

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 15-Jun-18 10:08 AM GMT

This was probably our last chance(in life) to see the Mountain Ringlet.So myself,Bill Plumb and Malcolm Greenwood set off for the Lakes in a window of what was to be three sunny days.We firstly went to Arnside Knott,where the hillside was alive with Small Pearl Border Frits. most in excellent condition.We also saw the odd Scotch Argus,and three Grayling.Later that day we went to the Large Heath area at the Osprey Centre and were rewarded with many good sightings.

The next day was the big one,Irton Fell for the Mountain Ringlet.We saw about three on the lower slopes and then had the good fortune to meet Pete Eeles coming down the Fell,who directed us to a hotspot.Reaching this,with a falling temperature and gusty wind,we were still lucky to find about another dozen,one being very photogenic.

I attach some of the photo's.

P.J.U.



Small Pearl bordered



Small Pearl Bordered



Scotch Argus



Large Heath



Large Heath



In the grass



A friendly Mountain Ringlet

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by Pete Eeles, 15-Jun-18 10:14 AM GMT

Glad you found the Mountain Ringlet, P.J.! BTW - your "Scotch Argus" is a Northern Brown Argus 😊

Cheers,

- Pete

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 15-Jun-18 10:35 AM GMT

Thanks Pete for sorting me out!

P.J.U.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by Wurzel, 15-Jun-18 01:16 PM GMT

Cracking envy inducing post P.J. 😊🍷 That would have been three lifers for me 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by David M, 16-Jun-18 10:20 PM GMT

I'm really glad you got to see the Mountain Ringlets, PJ, if a little sad about your comments regarding it being a 'last chance'.

Great you notched up Northern Brown Argus too. Definitely a worthwhile trip.

Re: P.J.Underwood.

by P.J.Underwood, 28-Jun-18 06:59 AM GMT

David,

Thank you for your comments. It has taken three years for the three of us to be in the right place at the right time. We have to do advance booking—that is the problem. This year we hit the jackpot. We were up there for the small window of three glorious days, and succeeded. So that is why we probably will never be in the position to do it again. There are many easier places for us to visit.

You might like to look at the post I sent to Trevor about the unusual behaviour this year of P.E.'s at Chiddingfold.

P.J.U.