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Thursday 27th February

Phil Lowe reports from Locks Heath (WGS84) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Basking on neighbours shed (sun with cold northerly winds)").

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, Isle of Wight (SZ434904) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Comma (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on last years crab apple fallers.").

Jim Park reports from West of River Alver (east), Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking & flying").

Wednesday 26th February

Graham Dennis reports from Ron Wards Meadow (SU601607) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Basking on bare ground next to hedge at top of meadow").

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking, flying & taking crocus nectar"). "1250".

David Tinling reports from St Mark's Churchyard, Gosport (SZ605985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying "). "1345".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay (Old Moat), Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying"). "1305".

Monday 24th February

Colin Baker reports from SU750523 (Odiham Common) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Male"). "Suffering a bad case of lep withdrawal symptoms I decided at 10.50am today to take the country roads from Fleet to Odiham Common in search of my first Brimstone of the year. The only specimens seen were at Odiham Common along the side of the road adjacent to the meadow where Brambles and leaf litter proliferate. Not sure it was sensible to take on the brambles in search of a record shot but I did achieve my aim before the Brambles finally won. The Brimstone did what they always do to take advantage of what little heat was available by turning their wings towards the sun during duller spells. (See photo) When the third Brimstone stayed put I knew the best of today was over and sure enough the butterfly was the ultimate weather forecaster, it was 11.40am.".



Brimstone



Brimstone

Andy. Stocker reports from Whitehill (SU785342) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying strongly & nectaring on Viburnum.").

Andy Stocker reports from Passfield (SU805338) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying strongly through woodland.").

Saturday 22nd February

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "My first sighting this year of a non hibernating butterfly, a male Brimstone was flying over a garden and around an allotment. The weather was sunny, temperature of 10 degrees.".

Mark G Painter reports from Posbrook Lane, Titchfield (SU532042) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Adder (2 "One black and one normal colour basking").

Graham Dennis reports from Mortimer West End garden (SU633635) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying in sunshine").

R&S Broadway reports from Hillier Gardens, Braishfield (SU374239) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "On a patch of heather"), Red Admiral (1 "Basking on a tree stump").

Gary palmer reports from new milton (SZ248962) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Above seen flying around my front garden.".

Penny Raynor reports from Drove Lane, Alreaford (SU576332) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Blashford Lakes (SU151079) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Chris Hall reports from Velmead Common (SU825527) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Basking in grass and in flight on warm slope, 1pm").

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Nectaring on crocus and heather blooms.").

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657064) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Following my first sighting of the year in the morning at Waterlooville, I saw my first Small Tortoiseshell later in the afternoon on Portsdown Hill just above Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham.".

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton Old Cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Red Admiral (1).

Thursday 20th February

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying in my garden").

Kathy Lumb reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying").

Wednesday 19th February

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Dotted Chestnut (1 "came to kitchen window, a new species for this garden.").



Dotted Chestnut

Tuesday 18th February

J. Fairhurst reports from 30 Miller Drive, Fareham, PO16 7LH (SU571069) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton Old Cemetary (SU413136) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Monday 17th February

David Howdon reports from Romsey (SU3522) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Other recorder was Andrew Culshaw".

Sunday 16th February

Maya Whitmarsh reports from Farley Mount (SU432292) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "seen in flight").

K Smith reports from Alcantara Crescent (SU429110) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Our first butterfly of the year - stayed in garden quite a while, basking in unaccustomed sun."

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU817530) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male flying in a garden 1.30pm, sun, 8 C").

Paul Harfield reports from Botley Railway Cutting (SU519134) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "Seen flying and settling in warm sunshine around 1pm. In the shelter of the railway cutting."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Alresford (SU585317) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male basking & flying in my garden").

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622051) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying strongly in the late morning sunshine").

Friday 14th February

Kathy Brickwood reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying").

Monday 10th February

Roy Symonds reports from Stoke Farm, Hayling Island (SU721024) where the following observations were made: **Small White** (1). "Saw a newly emerged Small White in the covered porchway at my sister's (Stoke Farm). The butterfly was very weak and barely able to fly. The protection and warmth from the building seemed to allow for it to develop prematurely. Not a sighting in the true sense but worth noting."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Alresford (SU592322) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "In the house - must have woken from hibernation. Released it into the garage to go back to sleep again.").

Sunday 9th February

Phil Lowe reports from Locks Heath (WGS84) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Flying and resting in back garden (during high winds & sun)").

Friday 7th February

A.C.Smallbone reports from Portsmouth (SZ638995) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Buffeted by the wind and dodging the traffic at the same time.").

Alan Martin reports from Oakfield High Street (SZ597918) where the following observations were made: **Small Tortoiseshell** (1 "flying around my spare bedroom at 9pm ish").



Small Tortoiseshell

Graham Dennis reports from Ron Wards Meadow (SU601608) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying in sunshine while hedgelaying on the Wildlife Trust site").

Sunday 2nd February

Heather Anthony & Richard Carpenter reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584362) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male - flying in sunshine but only 9 deg centigrade").

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