320) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (2 "Two males high in ash").

Sue Davies reports from Brickfields NT Newtown IOW (SZ423921) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Gatekeeper (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (2), Meadow Brown (11), Painted Lady (1), Ringlet (3), Brown Argus (5), Small White (4), Small Heath (1), Silver Y (200 "plus-meadow full of nectaring Silver Ys"), Treble Bar (1), agriphila tristella (50 "plus- many in meadow area"). "4pm- hot sunny light breeze, meadow area full of flowers."



Silver Y



Painted Lady

Andrew Brookes reports from Victoria Park, Portsmouth (SU639003) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Large White (2), Red Admiral (4), Small White (4).

Leanne Baker reports from salum street,shirley (SU402141) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Painted Lady (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Mary and Michael Gwilliam reports from DSDA Gosport - Bedenham Grasslands (SU593043) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Common Blue (2), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (9), Meadow Brown (25), Small Heath (1). "Conditions ideal with full sun, a light south-westerly wind and average temperature 22C."

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (12 "Best count of the year, and for several years; all feeding on 'Beijing' buddleia & ignoring verbena bonariensis and sedum").

David Tining reports from Browndown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Migrant Hawker (1). "1215-1240".

David Tining reports from Constable Close,Gosport (SZ607985) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "taking sedum nectar"). "0845

David Tining reports from Lennox Close,Gosport (SZ609983) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1). "0850".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "males"), Meadow Brown (3), Silver Y Moth (1). "0910-0920 & 1040-1050".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (3 "2 males & 1 female taking sea radish nectar;males in aerial combat;all 3 in nuptial flight"), Small White (30 "taking nectar from sea radish & buddleia"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3), Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Meadow Brown (1). "0920-1040".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (8 "7 males & 1 female taking nectar from prickly sow thistle & knapweed"), Comma (1 "very fresh"), Speckled Wood (1), Vapourer Moth (1 "male flying high & erratically in sunshine"), Migrant Hawker (2). "1050-1100".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (25 "taking nectar from prickly sow-thistle & cat's-ear"), Meadow Brown (1), Migrant Hawker (1). "1100-1110".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males taking Buddleia nectar"), Small White (4 "3 males & 1 female taking buddleia nectar"), Green-veined White (3 "2 males & 1 female,including a mating pair "), Holly Blue (2 "male & female"), Red Admiral (4 "taking buddleia nectar"), Silver Y Moth (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Volucella zonaria (1 "large hoverfly taking buddleia nectar"). "1120-1530,in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small Copper (1 "very fresh 2nd brood"), Speckled Wood (2). "1600-1610".

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking nectar from Verbena bonariensis"), Red Admiral (1), Silver Y Moth (2 "taking Verbena bonariensis nectar"). "1610-1625".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (7 "males"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh"), Meadow Brown (1). "1630-1645".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking fleabane nectar"), Small Copper (1 "taking fleabane nectar"), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (4). "1650-1715 & 1741-1800

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking knapweed nectar"), Grayling (2), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (2), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"). "1715-1740".

Thursday 6th September

Mark Tutton reports from Victoria Park (SU639003) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Red Admiral (2), Holly Blue (4 "All on the same small patch of Sedum").

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Small White (3).

Andy Bolton reports from nr. Nuthanger Copse, Echchinswell (SU496586) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Linda Barker reports: "After a poor summer for butterflies in the garden I was pleased to record 14 Red Admirals and 2 Small Tortoiseshells in our garden on Buddleia today and at Hillier Gardens, on two small Buddleias in the recently replanted Centenary Border, I recorded 7 Small Tortoiseshells, 4 Brimstones and 7 Red Admirals."

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU664210) where the following observations were made: Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Common Blue (4), Chalkhill Blue (5), Small Skipper (1), Small Heath (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (6), Small White (5), Meadow Brown (60). "a wonderful day to be walking around the fort,no need to wonder any further. we saw enough to keep us happy".



Brimstone



Silver-spotted Skipper



Small Tortoiseshell

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (4), Peacock (1), Brown Argus (2), Holly Blue (1), Chalkhill Blue (2), Adonis Blue (5 "4 Male 1 Female"), Speckled Wood (6), Small Heath (9), Meadow Brown (50 "Plus"), Green-veined White (1), Small White (8), Brimstone (11 "9 Male 2 Female"). "Returned to Old Winchester Hill to get some further photos of the Adonis Blue. The males were very helpful with one landing on the chalk path itself. Elsewhere saw 2 Brown Argus which were very fresh. Thirteen different species at one location in September is very good."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1 "Feeding on Lavender"), Gatekeeper (1 "Basking in Long grass"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (4 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (24 "18 F 6 M"), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (12), Meadow Brown (200), Red Admiral (11), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Silver-spotted Skipper (26), Speckled Wood (3), Small White (4), Large White (1). "All of the species were seen during a four hour PM period across the site. We did not however see any Adonis Blue! Our count of Silver-Spotted Skippers was very conservative as we did not want to count individuals twice."



Silver-spotted Skipper



Silver-spotted Skipper



Speckled Wood

Andy Bolton reports from Bishop's Hill path, W of Kingsclere (SU518584) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Small White (6), Common Blue (3 "2 of which female"), Speckled Wood (2), Silver Y moth (1).

Wednesday 5th September

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU733256) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (6), Peacock (3). "could not resist having a quick look at the buddlia ,suprising whats new,".



Peacock



Small Copper



Small Tortoiseshell

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (9 "2 female"), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (8), Small Heath (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (5), Speckled Wood (2). "Sunny but cool strong wind".

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU361469) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Large White (1), Painted Lady (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Small White (3). "all feeding on large buddleia bush in the afternoon sunshine".

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "5 Males 2 Females"), Small White (5), Meadow Brown (100 "Plus"), Speckled Wood (6), Small Heath (6), Gatekeeper (1), Adonis Blue (4 "3 Males 1 Female"), Chalkhill Blue (2), Small Copper (2), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Silver-spotted Skipper (1). "Visited this site and saw the Adonis Blue for the first time here since I saw it with my son back in 2008. Really pleased that something positive has come from this poor summer. To respect site sensitivity, I will not disclose the exact area where I saw the sightings. Two males were flying nearby while a little distance away a female was pursued by a female. Also pleased to see a single Silver Spotted Skipper here."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Small White (4), Meadow Brown (38), Speckled Wood (3), Chalkhill Blue (6). "From Old Winchester Hill called in at this site, where the overall numbers of butterflies have fallen as is the case this time of the year. Just half a dozen Chalkhill Blues now left in poor condition. Temperature was 18°C."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Gatekeeper (1 "Basking in Long grass - Female").

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "all nectaring on purple loosestrife"), Small White (2), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (6 "has been very scarce this summer"), Speckled Wood (10), Gatekeeper (4 "all faded"), Grayling (13 "decreasing now"), Meadow Brown (102), Small Heath (6 "Also very scarce this summer"), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Nectaring on Calluna"), Silver Y (20). "A general walk around some of the grassland and drier heath at Eelmoor. The above were seen over three hours in warm sunshine. Meadow Brown's favourite nectar source currently at Eelmoor is devil's-bit scabious, with a few on ragwort."

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "fresh on budleja").

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (100), Brimstone (10), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Common Blue (4), Chalkhill Blue (8), Speckled Wood (2), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Large White (1), Small White (2), Small Heath (0).

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Comma (3).

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Shipton Bellinger (west) (SU2145) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (5), Holly Blue (2), Large White (1), Common Blue (2), Meadow Brown (22), Brown Hairstreak (2).

John Moon reports from Danebury Hill (SU3237) where the following observations were made: Chalkhill Blue (2), Common Blue (4), Brown Argus (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (5).

Tuesday 4th September

Andrew Brookes reports from Garden, Castle Street, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Red Admiral (10 "Still obsessed with Buddleia dav. 'Autumn Beauty', though one or two also on Bowles Mauve Wallflower"), Small White (4), Silver Y moth (2). "One of the best days yet in the garden; constant activity."

peter gardner reports from brownwhich shore line (SU517033) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Small White (30), Red Admiral (4), Meadow Brown (2), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (1), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (1). "a beautiful day by the sea again, this time going west, as we were walking along the shore a man was waving and pointing at the ground, a clouded yellow, thank you,".



Clouded Yellow



Clouded Yellow



Small Copper

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Home (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Speckled Wood (3), Comma (1 "first flight"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "on buddlia"), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1 "feeding on old plums & fighting off Sp Woods"). "Sightings at 3.30 pm during 15 min ute tea break."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU731256) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (12), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (2), Small White (1). "great just standing by the bush and having them fly all around you, nothing better."



Peacock



Red Admirals



Small Tortoiseshell

Roy Symonds reports from Hayling Billy Cycle Trail (SU709995) where the following observations were made: Small White (16), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (2), Red Admiral (2). "Walked the Hayling Billy Cycle Trail from the former North Hayling Halt (SU717029) to the site of the old station at West Town (SU709995). A sunny day the temperature was 21 degrees."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (1 "Basking on long grass"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Mary & Michael Gwilliam reports from Hinton Ampner (SU597275) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (33), Small Tortoiseshell (12), Small White (12), Silver Y (7). "Long sunny spells, Temp. 24 degrees C and very light NW wind. Many butterflies were heavily engrossed in nectaring on the buddleja."

Sue Maddison reports from 13 Bellevue Road, Ryde (SZ595926) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (50 "Unbelievable!"), Comma (1). "Must be a 'nest' in vegetable patch - been there for nearly a week - difficult to count as so many. Very few butterflies so far - the odd gatekeeper - and now this! How long do adults live??" (The Red Admirals flying now can overwinter until next spring - Webmaster)

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8), Comma (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (6), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (2), Meadow Brown (1). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (16), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (3), Gatekeeper (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (10 "9 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Speckled Wood (10), Meadow Brown (2), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"), Emperor Dragonfly (1), Migrant Hawker (1). "1640-1755".

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (5 "Annual max in garden").

Monday 3rd September

Jason Claxton reports from Lord's Hill, Southampton (SU381160) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Cow Down Interchange (SU385445) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1). p>

Mike Wildish reports from Harewood Forest, Balls Cottages (SU395445) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Green-veined White (3), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Harewood Forest, Cowdown (SU385435) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Harewood Forest, Central (SU395435) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (11).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3f, 1m"), Meadow Brown (30 "in many different sizes and conditions. I stopped counting at this point"), Peacock (3), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (2 "very fresh."), Brown Hairstreak (1 "f. It was working its way down a blackthorn stem and gave me good views of both upper and undersides before suddenly fling off high into the trees. "). "A late morning visit in hot sunshine."

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (5), Large White (2), Small White (3), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Comma (2).

SteSteve Keen reports from Sway (SU2798) where the following observations were made: Long-tailed Blue (1 "female, in a private garden (sadly not mine), in excellent condition apart from one of the black spots on one wing being missing, even the tails were present. Repeatedly settling on Perennial Sweet Pea flowers, although not nectaring, but I made one too many (unsuccessful) attempt to get a photo with my mobile and it flew off strongly. ").

David Tinling reports from Haslar (south-west), Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "very fresh male & female nectar from prickly sow thistle"), Small White (4), Common Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y Moth (2 "disturbed in daylight"). "0915-0935".

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Matley Bog (SU3307) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (4).

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Beacon Hill - Warnford (SU6022) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Common Blue (10), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (20), Red Admiral (4), Silver-spotted Skipper (3), Small Heath (2). "Also well over a hundred Silver Y moths on the hillside."

peter gardner reports from haylingbilly line (SU712006) where the following observations were made: Small White (11), Green-veined White (3), Meadow Brown (19), Comma (4), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (2), Gatekeeper (2), Small Copper (2), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (12). "a beautiful day by the seaside, not interested, in birds just butterflies. its blackberry time again."



Comma



Red Admiral



Small Copper

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU714254) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Gatekeeper (2), Meadow Brown (1), Small White (1). "the doors opened by 10oclock this morning .so thy all came early."



Peacock



Red Admiral

Roy Symonds reports from North Hayling Halt, Hayling Billy Cycle Trail (SU716032) where the following observations were made: Small White (7), Green-veined White (4), Meadow Brown (5), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1). "A warm day (20 degrees), remained local and visited the former North Hayling Halt on Hayling Island and walked to the old railway bridge."

Tony James reports from Noar Hill (745315) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1 "Pristine male"). "Recorded on transect. This is the third time in the last five years, that a partial second brood of this species has occurred on this site."

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1), Common Blue (1 "new for the year"), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (2). "At last the garden buddleia was really busy with butterflies today, including several Small Tortoiseshells - there had been none all year until September began. A male Common Blue flying through was also a first for the year in the garden."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Basking on long grass"), Holly Blue (1 "Overfly"), Gatekeeper (1 "Feeding on Marjoram"), Meadow Brown (1 "Feeding on Perpetual Wallflower. Tatty looking."), Silver Y Moth (1 "Feeding on Lavender"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (3 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (4 "Feeding on Buddleia and Marjoram"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Chris Hall reports from Ewshot Heath (SU8249) where the following observations were made: Grayling (12). "12 Graylings seen during a 20 minute walk. This is close to the county border and more seen on the Surrey side, but no other butterflies."

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Comma (1), Grayling (1), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (2), Large White (1), Small White (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (7), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (6), Grayling (34 "including a mating pair"), Gatekeeper (3), Meadow Brown (25). "from 1540".

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Jersey Tiger (1 "photographed taking hemp-agrimony nectar; identification confirmed by Stewart Swift from David Tinling's photograph"). "& others at 1210".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "female taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (28 "taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Gatekeeper (3 "old females taking nectar from knapweed & ragwort"), Meadow Brown (2), Cacaecimorpha pronubana BF985 (1 "male Carnation Tortrix flying in sunshine"), Silver Y Moth (2 "disturbed in daylight"), Jersey Tiger (1 "taking Hemp-agrimony nectar between short flights in sunshine; identification confirmed by Stewart Swift from my photographs").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (3 "males taking knapweed nectar"), Meadow Brown (3), Silver Y Moth (13 "disturbed in daylight"), Emperor Dragonfly (1), Common Darter (2 "mating pair"). "1120-1140".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (8 "female taking sea aster nectar & 7 males"), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (6 "5 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1 "taking hemp-agrimony nectar nectar"), Meadow Brown (3 "taking fleabane nectar"), Small Heath (1), Silver Y Moth (8 "disturbed in daylight"), Emperor Dragonfly (1), Common Darter (8). "1435-1520".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (7 "males"), Common Blue (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Peacock (2), Meadow Brown (5 "taking fleabane nectar"), Silver Y Moth (7 "disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (3). "1520-1605".

John Moon reports from Norfolk House and adjoining field (SU329438) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6), Brimstone (4), Common Blue (1), Comma (1), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Green-veined White (2), Small White (2).

Sunday 2nd September

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Nine brave souls battled against the elements at Noar Hill today, with rain lashing down we all got uncomfortably wet, I like to thank everybody who took part. Several of you hadn't been to Noar Hill before and I showed them where I had encountered the Brown Hairstreak before in better times. For our trouble there was a brief glimpse of a Meadow Brown, and several Autumn tresses, and a Stonechat giving us lot of chatter, but very little else. I just hope 2013 is a lot better as out of 5 walks this year (3) have been wet!"

Saturday 1st September

Ashley Whitlock reports: "Visited two Silver-Spotted Skipper sites in the Meon Valley today Oxenbourne Down and Old Winchester Hill. The Weather was ideal not too warm very little wind and plenty of butterflies on the wing still. At Oxenbourne Down I managed to find one Silver-Spotted Skipper which was the same count as 2011, but I do feel there should be more management here for this species as many of the areas where I used to see the specie has become rank and overgrown. The area at the top of the hill where a large conifer plantation was cut down a few years ago has now become just rank grasses and Thistle city! However the following was seen on the shorter turf: Chalkhill Blue (23) Meadow Brown (100+) Gatekeeper (10) Speckled Wood (1) Small Heath (8) Red Admiral (8) Small White (1) Small Tortoiseshell (3) Common Blue (5) Peacock (3) Small Skipper (1) Silver-Spotted Skipper (1) Brimstone (10) Treble Bar (2) Silver-y (1) I then went onto Old Winchester Hill which surprised me for the second time this year, I thought that the Adonis Blue had become extinct again several years ago, but I like being proved wrong and I was pleasantly surprised to see five males and one female! other butterflies seen on the wing were as follows: Brimstone (7) Small White (5) Red Admiral (1) Peacock (1) Meadow Brown thousands! Gatekeeper (5) Chalkhill Blue (100+) Speckled Wood (4) Small Heath (5) Small Skipper (1) Adonis Blue (6) Silver-Spotted Skipper (15) Brown Argus (1) Common Blue (10) Silver-Y (3) Its very hard to ascertain the correct numbers of a specie like the Silver-Spotted Skipper on a downland the size of OWH, especially the south facing slope by the fort which has so much good habitat for it. The (15) is a very modest number, but i suspect its a tenth of the actual number at the peak time, with it flying so fast and not always in a straight line I find I have to count it in blocks over a wide area, and time it over a given period normally over an hour."



Adonis Blue



Silver-spotted Skipper



Small Tortoiseshell

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "very fresh male taking buddleia nectar in my garden"). "& others".

John Willis reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "taking sea radish nectar at 1130").

Anne McCue reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "2 males & 3 females"), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (3), Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (88 "including a mating pair"), Small Heath (2), Silver Y Moth (37 "disturbed in daylight"), Bombus lapidarius (4 "Red-tailed Bumblebees, including a very large very fresh queen"), Bombus pascuorum (3 "Common Carder Bees"). "1330-1645, sunny until 1430".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727260) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Red Admiral (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Gatekeeper (1), Meadow Brown (1). "after spending a wonder day trying to count adois blues on figsbury ring[80+thats only the males]we come home to find our buddlia full of these wonderful creatures [great day]".



Peacock



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (20), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Garden, Castle Street, Portchester (SU622049) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (6 "All nectaring on Buddleja davidii 'Autumn Beauty'"), Small White (3), Comma (3 Larval "On Ulmus uyematsui, Taiwanese Elm"), Comma (3 Pupal), Vapourer Moth (3 Larval "On Ulmus uyematsui, Taiwanese Elm").

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (22), Small Heath (1), Small White (4). "Mid-afternoon survey, breezy, overcast skies."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Gatekeeper (3 "All Females. Feeding on Fleabane and Basking on Grass"), Silver Y Moth (1 "Flushed from long grass"), Small White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (4 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (3 "Feeding on Buddleia and Ragwort").

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Painted Lady (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2), Large White (1), Small White (1).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: small elephant hawk (1), fox moth (1). "walking through the long meadow grass found the above mature caterpillars looking for pupation sites."



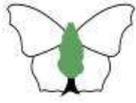
Fox Moth



Small Elephant Hawkmoth

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Wednesday 31st October

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "In garden during cloudy breezy weather").

David Tining & Mike Gregory reports from Wildgrounds(east),Gosport (SU581008) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1100-1250".

Tuesday 30th October

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes North (SU362475) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Corhampton area (SU5921) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (2), Red Admiral (10).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1). "on a rare sunny morning in the garden found the above."



Comma

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane,Freshwater,IOW (SZ330878) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1). "Both in my back garden on a very sunny and mild morning".

peter gardner reports from havent thicket (SU728114) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "great to get out in the sunshine again even if its only once a week, havent thicket is a good site to walk anyway,looking forward to next spring to walk go back there and look for butterflies again. we saw this red admiral sitting on our window frame on our way out, could not resist it."



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Matthew Shaft reports from Butser Hill (SU7120) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar"). "0850".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Garden Tiger BF2057 (1 Larval "small woolly bear basking"). "0925".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (10 "basking & flying or taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Common Darter (1 "basking & flying"). "1020-1055".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "basking & flying"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1055-1130".

David Tining reports from Alverstoke Village,Gosport (SZ601989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1145".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "basking & flying or taking ivy nectar"). "1205-1215".

David Tining reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1215".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1220".

David Tining reports from Anglesey Gardens,Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1225".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (4 "basking & flying"), Common Darter (1 "basking & flying"), Volucella zonaria (1 "large hoverfly basking & flying"). "1245-1315".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1315-1325".

David Tining reports from Grange Road(south),Gosport (SU591001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking on pavement"). "1330".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1340-1355;my total Gosport butterfly sightings for 30th Oct were Red Admiral 37,Comma 4,Speckled Wood 9,Total 50".

David Tining reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1 "basking & flying"). "1400-1420".

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

Sunday 28th October

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "flying in my conservatory").

Saturday 27th October

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Home (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "On our living room S facing window basking in sun & sheltering from the wind".

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Itchen Way, Cheriton (SU579290) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Hale Purlieu (SU188177) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "While on a fungal foray a Red Admiral settled on the heather on the heathland, the sun had just started to warm the area up."



Red Admiral

Chris Barter reports from our garden, Hill Head near Stubbington (SU5402) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on our garden fence at 3:30 pm").



Red Admiral

Peter Gardner reports from Froxfield Garden (SU724267) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Just one short day of sun and the cafe can open again but not much on the menu, just golden balls Buddlia [very long lasting just right] the bees love it [must give a good taste the honey]".



Red Admiral

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

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Speckled Wood (1). "1255-1310".

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "1500, very light shower".

David Tining reports from Crescent Road, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1050".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (14 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "basking & flying"). "1125-1155 & 1230-1255".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (5 "basking & engaging in aerial combat"). "1155-1230".

David Tining reports from Solent Way, Gosport (SZ596990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1320".

David Tining reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1340".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar"). "1345-1420".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1420-1435".

David Tining reports from Anglesey Gardens, Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying"). "1455".

David Tining reports from Haselworth Drive, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1520; my total Gosport butterfly sightings for 27th Oct were Red Admiral 29, Comma 3, Speckled Wood 6, Total 38, on a very windy, very cold, very sunny day".

Philip Budd reports from Manor Farm Country Park - Barnfield (SU498111) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "Male flying and at rest on blackthorn hedge"). "I've never seen a Green-veined White this late before. I might go and see if it's still there if there is any sunshine this week."

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "basking & flying in my garden").

Eileen Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "basking & flying in my garden").

Wednesday 24th October

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on the roof"), Humming Bird Hawk Moth (1 "Found deceased on a Lavender Stalk. ").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (9 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1555-1605,in very weak sunshine after 5 dull days".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Migrant Hawker (1 "flying in very weak sunshine"). "1555".

Tuesday 23rd October

Matthew Shaft reports from The Nore, Ramsdean (SU7021) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (5).

Sunday 21st October

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Common Plume Moth BF1524 (3 "disturbed by gardening").

Saturday 20th October

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Wootton St Larence (SU5953) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5), Comma (1).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU578364) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5). "five red admirals but only one landed on sweetcorn".



Red Admiral

Friday 19th October

John Moon reports from Norfolk House and adjoining field (SU329438) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Small White (1).

Thursday 18th October

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male in my garden").

Wednesday 17th October

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female;fresh 3rd brood;males in aerial combat;female ovipositing on ivy buds;male flying after female"), Red Admiral (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "basking & flying"), Common Darter (2). "1205-1240".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (14 "basking on grass & gravestones"), Speckled Wood (5). "1315-1350".

gary palmer reports from newlands manor (SZ287933) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1). "in the wood at the side of the garden found the above".

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

Tuesday 16th October

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Home (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "All feeding on Ivy Flowers"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

peter gardner reports from avington (su534235) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Red Admiral (5). "a great passtime looking around ivy plant[when the sun shines that is] for thats the best place to see any butterflies if there is any. a great place for a walk any way."



Comma



Red Admiral

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (3). "1230-1245".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (2), Common Darter (23). "1245-1315".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1355-1405".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (33 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (4), Common Darter (3). "1405-1450".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Wherwell (SU3840) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small Copper (2). "mid day in the garden found the above".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Another windy day. Both butterflies appeared late afternoon - 15:45."). "At the time of writing - 22-10-2012 - there had been no further sightings since 16/10. There are still quite a few Buddleia flowers available but the weather has generally been overcast and damp."

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (8).

Monday 15th October

gary palmer reports from talbot drive highcliffe (SZ207946) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7). "AM in a garden that backs onto woods, on an ivy in full flower found the above."

gary palmer reports from barrs ave, new milton (SZ246956) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Red Admiral (6), Peacock (1). "PM in a garden on the last few flowers of a buddleia found the above".

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (5), Common Darter (2).

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"). "A windy day. Both butterflies struggling to hold on to the Buddleia flowers."

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Winchester Railway Station (SU476299) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Spreadeagled on back of car mirror trying to get warm").

Sunday 14th October

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7), Large White (1).

Mark tutton reports from Paulsgrove (SU635059) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Sowley Shore, Lymington (SZ359952) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Small White (2), Red Admiral (3), Small Copper (3 "All in very good condition"), Buff Tip moth (1 Larval "Final instar, on bramble"). "Strong sunshine, and shore sheltered from the light northerly wind by woodland and scrub served to create ideal conditions for butterflies."

Mike Gibbons reports: "A fantastic day for Red Admirals, especially in my garden. I counted 17 mainly on the strawberry tree flowers but a few also visiting the late flowering buddleia. A Comma was also on the both of these as well. I later visited Southbourne Undercliff where I recorded 2 male Clouded Yellows, 66+ Large Whites, 7 Small Whites, 1 Comma and 7 Red Admirals arriving off the sea. The Red Admirals did not hang around long and mainly headed inland quickly. I then moved on to Stanpit Marsh, Christchurch where I added Peacock and Speckled Wood to my list. Again I saw around 7 Red Admirals heading inland after flying across the marsh. Interestingly I also found an empty Red Admiral pupal case on bramble, which convinces me there are local Red Admirals being augmented by new arrivals to our shores. I cannot remember an autumn saturated with Red Admirals like this one for many years. Even with the frosts arriving, they should still be seen on sunny days late in the year as they are in such good numbers."

peter gardner reports from haylingbilly line (SU719019) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Comma (3), Small White (1). "a beautiful day by the sea although rather crowded,glad to see the butterflies still flying,and stopping,the only nectar about is the ivy thank goodness for that".



Comma



Small White

Lynn Fomison writes. Tim Norriss and I walked around Magdalen Hill Down on Sunday. Tim was keen to see the Spiked Shieldbug that Jayne had written about on Facebook. We found just the one. It is interesting as it is a predator of caterpillars. This one was fortunately not at all interested in the Knotgrass caterpillar Tim found.

At The AGM on Saturday Tim had reported that the growing number of records of caterpillars was very welcome so this is just a reminder that as the number of butterflies and moths decrease caterpillars can still be found. It enhances the data base to include records of all life stages not just adults.



Knotgrass larva



Spiked Shieldbug

Lynn Fomison writes... This photograph of a Comma at Magdalen Hill Down shows that Ivy is flowering beautifully at the moment providing loads of nectar. In the Autumn Branch newsletter I wrote about searching for moths by torchlight on ivy blossom. So now is a good time to find some Ivy near you on a warmish evening and see what you can find. You don't need a moth trap to find and record moths.



Comma

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (9 "taking nectar from ivy & sea radish"), Small Copper (1 "very fresh 3rd brood,taking nectar from dandelion & cat's-ear"), Red Admiral (43 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Migrant Hawker (2), Common Darter (1). "1145-1230 & 1245-1255".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (2 "taking ragwort nectar"), Common Darter (1). "1100-1115".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579995) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Beautiful Plume Moth BF1497 (1 "Amblyptilia acanthadactyla photographed on outside of window at 0900").

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (16 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1), Common Marbled Carpet BF1764 (1 "Chloroclysta truncata disturbed & photographed in daylight"). "1335-1355".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Red Admiral (29 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Common Darter (1). "1410-1445".

David Tinling reports from Foster Gardens,Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "1520".

Saturday 13th October

Barrie Roberts reports from Mottisfont Church (SU326268) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (10 "Many basking on the gravestones, a great sight").



Red Admiral

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT IOW (SZ437907) where the following observations were made: Comma (8 "All feeding on blackberries"), Red Admiral (1 "on blackberry"), Speckled Wood (1 "on blackberry"), Small Copper (2).



No description



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David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (43 "taking ivy nectar"), Common Darter (3). "1015-1035.My total Red Admiral count in Gosport on 13th Oct was 108.".

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 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Friday 12th October

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Lakes & Harrow Way (SU345465) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Red Admiral (3). "In sunny spots out of the wind in various locations in the 1k square - long live Ivy!".

Jason Claxton reports from Calshot Spit (SU480013) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Comma (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Small Copper (2). "Am in the garden found the above.".

gary palmer reports from sway village (SZ272987) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Comma (4). "PM in a garden in the village found the above all on one ivy plant.".

peter gardner reports from froxfield footpaths (SU713290) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Comma (2), Red Admiral (1), Small White (1). "a enjoyable walk along the paths over the feilds. but as we were leaving the garden we saw 4commas and 3small tortoisshells on the daisies".



Comma



Green-veined White



Red Admiral

Dave Pearson reports from Brownich (SU524035) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Red Admiral (20), Small Copper (1), Large White (5), Small White (10), Speckled Wood (3). "A walk around Brownich from Thatchers' Copse produced six species, the most notable being a single Small Copper.".

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Only a single Red Admiral on a sunny afternoon, temperature 13.5 degrees.".

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Comma (1). "Red Admirals and a Comma feeding on Ivy.".

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1). "In my sister's garden in Waterlooville.".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (21 "including a courting couple").

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU581002) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Holly Blue (4), Speckled Wood (4). "in my garden".

David Tining reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (11 "taking ivy nectar"). "1055".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (81 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (4 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (6 "taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight").

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (40 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (3 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1). "1145-1205".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2). "1230-1245".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (64 "taking ivy nectar"), Painted Lady (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (5 "taking ivy nectar"). "1245-1305".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Red Admiral (16 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1355-1530".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (11 "taking ivy nectar"). "1550-1600.My total butterfly count for 12th Oct was 304,including 269 Red Admirals."

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Red Admiral (3 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Thursday 11th October

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 "Feeding on Buddleia").

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

Wednesday 10th October

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown Cmpt 9 (SU653064) where the following observations were made: Fox Moth (1 Larval "My ID is tentative and I'd value comment - off web to john@havantnature.net"). "Pictures are at www.havantnature.net/wildlifepictures.html".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU723268) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Red Admiral (7). "the sun only seems to come out every other day now so we have to grab those moments to report what we see,if there is a chance of taking a picture great."



Comma & Small Tortoiseshell



Red Admiral

peter gardner reports from Ovington (SU496292) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (5). "am the sun was great but afternoon jus when we decided to go for a walk over came the cloud, but we managed to see the the hardy ones,mostly feeding on ivy[thank goodness for ivy],good walk that along the river itchen,there is a pub there if needed."



Red Admiral

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Very tatty with badly frayed wings - Feeding on Buddleia").

Dave Pearson reports from Hill Head (SU530023) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "Helice"). "Seen in flight only so assume it was just a Clouded Yellow and not "Pale" or "Bergers". Flew strongly westwards so check out any funny white butterflies on MHD etc!".

David Tining reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "female"), Red Admiral (14 "taking ivy nectar"), Peacock (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar").

David Tining & Jonty Denton reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1 "old"). "1255-1310".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Darter (10). "1310-1325".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (11 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (2 "disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (1). "1325-1340".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (5 "4 males & 1 female taking ivy nectar"), Small White (6), Red Admiral (72 "taking ivy nectar"), Painted Lady (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (6 "taking ivy nectar"), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"). "1345-1430".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1430".

David Tining reports from Solent Way,Gosport (SZ596990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (26 "taking ivy nectar"). "1435-1445.My total butterfly count in Gosport on 10th Oct was 227,including 195 Red Admirals. "

Jan Wood reports from Fareham (SU569063) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6).

Jan Wood reports from Eastleigh (SU458191) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4).

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

Monday 8th October

Jason Claxton reports from Lord's Hill,Southampton (SU381160) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "Feeding on Buddleja in heavy rain").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying under eaves - trying to reach Buddleia during showers.").

Sunday 7th October

Mark Tutton reports from Military rd (SU593001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7). "All of the red admirals were very determinedly making their way south across the football pitches over the course of two hours".

Mark Tutton reports from Old Winchester hill (SU643213) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Meadow Brown (9), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (1). "Having realised how warm it was in the morning I took a short trip to owh - a few last stragglers were about in pleasant warm sunshine but I was a bit disappointed not to come across any late Small Coppers.".

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT IOW (SZ437907) where the following observations were made: Comma (4 "Feeding on blackberries!").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female"), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "also on 5th"), Silver Y Moth (1). "in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (4), Small White (30), Red Admiral (110 "most taking ivy nectar"), Comma (16 "most taking ivy nectar"), Vapourer Moth (2 "males flying in sunshine"). "At Portland Bill hundreds of Red Admirals were reported to be flying ESE on 5th & 7th Oct.In late September & October Red Admirals that have emerged on the Gosport coast are joined by the first of the southward migrants & the last of the northward migrants and numbers rise to a maximum while they imbibe ivy nectar,blackberry juice & other nectars & fruit juices,before most migrate across the English Channel,leaving behind a small minority of adults to overwinter with any remaining ova,larvae & pupae.My total Gosport sightings for 7th Oct were Large White 10,Small White 38,Small Copper 2,Red Admiral 280,Comma 26,Speckled Wood 21,Total 377.".

David Tinling reports from Solent Way,Gosport (SZ596990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (16 "taking ivy nectar at 1310").

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (44 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (3). "1335-1355".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (72 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (4 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (18). "1355-1445".

David Tinling reports from Foster Road,Gosport (SZ604999) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"). "1500".

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Large White (1), Red Admiral (3). "A few autumnal butterflies along the path overlooking Queen Alexandra Hospital site. Temperature was 15 degrees.".

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "A few Red Admirals on an Ivy bush.".

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Comma (1). "A Comma and a Small White in my sister's garden in Waterlooville.".

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").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Dean Farm (SU563202) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249930) where the following observations were made: common white wave (1 "larva"). "On sallow found the above.".



Common White Wave

Anne McCue reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (4), Small White (22), Red Admiral (78), Comma (7). "1230-1310".

Anne McCue reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Red Admiral (13), Comma (2).

Anne McCue reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Small Copper (2), Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (22), Speckled Wood (2).

John Moon reports from Norfolk House and adjoining field (SU329438) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (2).

Saturday 6th October

Hazel Pratt reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU648217) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Meadow Brown (10), Large White (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (4 "2m 2f"), Small Heath (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (37), Comma (2), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (2 "Numbers greatly diminished compared with last year.").

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads via ivy pond (SU711270) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Red Admiral (7), Large White (3), Small White (2). "unable to drive the car so took a stroll around the lanes ,1st look was into the clover field where we saw 50 clouded yellow 4 years ago,but no luck this year,but we did see at least 150plus y moths. but further on the walk we did find a holly tree covered in ivy,with the commas and red admirals sheltering and feeding in it,a wonderful place on a cold and wet night,".



Comma



Red Admiral



Silver Y

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "females"). "& others in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Comma (1 "imbibing blackberry juice"), Migrant Hawker (1), Common Darter (1). "1245-1310".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (3 "males"), Small Copper (2), Common Blue (1 "old male"), Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Migrant Hawker (1). "1310-1350. My Total Red Admiral sightings in Gosport on 5th & 6th Oct were 114 & 115."

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Vapourer Moth (1 "flying in daylight"). "1400".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"). "& others at 1515-1550".

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 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Margaret Carr reports from Old Basing Allotments (669532) where the following observations were made: Large White (1).

Friday 5th October

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU716266) where the following observations were made: hummingbird hawk moth (0), Red Admiral (18), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (2), Small White (1). "isnt just the same, just when you shut the door more comes, so we are sorry we had to book them, the hummingbird was 1st seen on the front buddleia then on the back, which meant chasing through the house, worth it."



Hummingbird Hawk Moth



Comma & Red Admiral



Hummingbird Hawk Moth

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking Buddleia nectar"), Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (9 "taking nectar from Ivy & Buddleia"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Common Plume Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight").

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (6 "taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (4 "taking ranunculus nectar"). "1205-1215".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar"), Common Darter (1). "1225-1250".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Red Admiral (13 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Meadow Brown (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"). "1225-1250".

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "taking nectar from Verbena bonariensis"), Small White (1 "males taking nectar from Verbena bonariensis"), Red Admiral (2 "taking nectar from Michaelmas Daisy"). "1300-1310".

David Tinling reports from Haselworth Drive, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7 "taking ivy nectar"). "1340".

David Tinling reports from Waterloo Road, Gosport (SZ613985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (25 "taking ivy nectar"). "1350".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Comma (1 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Large White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Thursday 4th October

Mark Tutton reports from Victoria Park (SU639004) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Small White (2). "At lunchtime it was very warm out of the wind and I was pleasantly surprised by to be accompanied by an October Holly Blue whilst I ate my sandwiches!".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU721266) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (14). "these pics were taken at 0900hrs, the sun was very warm, no wind, a very good start, now the buddleia has nearly finished the m daisies has taken over the job to feed the flock, you have to have alternative to keep them fed."



Red Admiral

Mike Wildish reports from Kentsboro (SU305405) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4), Small White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Prospect Farm (SU305415) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Track nr Kentsboro (SU312405) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "With Mervyn Grist. A few records in the morning sunshine before the cloud and wind. As usual Ivy was popular, but also Blackberry fruits."

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Home (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Red Admiral (3), Small White (1). "Last 2 weeks, Our garden residents."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (4), Small White (5). "Not particularly warm but these butterflies active. Seen in a 5 - 10 minute walk on part of transect."

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "& others in my garden".

David Tining & Jonty Denton reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "female rejecting Small White Male"), Small White (25), Small Copper (1 "taking ranunculus nectar"), Common Blue (1 "very fresh 3rd brood blue female taking ragwort nectar"), Red Admiral (1). "0945-1035".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (3 "males"), Red Admiral (35 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1). "0910-0940".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking nectar from prickly sow thistle"), Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1055-1105".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking Buddleia nectar"), Small White (2 "males"), Red Admiral (46 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (6 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1). "1105-1145".

David Tining reports from Kingfisher Path, Gosport (SZ586994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "imbibing ivy nectar & blackberry juice"), Comma (3 "imbibing blackberry juice"). "1150-1200".

David Tining reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking buddleia nectar"), Comma (1), Migrant Hawker (2), Common Darter (2). "1205-1215".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Common Darter (8). "1215-1240".

David Tining reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (6), Migrant Hawker (1), Common Darter (10). "1205-1300 & 1400-1430".

David Tining reports from Browndown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Lesser Yellow Underwing (1 "Noctua comes male disturbed in daylight"), Common Darter (2). "1300-1310 & 1355".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Common Darter (4). "1310-1325 & 1340-1355".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1), Migrant Hawker (2), Common Darter (10), Argiope bruennichi (1 "wasp spider in web"). "1325-1340".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking Valerian nectar"), Red Admiral (58 "taking ivy nectar, 46 on one bush"), Comma (4 "taking ivy nectar"). "1455-1510".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (43 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (11). "1510-1540".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (15 "taking ivy nectar"), Comma (2 "taking ivy nectar"). "1630-1650".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (7 "taking ivy nectar"). "1650-1700. My Gosport sightings for 4th Oct were Large White 9, Small White 33, Small Copper 1, Common Blue 1, Red Admiral 218, Comma 20, Speckled Wood 22, Total 304."

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 "Feeding on Buddleia"), Small White (1 "Feeding on Buddleia").

Margaret Carr reports from Old Basing Allotments (669532) where the following observations were made: Large White (1).

Wednesday 3rd October

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 "Feeding on Buddleia"). "Today was overcast and showery. There was no sign of the Humming Bird Hawk moth seen yesterday. There seems to be a Red Admiral roosting under the eaves or in a roof void. Any time the rain stops or there is a bit of sunlight it seems to emerge, bask on the window frame for a short while (to warm up?) and then flies about 10 feet to the nearest Buddleia. It will even visit the Buddleia in light rain, feeding on the leeward side."

Tuesday 2nd October

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Sheltering under eaves"), Hummingbird Hawk Moth (1 "See comments below."). "Hummingbird Hawk Moth: This was first seen low down on a brick wall at 10:36 (pic 1). I had not seen one before with it's wings held upright against it's body - like it had just come out of a tube. I'm guessing it may have just emerged from a pupae. We found a possible HBHM Caterpillar about 6 ft away from the moth's location on 25th August. After about 2 hours the moth now had it's wings in a "normal" Delta shape (- pic 2). It remained in the same position until after 15:30. When I checked again at 16:00 it had gone. Found no trace of it on the Buddleia's but the weather was poor."



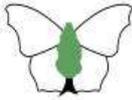
Hummingbird Hawk Moth



Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Monday 1st October

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Buddleia in between showers").



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Thursday 29th November

Margaret Carr reports from Old Basing Allotments (669532) where the following observations were made: Large White (15 Larval).

Tuesday 27th November

Alan Butterworth reports from Hordle Cliffs (SZ278916) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying strongly in the scrub at the bottom of the cliff").

Friday 23rd November

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU837531) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Common Darter dragonfly (1). "The Peacock was basking on a log pile in early afternoon sunshine at the south end of Eelmoor Marsh, temperature 8 C. The dragonfly was flying over a nearby pool."

Thursday 22nd November

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on a chapel wall & flying in a gale"). "1255".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking & flying,sheltered from the gale"). "1225".

Pauline Lawrence reports from Clayhall Road(east),Gosport (SZ611985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying in my garden").

Sunday 18th November

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head (SU545026) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Indulging in a display flight together").

peter gardner reports from farlington marshes (SU765020) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "we had to visit the seaside on a day like yesterday to good to miss one was on the ivy one was on the sea wall while the other was flying around some ivy a very good day".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Steve Mansfield reports from Alton, River Wey (SU7239) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Woolmer Pond (north) (SU7832) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1055".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1100-1145".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1145-1200".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1210-1225".

Ian Pratt reports from Arreton Down (SZ535871) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2). "Flying strongly in warm sunshine."

Anne McCue reports from Brownich (SU518036) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1300".

Saturday 17th November

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying"). "1015-1030".

David Tining reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1040".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1100".

Lee Hulin reports from Dockens Water, footbridge by Newlands Plantation (SU174090) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Mild but overcast day, was greeted by a peacock at about 14:30 when returning back across the bridge."

Thursday 15th November

David Lawrence reports from Clayhall Road(east),Gosport (SZ611985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying in my garden "). "morning & afternoon".

Wednesday 14th November

Dan Hoare reports from Queen Elizabeth Country Park (SU718185) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1). "Both feeding on the sticky secretion on ash buds - I've not seen this behaviour so late in the year before."

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT IOW (SZ437907) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "The only butterfly I saw on a very sunny but breezy day."

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Wharf Hill, Winchester (SU485289) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1050-1120".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on nettles & flying"). "1200".

David Tining reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking & flying"), Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1210".

David Tining reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "basking & flying"). "1215".

Theo Roberts reports from Cosham garden (SU665056) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Patrolling garden from apple tree perch in warm sunshine").

Monday 12th November

Maya Whitmarsh reports from Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 Larval "caterpillar on cabbage leaf").

Sunday 11th November

David W Hunt reports from Park Lane, Stubbington Green (SU554031) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on a car roof").

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Hillier's Arboretum (SU376236) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying round the Winter Garden").

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "0950".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1235".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "1315".

Anne McCue reports from Solent Way,Gosport (SZ596990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1120".

Friday 9th November

David Tining reports from Anglesey Gardens,Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1220".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"), Comma (1 "taking ivy nectar"), Speckled Wood (3 "basking & flying"). "1235-1330".

Thursday 8th November

Mark Hallett reports from East Cowes Isle of Wight (SZ506958) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "enjoying the sunshine").

Dave Pearson reports from Broughton Down (SU284321) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "A surprise sighting for November. Seen by the HWT work party while they had their lunch!".

Hannah Hardman reports from Portsdown Hill Garden (SU669060) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female perched on hedge and Ice plant, looked pristine.").

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1105".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying"). "1110-1120".

David Tining reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ608982) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking & flying"). "1155".

David Tining reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1205".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1235".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking & flying"). "1420".

Wednesday 7th November

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar in my garden"). "1425".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Garden Tiger BF2057 (1 Larval "woolly bear basking"). "1510".

Lynn Fomison reports on disturbing three Peacocks hibernating in a shed, adding " unfortunately I had to clear a shed out to make room for a lot of logs. The shed was mainly rubbish. I found one Peacock inside an empty plastic sack, another snuggled up on a canvas bag and a third was on the floor. I suspect it had fallen off as I moved a plank of wood. I remembered Andy Barkers request at the AGM for people to report sightings of hibernating butterflies so thought this might be a useful reminder. We can learn from reports of the situations that butterflies choose to hibernate and hopefully create more good places around our homes. Also from my own experience I suggest that it is not a good time to clear out sheds between August and April!

Anyway I think I successfully rehoused two of the butterflies in a plastic bag draped over an upright stake in another shed. The third butterfly flew around briefly & then disappeared into my owl loft where I hope it will get through the winter safely. It is important that the few butterflies that survived the summer do emerge next Spring."

Tuesday 6th November

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "taking ivy nectar"). "1115-1130".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "basking on nettles or taking ivy nectar"). "1205-1215".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "taking nectar from Hebe salicifolia in my garden"). "1235".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1300".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1325".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "in my garden").

Monday 5th November

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU659203) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "one red admiral as usual on ivy in the sun, lovely".



Red Admiral

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

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1).

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

John Webb reports from Monckton Road, Gosport (SZ609985) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "flying in my garden").

Margaret Carr reports from Old Basing Allotments (669532) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Sunday 4th November

David Tining reports from St Mark's Churchyard, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on a grave & flying"). "1315; also seen there on 3rd Nov, basking on the trunk of a lime tree, by Reg & Hilary Paradise".

Saturday 3rd November

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (6). "Alec and I enjoyed a bracing morning walk at MHD in the sunshine. We had no expectations of seeing any butterflies so the six red admirals were a bonus. None of them settled anywhere for very long."

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking ivy nectar"). "0850".

David Tining reports from Haselworth Drive, Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking on an ivy leaf"). "1020".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on nettles & flying"). "1100".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "taking ivy nectar"). "1255-1325".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking ivy nectar"). "1325-1335".

Friday 2nd November

Mark tutton reports from Mengham (SZ721994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Whilst waiting in a queue of some two hundred people to meet Sir David Attenborough at a book signing I was joined by a Red Admiral who was obviously also keen to meet the President of BC! I can thoroughly recommend the book 'Drawn from Paradise' a fantastic coffee table book detailing how the birds of paradise have been captured by some of the most famous ornithological artists like Gould, Bouffon, Cooper etc. it was an absolute pleasure to meet the person who inspired my interest with his Zooquest series in my youth - I owe him a debt of gratitude."

Ron Burt reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (5 "basking on nettles & flying").

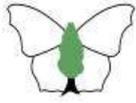
Thursday 1st November

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "in the garden early afternoon found the above."

David Tining reports from Crescent Road, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying"). "1135".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "taking ivy nectar"). "1400-1430".

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Friday 28th December

Richard Merritt reports from Dibden garden (SU405073) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Quite active, flying around back door.").

Sunday 23rd December

Jon Stokes reports from Portchester (SU610049) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Very late flying creature in a small patch of sunshine, after all the rain.").

Saturday 22nd December

Tom Biddulph reports from Bourley MOD training area (heath) (SU849511) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "in flight"), Red Admiral (1 "in flight"). "Weather was warm (approx 8 degrees celcius) and sunny.".

Friday 21st December

David Tinling reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on a wall & flying"). "1040".

Tuesday 18th December

Sue Lambert reports from Waitrose Romsey (SU355213) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "While waiting to get into Waitrose car park there was a bright Brimstone strongly flying along the hedge in the sunshine.".

Sunday 16th December

Steve Mansfield reports from East Worldham (SU7537) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying").

Friday 7th December

Dan Hoare reports from Herriard (SU664461) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1). "Flying in bright sunshine at Hampshire Wildlife Trust offices - unexpected distractions during a meeting!".

Tuesday 4th December

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying around the eaves in bright sunshine").

David Tinling reports from Anglesey Arms Road, Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ604985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1215".

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