

P.J.Underwood

by P.J.Underwood, 26-Mar-12 10:16 PM GMT

My first outing of the season to Botany Bay. Green and Greater Spot Woodpeckers and Chiffchaffs greeted me. Many orange and orange and brown daytime moths flying. Then I saw my first FEMALE Brimstone (I hope!). When flying it was white like a large white, and when settled a pale lemon. The males have been around about two weeks now, since my first post.



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by P.J.Underwood, 10-Apr-12 11:55 PM GMT

Botany Bay.

My first Wood White of the year. Perhaps a little early?

P.J.U.



Re: P.J.Underwood.

by dilettante, 11-Apr-12 12:44 AM GMT

Does seem early – last year's earliest report (on ukb) was 18th April, and that was an early year for most species.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by David M, 11-Apr-12 03:34 AM GMT

My guess is that we are actually a little in advance of where we were at this time last year due to the glorious late March weather. That said, the forecast is very ordinary for the next fortnight whereas this time last year we were basking in a mini heatwave which lasted up to the end of April, so the current momentum is likely to be lost very shortly.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 13-Apr-12 11:21 PM GMT

Botany Bay today,after yesterday's heavy showers,was only returning the odd orange-tip and brimstone.No sign of any wood-whites.However,the first nightingales were heard and over the next few days I would expect their numbers to swell.

P.J.U.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 16-Apr-12 10:25 PM GMT

Botany Bay today-between 10 and 12 degrees centigrade,but felt much warmer in the sheltered suntraps.I saw my first Speckled Wood ,but the highlight was my second sighting of a Wood White.I have learnt to use spot metering,and this seems a great improvement on white butterflies.

P.J.U.



Re: P.J.Underwood.

by dilettante, 16-Apr-12 10:30 PM GMT

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Ah, that's much better! I didn't like to say anything last time, but... 😊

Lovely photo.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 16-Apr-12 10:35 PM GMT

Thanks,the problem is that over the winter when doing birds one forgets the little tricks.

P.J.U.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by MikeOxon, 16-Apr-12 11:02 PM GMT

I agree that spot metering is almost essential for white butterflies – but they are still difficult even then! You have really caught the subtle shading of that Wood White!

Mike