

## Brimstones

by Mark Lyman, 16-Mar-11 07:02 PM GMT

Hi, I went for a short walk on Monday (14th March) in the sunshine around Hursley, Hants – must have seen about a dozen brimstones – all males bar 1.

Does anyone know if it is normal for the males to emerge earlier than females please?

Thanks, Mark.

## Re: Mark Lyman

by Paul Wetton, 17-Mar-11 12:27 AM GMT

Hi Mark

Firstly thanks for purchasing a copy of my DVD's. Hope you enjoy.

Brimstones may be similar to many butterflies where the males emerge slightly earlier than the females to establish themselves in readiness for the girls to appear. I could be wrong but someone will correct me if so.

Enjoy the forums

## Re: Mark Lyman

by Susie, 17-Mar-11 01:59 AM GMT

You're not wrong. As far as I am aware the males tend to turn up first. I've seen 11 brimstone males over the last couple of days and not one female.

## Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 17-Mar-11 05:12 AM GMT

Thanks both – thought this might be the case or that was one lucky lady I saw!!! My wife says actually, no she's not.

Paul, I watched the YouTube trailer for your DVD and they look excellent – am hoping it will help my ident skills. Last September we were out looking for blues and it was just soooooo confusing.

Cheers, Mark.

## Re: Mark Lyman

by Paul Wetton, 17-Mar-11 04:33 PM GMT

Hi Mark

The DVD's should help with ID there's a few pointers for similar species.

I'm attempting to learn how to ID the Blues, Fritillaries and Ringlets I may see in the Swiss Alps later this year and it's a nightmare.

## Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 23-Mar-11 09:10 PM GMT

Hi, have just been out around the village (Hursley nr Winchester) for a short walk – was **fabulous!!!!** 😊

In 30 minutes and just under two miles–

9 brimstones (2 female)

2 peacock

1 small tort

1 orange tip (male)

Plus two UFOs that I suspect were commas but only got a brief glimpse

Hope to get out tomorrow while the sun shines

All the best, Mark.

## Today's Count

by Mark Lyman, 24-Mar-11 09:26 PM GMT

Hi, managed to get out on the same route as yesterday – today's count!

8 brimstones (1 female)

2 small tort

4 comma

1 red admiral

Plus a UFO that I suspect was a peacock

All the best, Mark.

#### Season Species

Brimstone – March 14th  
Comma – March 24th  
Orange Tip – March 23rd  
Peacock – March 23rd  
Red Admiral – March 23rd  
Small Tort – March 23rd

### Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 25-Mar-11 11:30 PM GMT

...a bit later out today which may be behind my low count!

1 brimstones – male  
2 comma  
2 peacock  
1 small white

Plus a UFO that I suspect was a peacock

All the best, Mark.

#### Season Species

Brimstone – March 14th  
Comma – March 24th  
Orange Tip – March 23rd  
Peacock – March 23rd  
Red Admiral – March 23rd  
Small Tort – March 23rd  
Small White – March 25th

### Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 28-Mar-11 05:24 AM GMT

Hi – short update from today – only what I was able to see whilst working in the garden.

– 1 male Orange |Tip  
– 1 Comma  
– 1 Red Admiral

Small count but lovely to see. I also met with a nurseryman friend yesterday. Reckons his stock of Alder Buckthorn come complete with Brimstone colony!

Cheers, Mark.

### Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 06-Apr-11 10:18 PM GMT

Hi, managed to get out again for the first time in a while.

A short 30 min walk yielded....

14 brimstones – 10 male 4 female  
1 holly blue  
1 peacock  
5 orange tip – 4 male 1 female

All the best, Mark.

#### Season Species

Brimstone – March 14th  
Comma – March 24th  
Holly Blue – April 6th  
Orange Tip – March 23rd  
Peacock – March 23rd  
Red Admiral – March 23rd  
Small Tort – March 23rd  
Small White – March 25th

### Re: Mark Lyman

by Mark Lyman, 08-Apr-11 09:54 PM GMT

Hi – lucky old me – out again at lunchtime 😊

A short 30 min walk yielded....

4 brimstones – 2 male 2 female – markedly fewer than two days ago in spite of the superb weather  
1 peacock

1 red admiral  
4 comma  
1 small tort  
12+ orange tip (lost count) – 8+ male 4 female (approx split)

Also one large white UFO – could have been a large white?

All the best, Mark.

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## **Re: Mark Lyman**

by Mark Lyman, 23-Apr-11 05:51 AM GMT

Hi, managed to meet some friends and their children at Bentley Wood on Wednesday.

Many Speckled Woods about along with OTs and Brimstones. Also one suspected PBF at range – so can't be sure – also a couple of peacocks and a single GVW.

Pleased to see a Holly Blue in the garden today on two occasions – and even more pleased to find OT eggs on garlic mustard and honesty in the garden – also saw the ladt OT ovipositing – so hopefully there will be plenty of eggs – would be nice to raise a couple indoors. I've just bought some garlic mustard seed with a view to establishing our own colony – but looks like Nature beat me to it – just need that buckthorn!

All the best, Mark.