

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Apr-18 10:30 PM GMT

I saw my first butterfly of the year a week ago (a Peacock)

Today I went to Mill Hill and it was a pleasure to meet Jonathon doing a transect.

I saw multiple Peacocks (including 3 in a skyward spiral) , Brimstones , 2 Small Whites and a brief sighting of a Grizzled Skipper.

What a relief spring is finally here.

**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 14-Apr-18 10:43 PM GMT

That Grizzlie definitely means Spring in my book: lovely to see it. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Apr-18 11:00 PM GMT

Thanks Dave,

Your orange-tips were lovely to see too 😊

Katrina

Re: Katrina

by Maximus, 15-Apr-18 12:12 AM GMT

It's a real relief that spring has finally arrived, Katrina, and great that you found the Grizzled Skipper 😊

Mike

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 15-Apr-18 10:34 AM GMT

Hi! Katrina, what I wouldn't give to see a Grizzled Skipper 🍷🍷 never seen one yet, I must rectify that this year if possible, great find 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 15-Apr-18 04:54 PM GMT

Great news Katrina spring is finally here 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 15-Apr-18 05:43 PM GMT

Thanks Maximus, a bit of luck in finding it.

Thanks Goldie, they are pretty butterflies and well worth going to see.

Thanks Wurzel, Good indeed 😊

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 15-Apr-18 06:51 PM GMT

That Grizzled Skipper was a great find, and possibly early for this season.

Great stuff,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 15-Apr-18 08:33 PM GMT

We've barely started seeing the adult hibernators and already the next wave of emergents are appearing, this is going to be a crazy spring I think! 🍀 for the Grizzlie 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 15-Apr-18 11:26 PM GMT

Well, I wasn't expecting Grizzled Skippers for at least another week.....maybe longer!

Seems like spring is definitely underway.

Great sighting, Katrina. Probably the best of the year so far on here!

Re: Katrina

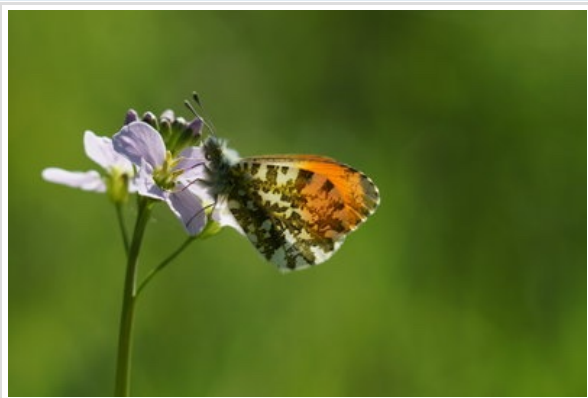
by Katrina, 16-Apr-18 08:40 PM GMT

Thanks David,
my luck was definitely in!

Orange-tips

by Katrina, 18-Apr-18 10:39 PM GMT

My first orange-tips of the year today



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 19-Apr-18 01:31 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina – still waiting for my first OT 😊📷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 19-Apr-18 05:05 PM GMT

Nice shot Katrina, like Wurzel I've not seen orange Tips yet! Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

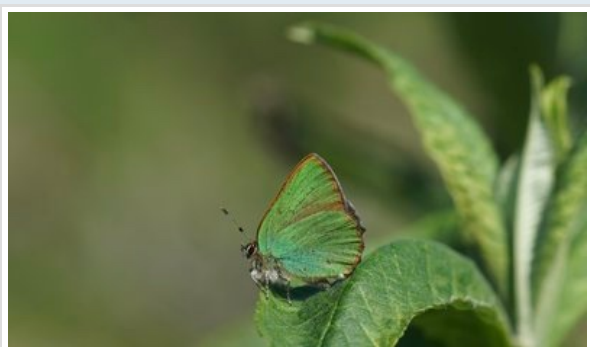
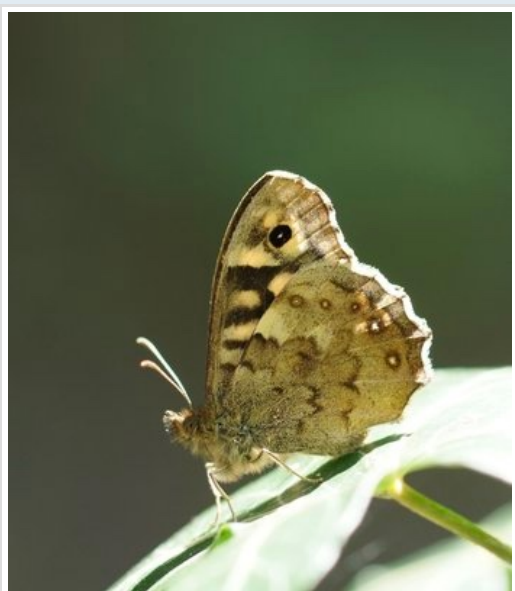
by Katrina, 19-Apr-18 08:15 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and Goldie. 😊

Mill Hill

by Katrina, 19-Apr-18 08:49 PM GMT

My sister and I went to Mill Hill this afternoon in the heat. We were fortunate to bump into Neil who found a very obliging Green Hairstreak (many thanks). Also seen were Speckled Woods, Grizzled Skipper, Peacocks, Tortoiseshells, Commas, Brimstones and a Small and Large White.





Bonus photo from yesterday

by Katrina, 19-Apr-18 09:48 PM GMT

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Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 19-Apr-18 10:25 PM GMT

Lovely Green, Katrina. Mill Hill sure does the business this time of year. Dingy Skippers any day now.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 19-Apr-18 10:34 PM GMT

Fantastic shots Katrina, Greenstreaks and Grizzlies what a great combination 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 20-Apr-18 01:19 PM GMT

Wonderful, Katrina, although any time you find yourself on the same site as Neil Hulme, you can be pretty sure you'll see something notable.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 20-Apr-18 02:22 PM GMT

Brilliant, Katrina - I should have headed down there too by the look of it! 😊 As Essex says, the Dingies can't be far behind now, and plenty more sunshine to come as well.

Dave

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 20-Apr-18 02:48 PM GMT

Congrats. on your Mill Hill finds, especially the sometimes tricky to photograph Green Hairstreaks.

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 20-Apr-18 03:06 PM GMT

Great sights and shots Katrina. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Apr-18 06:28 PM GMT

Thanks Essex, went to Mill Hill again today, no Dingys seen while I was there although other butterflies arriving as I left.
Thanks Wurzel and David, as you say seeing Neil is a good sign you're in the right place at the right time.
Thanks Dave, Trevor and Andrew!

Green Hairstreaks

by Katrina, 22-Apr-18 08:29 PM GMT

Went to Devil's Dyke on Friday with my sister. Fortunately bumped into Neil again . We hadn't found any Green Hairstreaks before we met him but he had found plenty then more started to appear.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 22-Apr-18 08:36 PM GMT

Fantastic images Katrina 😊🌱 Looking back at your first Greenstreak I wondered if it was an ab.caecus as I can't see any spots? 😞

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 22-Apr-18 08:50 PM GMT

I think you may be right - well spotted Wurzel (unlike the butterfly) 🤪

Grizzled Skipper

by Katrina, 22-Apr-18 08:52 PM GMT

Tonight at Mill Hill , again with the help of others (thanks).



Re: Katrina

by millerd, 22-Apr-18 10:28 PM GMT

That's a lovely image of the Grizzly, Katrina. 😊 When I saw them yesterday it was in the heat of the day and they moved about rather a lot more. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 22-Apr-18 11:27 PM GMT

You don't need any more Grizzled Skipper images, you'll never better that one.

Fantastic !.
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 23-Apr-18 10:57 AM GMT

Very nice images Katrina, I like the Greenstreak close up particularly. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 23-Apr-18 05:20 PM GMT

Lovely shots of the GHS Katrina, but that Grizzled Skipper shot is super 🍷🍷 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 23-Apr-18 07:09 PM GMT

Thanks Dave, definitely easier to photo in the evening.
Thanks Trevor, I have been enjoying some of your Holly Blue photos.
Thanks Andrew and Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 24-Apr-18 06:02 PM GMT

I agree with Trevor regarding your latest Grizzlie image, Katrina. It's going to be hard to improve on that.

Beautiful effort.

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 01-May-18 08:02 PM GMT

Just catching up Katrina – that last image of the Grizzled Skipper could well be the best I have ever seen. Love it 🍷

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 01-May-18 09:13 PM GMT

Thanks David and Pauline. The season has started well for me.

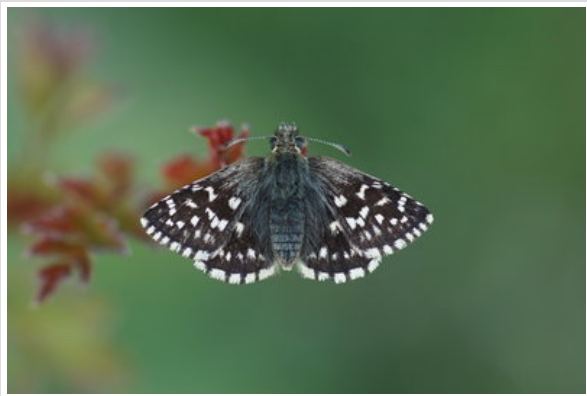
Really like your Dukes Pauline, glad you are back I was wondering when you would start posting again.
Now to decide where to go tomorrow try for Pearls or Dukes? Hope the weather holds.

Abbots Wood and Mill Hill

by Katrina, 05-May-18 09:03 PM GMT

This afternoon myself and friend went to Abbots Wood. We saw a single Pearl- Bordered Fritillary (no good photos). There was a supporting cast of Green-Veined White, Small Whites, a few Orange-Tips, 2 Green Hairstreaks, 2 Peacocks, one Comma, one Brimstone, one Speckled Wood and a Broad Bodied Chaser dragonfly.

I then went on to Mill Hill myself, from 6.30-7.30. I was in a bit of a rush so more focussed on photography than counting but saw 8 Grizzled Skippers, 3 Dingy Skippers and 5 Small Heaths. Also I think a Cinnabar moth.



Re: Katrina

by millerd, 05-May-18 10:22 PM GMT

A really lovely pair of Skippers, Katrina, especially that Grizzlie! Perfect. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 05-May-18 11:10 PM GMT

Great news that you saw both Pearls and Dinghies Katrina 😊👍 And great shots of the Skippers both 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 06-May-18 02:26 PM GMT

Fabulous again, Katrina. These two butterflies might generally be considered amongst the drabest in the UK, but at this time of year they are a joy to encounter! Shame about the lack of opportunities with your PBF, but I'm sure you'll compensate for this very soon.

Re: Katrina

by Neil Freeman, 06-May-18 05:46 PM GMT

Beautiful images of the two Skippers Katrina, I really like the Grizzled Skipper 🍷😊

Cheers,

Neil.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-May-18 10:26 PM GMT

Thanks Millerd, I was pleased I went back out again.

Thanks Wurzel, I was beginning to wonder if the Dingies were ever going to show up at Mill Hill.

Thanks David, they certainly are joyful on a warm evening.

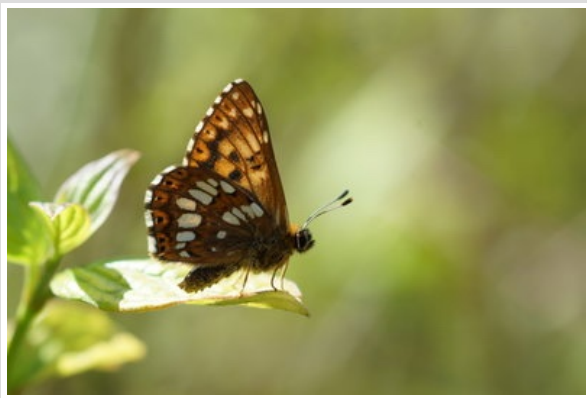
Thanks Neil, I think I got lucky again.

Heyshott

by Katrina, 07-May-18 10:34 PM GMT

I went to Heyshott today and saw some Dukes. I bumped into Neil Hulme and then Gary and spent some enjoyable time.

Later Neil and I went to Rewell Wood where we also met Jonathan Crawford. We saw some Pearls but they weren't being very obliging for me.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 07-May-18 10:54 PM GMT

Great shots of the Dukes Katrina 😊 Sounds like the Pearls were a bit solar super charged – they should settle down soon when the temperatures get back to normal 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 08-May-18 09:41 AM GMT

Lovely shots of the Skipper's and the Dukes Katrina, it was certainly a great week-end. 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 08-May-18 05:52 PM GMT

I suspect the PBFs will be much more obliging when the weather cools down. A bit of cloud cover will help too.

Well done with the Dukes though! This is one butterfly that can be approached pretty readily.

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 10-May-18 03:53 PM GMT

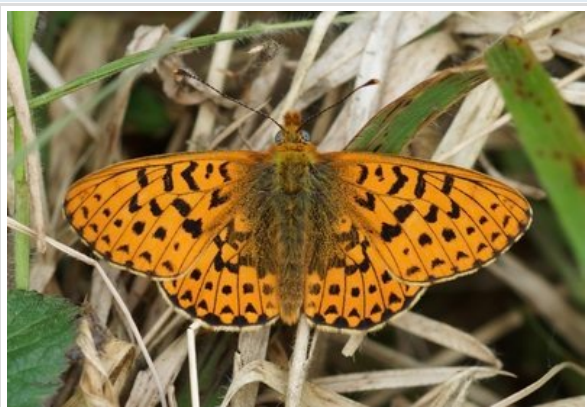
Great Skipper and Duke images Katrina. 😊

Cooler Pearls

by Katrina, 16-May-18 06:45 PM GMT

Thanks David, Goldie , Wurzel and Andrew.

This afternoon from about 3-4.30 I went to Rewell Wood. It was definitely cooler but a bit windy. I found 3 PBFs one of which was obliging but seemed to have kinked antennae.



Re: Katrina

by millerd, 16-May-18 09:53 PM GMT

Some nice Pearls there, Katrina, despite another sort of weather which can't have been ideal. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 17-May-18 01:42 PM GMT

Great set of shots Katrina especially the first one, it reminds me of when I first see them - I've been looking and then one will just sort of pop out at you 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 19-May-18 09:54 AM GMT

Lovely images of a beautiful species, Katrina.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-May-18 09:59 PM GMT

Thanks David, Wurzel and Dave , I was pleased to finally get one still enough for an underside shot!

Glorious Mill Hill

by Katrina, 19-May-18 10:07 PM GMT

This afternoon I went to Castle Hill for an hour - very lively and better for practising ID in flight rather than photography. I think I saw 12 Walls (unless they were sneakily circling round me). Also seen were one Small Blue , about 5 Adonis Blue, multiple Common Blues, 8 Small Coppers, about 30 Dingy Skippers, one Grizzled Skipper, 3 Peacocks, one Red Admiral, one Brown Argus and some Small Heaths. I didn't have time to look round the whole site I then went on to Mill Hill having seen reports of a lot of Adonis Blue and was not disappointed. It was a pleasure to bump into Nigel and Trevor who were already there. Thanks to Trevor who was particularly good and finding butterflies basking in photogenic spots. We also saw Dingy Skippers, Common Blues, Grizzled Skippers and Small Heaths.







Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 19-May-18 10:44 PM GMT

Great set of shots especially the more subtly marked female Blue 😊

'unless they were sneakily circling round me' that presents a cracking image to me of a gang Walls hiding behind a hedge giggling as one says to the other "Go on Bob go round again, one more time" 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 19-May-18 10:47 PM GMT

You have a real knack with those beautifully posed butterflies, Katrina. Grizzlies in particular seem to sit up splendidly for you. 😊

Wurzel's description of Wall Brown behaviour is *exactly* what they were doing at Mill Hill last week... Round and round and round! 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 20-May-18 03:18 PM GMT

Beautiful selection Katrina, same for the PBF's. 😊

Agree completely with Dave's comment, great composition. 😊

Cheers

Re: Katrina

by David M, 23-May-18 05:07 PM GMT

Wonderful set of images, Katrina. You are very much perfecting your art. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 24-May-18 12:26 PM GMT

There's not much more I can add Katrina – those Grizzled Skipper images are lovely. You definitely have a knack with them 😊

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 25-May-18 04:30 PM GMT

I'm a bit late viewing your lovely images from Saturday evening. What a great time !.
Some of your Butterflies look familiar.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-May-18 09:58 PM GMT

Thanks everyone.

Thanks Trevor, it was a great evening. Your photos looked familiar too so much so that on an initial glance on the Sussex website I thought yours were mine! Good teamwork that evening finding them posing!

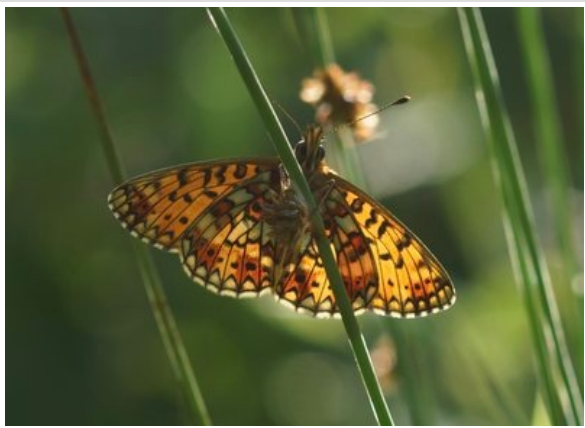
Park Corner Heath

by Katrina, 27-May-18 10:05 PM GMT

I went to Park Corner Heath from about 4.30 until 8 today. It was very warm and there were some very active SPBFs. Just when I was leaving I spotted 4 settling down together (although one flew off). They weren't fully roosting all all shut by 8 tonight.







Re: Katrina

by millerd, 27-May-18 10:53 PM GMT

Those are lovely atmospheric evening images of the SPBF, Katrina. Being able to see butterflies so late in the evening is such a bonus. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 27-May-18 11:14 PM GMT

Very jealous of those cracking images Katrina 😊👍👍 the one I saw today stopped for about 2 seconds at a time 🤪🤪

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 28-May-18 06:51 AM GMT

Well done, Katrina !. Obtaining an image with three Small Pearls in it. 🍈 .
From your observations it would seem that more have emerged since my visit.

Excellent stuff,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 28-May-18 09:00 AM GMT

Fantastic shots Katrina, 🍈🍈 of lovely Butterflies 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-May-18 12:52 PM GMT

Thanks Dave, the longer evenings are definitely good.

Thanks Wurzel, they were rushing around when I arrived ,then earlier in the evening, even more frustratingly, they would stop and shut their wings somewhere that would make a fantastic photo, I would wait for 5 mins and then take a step towards them and they would start fidgeting as if they were going to fly ... so couldn't get close enough for a photo! 😊 Think I need some camouflage clothes! Or does anyone have any other tips? It seemed like they were just pretending to roost as they seemed to have a plan to roost together anyway!

Thanks Trevor, it was yours and John's lovely photos that got me to go out there. I think I actually prefer your photos on ferns to mine but you take what you can when it comes to butterflies! Probably more in Rowland Wood but I don't know it very well and have got lost in there before now so didn't want to risk it late in the evening.

Thanks Goldie, certainly good to see them back again and thank you to all the people who have volunteered on the reserve to make it possible

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-May-18 02:00 PM GMT

Following reports of large numbers of Adonis Blue at Anchor Bottom I went there for a brief 30 mins trip this morning. They were already busy flying. There was also about 50 crows – i hope they don't eat Adonis Blues!

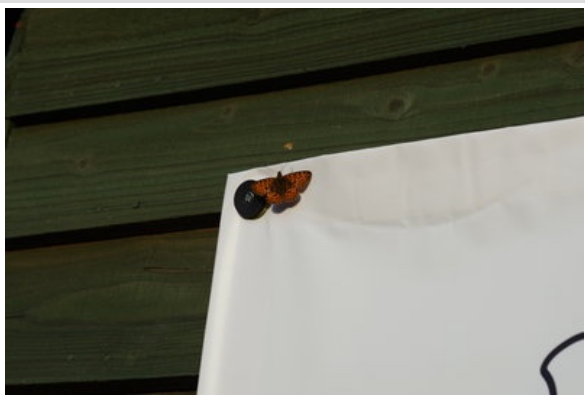


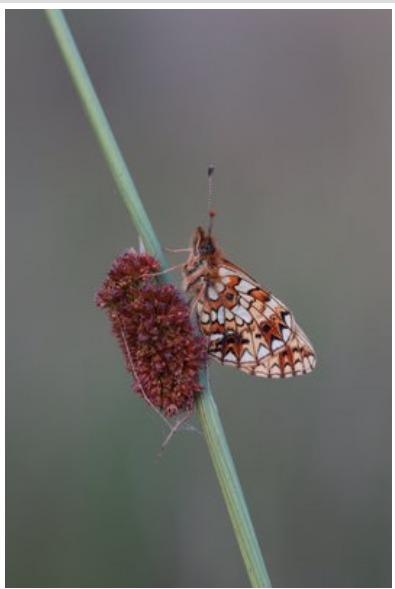
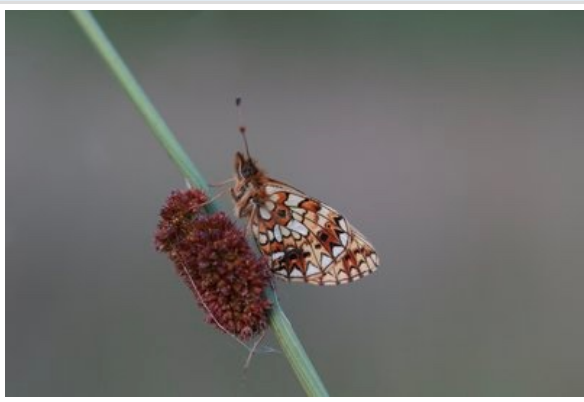
Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-May-18 10:52 PM GMT

This evening I went back to Park Corner Heath to see if the SPBFs would roost in the same small patch of grass. The answer was only one of them did . It was a pleasure to meet Tim and Joanne from Kent (hope I remembered your names right) and James and Trevor. A wonderful evening was had by all and we found our last butterfly as the sun was setting.

The shed seemed popular with the butterflies with a Red Admiral and then a SPBF landing on it seeming to endorse the sign!





Re: Katrina

by Janet Turnbull, 28-May-18 11:50 PM GMT

That's a gorgeous backlit SPBF from yesterday, Katrina. The Red Admirals don't seem to have reached the North West yet – I haven't seen one at all.
Janet

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 29-May-18 02:58 PM GMT

Fantastic SPBF's Katrina. 🍷 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 29-May-18 10:45 PM GMT

Apart from a pair of very long handled scissors to get rid of the surrounding grasses 😊😂 I haven't got much else tip wise – though judging by the latest set of cracking SPBFs you don't need any 🤔🤔🤔

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-May-18 11:08 PM GMT

Thanks Janet and Andrew.

Thanks Wurzel but I think my sneaking up skills need improving sometimes. I have just followed the link to your website which is excellent! 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 30-May-18 03:31 PM GMT

Love the SPBF on the BC sign, Katrina. 😊 It's almost a natural seal of approval.

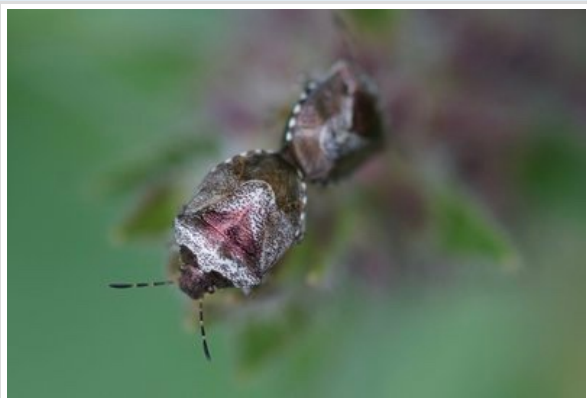
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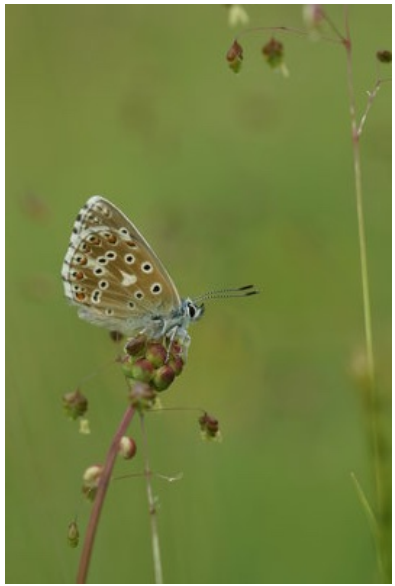
by Katrina, 30-May-18 04:30 PM GMT

Thanks David, I couldn't believe my luck when it landed there!

Late morning I went to Iping Common but there were no silver-studded blues out yet. The main area I tend to look for them in has been burned. I know they do this intentionally to help the wildlife periodically and it also says on the notice board they had an accidental fire at some point. The other good area round the corner is ok though. I did find some shieldbugs though.

I stopped at Anchor Bottom on the way back for 30 mins and there was still plenty of adonis blues.





Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-May-18 08:56 PM GMT

I managed back to Anchor Bottom for another hour this evening and bumped into Neil Hulme . A lot, lot, lot of Adonis blues.



Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 30-May-18 11:03 PM GMT

I was at Anchor Bottom in late summer last year, and Adonis Blues were in vast numbers then, possibly due to warm, wet conditions. So I'm pleased the spring brood has continued the same way!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 31-May-18 07:58 PM GMT

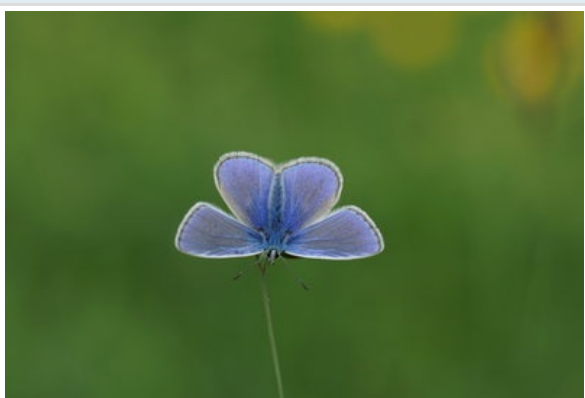
I went to Anchor Bottom again this evening to enjoy the experience of so many Adonis Blues. Also seen were a few Common Blues and Small Heaths.



Adonis Blue pair



Adonis Blue



Common Blue



Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 31-May-18 10:42 PM GMT

Not surprised you went back there, Katrina. If I live there, I think I would be there every evening!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 31-May-18 10:58 PM GMT

Yes, I was just surprised there wasn't more people there! Very quiet.

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 01-Jun-18 08:43 AM GMT

Your last image is almost a masterpiece.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 01-Jun-18 01:06 PM GMT

An fantastic set of images from recent posts Katrina but as Trevor stated the final one is the piece de resistance, it would make a great cover for Butterfly magazine 🤔👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 02-Jun-18 12:01 AM GMT

Nice to see the comparison in ground colour between Common and Adonis Blue, Katrina. Both highly attractive in their own right.

The 'face down' pose is most definitely in vogue this year!

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 04-Jun-18 02:07 PM GMT

Lovely stuff Katrina. It was great to meet you on Sunday. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Jun-18 09:48 PM GMT

Thanks David, Wurzel and Trevor.Thanks Andrew it was good to meet you to and put a face to a name.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Jun-18 09:51 PM GMT

I went back to Park Corner Heath/ Rowland Wood this evening. Didn't do so well with the SPBF only seeing one. I did find some roosting common blues though.



Re: Katrina

by David M, 07-Jun-18 10:17 PM GMT

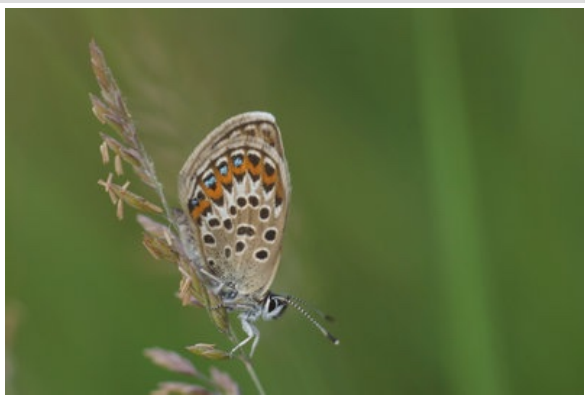
Lovely shot, Katrina. I really **must** spend some early evening time with these butterflies!

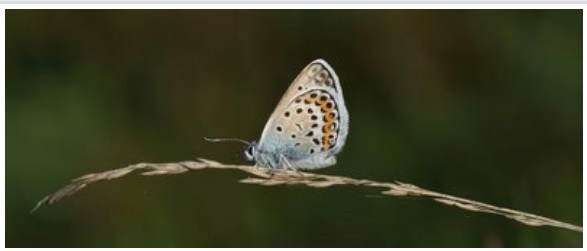
Iping Common

by Katrina, 09-Jun-18 12:39 PM GMT

Thanks David, any butterfly posing is worth a shot.

This morning I went to Iping Common early. I found 76 roosting SSBs and a further 2 on the way out. (76 male and 4 female) Also seen was a single Meadow Brown. I had a wander in Stedham Common but didn't see any. I saw 3 Speckled Woods there.





Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 09-Jun-18 06:02 PM GMT

Nice shots Katrina. We are a bit behind you at Broxhead, where I counted 23 today.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 09-Jun-18 08:59 PM GMT

Cracking stuff Katrina 😊 The first female is really well 'studded', more 'blotched' 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 10-Jun-18 09:48 AM GMT

Thanks Ernie, there may have been more too as I didn't look too far from the main hotspot area near the bench.

Thanks Wurzel , she was a beauty but in an awkward position so most of the photos of her were blurred!shame about the nick in the wing too

Re: Katrina

by David M, 12-Jun-18 10:21 PM GMT

Great images, Katrina. SSB's are amongst the most photogenic of all UK species and you have captured them beautifully.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-Jun-18 05:41 PM GMT

I joined the party at Ditchling Common today. It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with Trevor, Dave, Dave, Colin, Mark, James , Vince and many other familiar faces and some new. (including Maximus)The Black Hairstreaks were coming down and posing for us regularly and there were many happy enthusiasts in the sun.

Also seen were Meadow Browns, Speckled Woods and Large Skippers.







Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 13-Jun-18 07:04 PM GMT

Cracking shots Katrina of a species I've yet to see, though Ditchling is still a bit too far 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 13-Jun-18 10:32 PM GMT

Nice shots there, Katrina – probably the most photographed butterflies in the country today! 😊 We should have arranged a visitors' book for the day!

Dave

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 13-Jun-18 10:53 PM GMT

Lovely to see you again today, and you obtained some wonderful images. I'm glad your visit was worthwhile.

Best wishes,
Trevor

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 13-Jun-18 11:20 PM GMT

Great little posers aren't they Katrina 😊 I can just picture the orderly queues forming behind each one 😊

Re: Katrina

by Maximus, 14-Jun-18 10:40 AM GMT

It was nice to meet you yesterday, Katrina, and you got some lovely images 😊

Mike

Re: Katrina

by David M, 14-Jun-18 09:48 PM GMT

I don't blame you for following the crowd, Katrina. Not only was this rare and normally difficult butterfly present in unusually large numbers, but its propensity to 'sit' on bracken at this site means that photographing it appears far easier than at many (if not all) of its more northerly locations.

Knepp

by Katrina, 24-Jun-18 10:32 PM GMT

I visited Knepp today and saw an astonishing number of Purple Emperors flying. I didn't count them but they were so common as to become part of the normal background. I only found one on the ground and for just a brief time, probably due to my late start. Also seen were Purple Hairstreaks, Commas, White Admirals, Large Skippers, Meadow Browns and a Red Admiral.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 25-Jun-18 05:10 AM GMT

You're off the mark, Katrina!, at possibly the most exciting time of the season. Chiddingfold will be my second home this week. 😊.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 25-Jun-18 07:55 AM GMT

Katrina - Brown Hairstreaks then massive numbers of Purple Emperors. You must be over the moon.

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 26-Jun-18 07:00 AM GMT

Katrina - I meant Black Hairstreak - not Brown as per my last post. I am getting a bit ahead of myself. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 26-Jun-18 07:56 PM GMT

The season does seem to be going rapidly in that direction!

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 26-Jun-18 11:09 PM GMT

Great stuff Katrina 😊👍 Emperors so common they became just part of the background 🤩👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Jun-18 06:00 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, it certainly was unusual to see so many

Botany Bay Landings

by Katrina, 27-Jun-18 06:09 PM GMT

I had a wonderful morning at Botany Bay. On arrival I met Andrew, then later Trevor and several other like-minded enthusiasts.

I saw at least 7 Emperors on the ground although not all stayed long. Thanks to my companions for pointing out one of the Emperors had reduced markings.

I had been hoping to get my first all four wings purple shot - I practiced and managed with a damaged Emperor and kind of did but not sure it counts

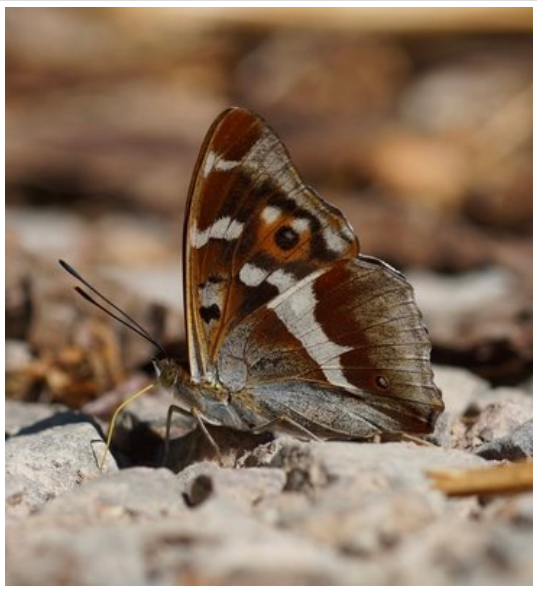
due to the lack of wing material!



Reduced Markings Closed Wing



Reduced Markings Open Wing



Purple Emperor 1



Nearly 4 Purple Wings

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 27-Jun-18 06:56 PM GMT

Well done Katrina- you couldn't ask for better underside shots and that ab. is what I'd hoped to see 🍷 Pity about the 'broken' purple one else I reckon you would have nailed it 😊 Maybe you should practice on a one with 4 wings next time 😊😊 as you've clearly got the hang of it 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Jun-18 08:49 PM GMT

Thanks Pauline. Mainly they were not opening their wings much today but I will have another go sometime I'm sure 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 27-Jun-18 11:35 PM GMT

Great set of shots Katrina, they do look kind of familiar 😊😊🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 28-Jun-18 08:10 AM GMT

Very nice Katrina, it was a great morning. 😊

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 28-Jun-18 08:24 AM GMT

Katrina - That ab is now famous isn't it? I like the four purple wing shot despite the chunk missing and I don't think your side shot could be bettered either.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 28-Jun-18 09:28 AM GMT

Great shots Katrina, It doesn't seem to matter if the Emperor is in one piece or not as long as we get a shot of that Purple wing 😊
Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 28-Jun-18 10:18 AM GMT

Another selection of great shots, Katrina. 😊 That battered one must have got far too close to a bird, but clearly held its own and is happily refuelling for battles to come.

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Jun-18 09:41 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, Andrew, Ernie, Goldie and Millerd. It was a great day out

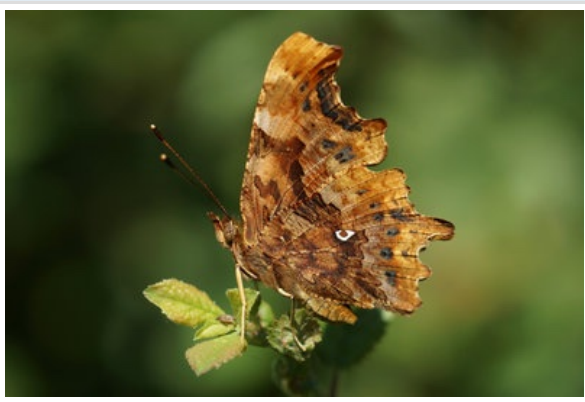
Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Jun-18 09:56 PM GMT

This morning my sister and I went to Botany Bay. We shortly afterward were fortunate to bump into and join forces with Andrew 555 and later Mark Colvin. Highlights were Purple Hairstreaks my sister found in the grass, Purple Emperors (mainly flying) and mating Silver Washed Fritillaries. We went to Knepp for a short time on the way back where we saw flying Purple Emperors and a nice still Comma







Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 30-Jun-18 10:18 PM GMT

Purple Hairstreaks seem to be having a phenomenal year, I've been seeing dozens low down at Bookham this past few days, both sexes as well. That's a great shot of the male, its really difficult to get the purple to show on them, even more so than on an Emperor I think!

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 30-Jun-18 10:37 PM GMT

Great shots of the Purp Katrina 🤔 They do seem to be coming 'down' this year, has the heat evaporated the honeydew?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 01-Jul-18 06:41 AM GMT

Very impressive Purple Hairstreaks, by co-incidence I found four low down yesterday. A mating pair of Silver Washed Fritillaries earns you a mrgreen! 🍋.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 01-Jul-18 07:03 AM GMT

Thanks Bugboy, I was pleased with the shot but shame about the damaged wing. I seem to be specialising in full purple on damaged butterflies! It wasn't had to get the shot as when we first saw it it was full purple.
Thanks Wurzel, it was odd the way they were liking to be on and often in the grass, I even saw one crawl into a clump of clover and not come back out again. We were looking on bracken, trees and bramble when we should have been looking on the grass!
Thanks Trevor, I liked your photos too , on bracken is a bit more photogenic. I have Mark to thank for the first pair but they were too far away for my camera and my sister for either the second pair or refinding the second.

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 01-Jul-18 08:28 AM GMT

Great Purple Hairstreak pics, Katrina, especially the close-up with wings open. I, too keep seeing them close to the ground (I presumed newly emerged) but for me they would not stay still long enough for pics so far this year.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 02-Jul-18 09:02 AM GMT

All lovely shots Katrina especially your mating SWF's 🍷 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

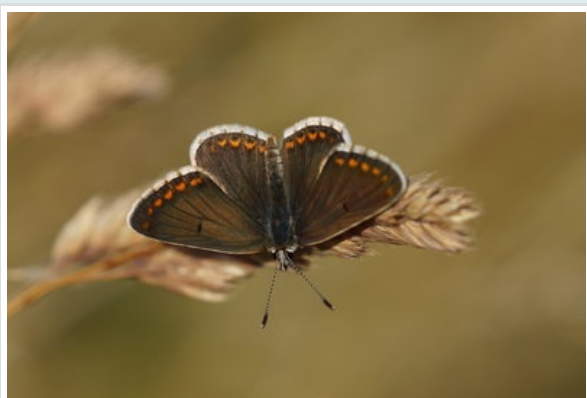
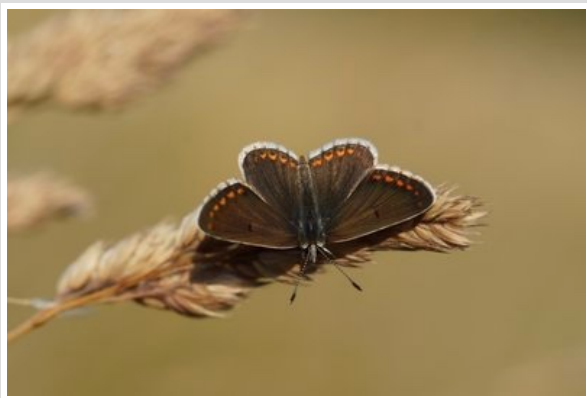
by Katrina, 08-Jul-18 09:37 PM GMT

Thanks Ernie , maybe they are emerging form the ground but mine already had a bite out of him
Thanks Goldie , I was lucky to be with others who spotted them.

Friston Gallops

by Katrina, 08-Jul-18 09:44 PM GMT

This evening I went to Friston Gallops. It was alive with butterflies. i saw Peacocks, Commas, Marbled Whites, Chalkhill Blues, Small Coppers, Gatekeepers, Small Skippers, Meadow Browns, Whites and a Brown Argus.







Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 09-Jul-18 12:37 PM GMT

Luscious shots of the Brown Argus Katrina 😊 A species that has a dull name that does it nowhere near justice 😊 Beautiful Chalkhills too, though I always view those with a little touch of sadness as their emergence seems to portend the end of the season 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 09-Jul-18 11:02 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, I know what you mean about the Chalkhills, the season seems to be whizzing by.

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 10-Jul-18 06:06 AM GMT

I see you have gone for the 'dreamy' look, with great success.

Wonderful stuff,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 10-Jul-18 07:26 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, especially your 3rd Brown Argus. 😊

Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 10-Jul-18 07:59 PM GMT

Sooo jealous of your Purple Hairstreaks, Katrina. What I would give for views like that, a species I have never got remotely near to.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 11-Jul-18 07:06 AM GMT

Some enviable images there, Katrina. Well done with the Purple Hairstreaks which are notably difficult to photograph.

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 11-Jul-18 07:31 AM GMT

Katrina – Your lovely fresh, shiny Chalkhills almost seem to glow with an inner light. Also was your Copper walking down the grass stem?

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 11-Jul-18 10:32 PM GMT

Some nice evening-lit butterflies there Katrina. It's been about the only comfortable time of day recently too... 😊 Nice Purple Hairstreaks too. 🇮🇪

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 12-Jul-18 09:44 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor, I got a bit lucky there!

Thanks Andrew, it was an opportunistic find I had been looking for Chalkhills. It was good to see you at Chiddingfold and see your photos!

Thanks Essex and David, Andrew555 and I had spotted some flying on the previous visit, so my sister and I went looking a bit earlier and I have her to thank for spotting them.

Thanks Ernie, the Small Copper was still and trying to roost but eventually decided I got too close and flew off.

Thanks millerd, I am normally more a morning person but I read somewhere they don't like people at Friston Gallops until the afternoon as they do actually exercise horses there.

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 13-Jul-18 05:50 AM GMT

Such lovely images recently Katrina that I'm struggling to pick a favourite but it has to be that last Small Copper. I love that effect you have managed to create which makes for a really interesting composition 🇮🇪

Re: Katrina

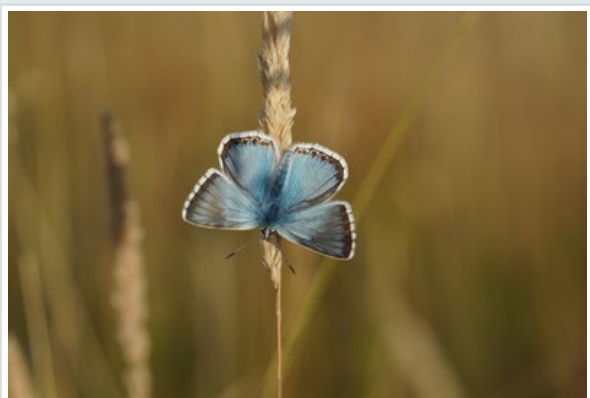
by Katrina, 16-Jul-18 11:08 PM GMT

Thanks Pauline, I was pleased with that one!

Saturday morning

by Katrina, 16-Jul-18 11:14 PM GMT

On Saturday morning I went up to Windover Hill . I saw many Chalkhills waking up, Dark Green Fritillaries (mainly worn), Meadow Browns , Gatekeepers and a Small Copper. I didn't find any Graylings but others did a bit later on.





Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 16-Jul-18 11:34 PM GMT

Beautiful open winged Chalkhills Katrina 🥰🌱 Looks like you've got an ab.obscura there as well 🥰

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 17-Jul-18 09:26 PM GMT

Fabulous stuff, Katrina. Clearly, early mornings or mid-evenings are opportune periods for photographing lycaenids. I only wish I had them on my doorstep so I could do likewise.

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 20-Jul-18 07:00 AM GMT

I love your last image, it has commercial qualities.
Enlarged, it could comfortably hang on the wall of a trendy apartment.

Great stuff,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 20-Jul-18 10:08 AM GMT

I couldn't agree more Trevor! Katrina, you are producing some wonderfully artistic and creative images – that last one is a stunner 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Jul-18 08:02 PM GMT

Thank you for identifying the ab Wurzel 😊
Thanks David , not quite on my doorstep but at least a short drive.
Thanks Trevor and Pauline, you are too kind as ever.

Castle Hill

by Katrina, 21-Jul-18 08:14 PM GMT

Today I arranged to go with 2 friends and their son to Castle Hill. The only time that worked for both of us was in the middle of the day. I was hoping both to catch up with them and give them a window into the butterfly hobby experience and hopefully share some of my enthusiasm. I think I at least had a modicum of success in my mission with my friend getting very good at spotting Gatekeepers. We were beaten back by the heat early though. Seen today were Small Whites, Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Common Blues, Chalkhill Blues, Brown Argus, Marbled Whites, Dark Green Fritillaries, a single Dingy Skipper, a single Small Blue, some skippers, a Speckled Wood and some Burnet moths – six-spotted I think.



Common Blue Female I think

Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 21-Jul-18 08:25 PM GMT

I agree with the others, those Chalkhill Blue shots are wonderful. I'm guessing that was about 6 in the morning!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Jul-18 08:32 PM GMT

Thanks essex, not that early, between 7.30 and 8 am.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 21-Jul-18 11:09 PM GMT

That is a great Chalkhill photo, Katrina. One of these days I must get up that bit earlier... 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 22-Jul-18 10:42 PM GMT

Great photo of the Blue Katrina and I reckon you're spot on with the ID – a female common 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 22-Jul-18 10:47 PM GMT

Bit of an ambiguous one with that last image, Katrina. There isn't a great deal of separation between the first two spots at the hindwing edge, although I'd favour Common Blue over Brown Argus given what you've shown us.

Do you have any upperside image?

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 23-Jul-18 09:50 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and David, didn't manage any upperside shots too active!

Chantry

by Katrina, 23-Jul-18 09:55 PM GMT

Yesterday I went to Chantry Hill. Highlights were silver-spotted skippers and small coppers.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 23-Jul-18 10:32 PM GMT

Love that Small Copper shot Katrina, just lush that is 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 23-Jul-18 11:33 PM GMT

Lovely SSS, Katrina. I'm sure there'll be plenty more over the next week or three!

Scotch Argus

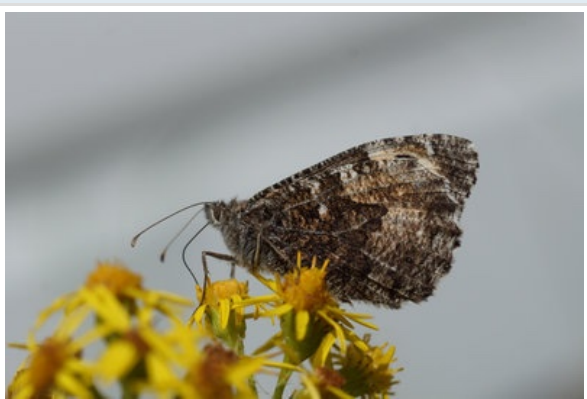
by Katrina, 11-Aug-18 12:07 AM GMT

I have been up in Scotland recently. Here are some of the highlights. One roosting Scotch Argus one found on top of a grass another a third of the way down but later a lot appeared from thin air.

Grayling – thanks to the couple who pointed us in the right direction in Findhorn.

Peacock ab diopthalmica







grayling habitat



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 11-Aug-18 07:30 AM GMT

More lovely shots, especially the second image.
I really must catch up with the Scotch Argus one day.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 11-Aug-18 11:15 AM GMT

Great shots of the Grayling but those Scotch Argus are to die for! 🍷🍷🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 12-Aug-18 12:18 AM GMT

Beautiful Scotch Arguses, Katrina. They look in good nick for an 'early' year too.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 12-Aug-18 07:58 AM GMT

Thanks Trevor and Wurzel.
Thanks David , a lot of the ones we found had wear and tear.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 12-Aug-18 02:09 PM GMT

Good to see someone else going up there to see them, some lovely shots. I've always found the ocelli leap out the screen with these butterflies 😊

Re: Katrina

by Janet Turnbull, 12-Aug-18 03:34 PM GMT

Lovely shots of the Scotch Argus Katrina – they look in such good condition. Nice to see some which are actually Scottish! The ones I saw last year were decidedly battered having been caught, marked and recaptured several times.
I like the shot of the Grayling habitat – they've obviously gone up the property ladder! 😊

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 12-Aug-18 05:18 PM GMT

Katrina – great pics of the Scotch Argus and Grayling. I found the Grayling habitat pic funny – its looks like they might be on holiday and using those beach-huts!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-Aug-18 12:30 PM GMT

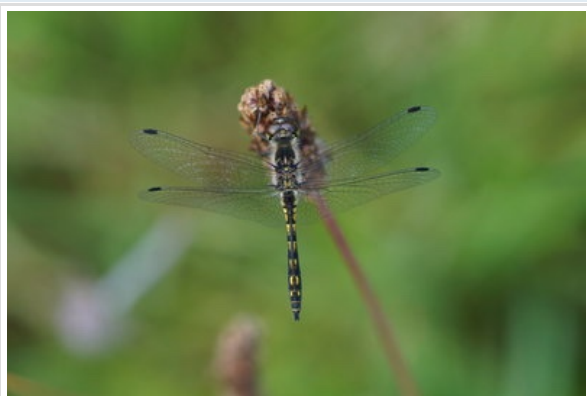
Thanks bugboy, Janet and Ernie. Although we didn't have time to explore the whole dunes it was odd the place we found one was behind the beach huts.

Bonus photos from holiday

by Katrina, 19-Aug-18 12:35 PM GMT

During my search for Scotch Argus we happened upon Ed from the RSPB who kindly showed us a Dark Bordered Beauty which was in his moth trap.
Thank you Ed!

A second bonus photo of a dragonfly, Black Darter I think



Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 20-Aug-18 10:33 AM GMT

Katrina. Wow, the Dark Bordered Beauty sure lives up to its name. It has a dark border and its a beauty.

Re: Katrina

by Jack Harrison, 20-Aug-18 05:24 PM GMT



Those beach huts at Findhorn were controversial when erected in early 2016 (I am a 'local').

True, they don't impact on the Grayling (and DG Frit, Common Blue, Small Copper, Meadow Brown, Small Heath, etc) habitat but they are an eyesore on a previously unspoiled stretch of coast.

A signboard includes the "architect's name". I am surprised that an architect would wish to put his/her name to what are no more Wendy Houses painted in fancy colours – presumably available from B&Q or Home Base.

To the best of my knowledge, not one has been sold (£25,000 per shed).

A decent winter storm coinciding with high tides will rid the coast of these eyesores.

Jack

Re: Katrina

by David M, 21-Aug-18 10:00 PM GMT

That's a beautiful moth, Katrina, and one I had never hitherto heard of.

Not so sure about the beach huts. Like Jack, they're a bit incongruous in that otherwise lovely landscape.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Aug-18 10:32 PM GMT

Hi Jack and David.

I quite liked the beach huts but of course didn't see what it was like before them to compare, and interesting the only Grayling we found was right behind one so perhaps was getting shelter from it.

Also seen were common blues and small coppers but not particularly near the huts.

Mill Hill

by Katrina, 16-Sep-18 03:31 PM GMT

I went to Mill Hill this morning I saw Wall Browns, Meadow Browns, Small Heaths and Common Blues. On the way out I bumped into Dave Cook who stopped me. He was getting instructions about where a pupating Peacock caterpillar was seen. Shortly after he located the chrysalis the first Peacock one I have seen . Many thanks to Dave Cook! Shortly afterwards he found a pristine Red Admiral . We walked along a bit and saw a Painted lady, Clouded Yellow and some more Wall browns.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 16-Sep-18 06:47 PM GMT

A female Wall Brown image is high on my list, so well done with yours. Mill Hill was hard work yesterday !.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 16-Sep-18 06:51 PM GMT

Very nice new Red Admiral, Katrina. 😊 This time last year I was tripping over them, but not so this year. That Wall is lovely and fresh, and a wild

Peacock chrysalis is a great thing to see. 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 16-Sep-18 06:59 PM GMT

That is a great Wall shot and the Red Admiral fairly jumps out of the screen Katrina 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 17-Sep-18 10:47 AM GMT

Love the Wall Brown pic, Katrina. I have only ever seen and photographed this butterfly once in my life. It seems I never live in places near where they are; except that one time when I lived in the New Forest and Keyhaven was not far away which is where I saw my single Wall Butterfly. At the time I was a birder and only a birder so it didn't make an impact on me until much later.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 17-Sep-18 07:59 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor, I must admit it seemed like hard work yesterday until I bumped into Dave Cook and it all started happening.

Thanks Dave, I was really pleased to see the Chrysalis, just in the right place at the right time to share the fruits of Dave Cooks hard work. I agree there hasn't been many Red Admirals this year.

Thanks Wurzel the red admiral again was a Dave Cook find.

Thanks Ernie, I am quite lucky they are not too far away from me.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 17-Sep-18 11:15 PM GMT

Ah! Haven't I seen that pupa elsewhere?

Fabulous that you got to see such a rare stage, Katrina, and that's a particularly striking Wall Brown image too, by the way.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 18-Sep-18 09:54 AM GMT

Fantastic shots lately Katrina, I follow your posts with interest if I don't do a lot of commenting 😊 The Scotch Argus at Arnside Knott weren't too good this year, it seems strange, Scotland has such colder weather than the Lake District and yet you found such stunning Argus there, lets hope they pick up at Arnside next year and it was just caused by the hot Summer.

Also that's a great shot of the Wall Brown 🍷😊 Goldie 😊

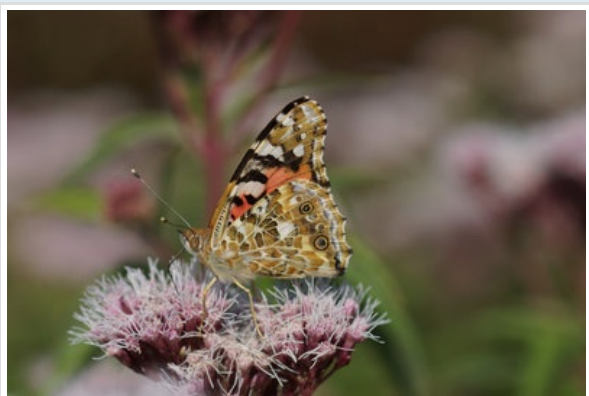
more of the same

by Katrina, 30-Sep-18 03:42 PM GMT

I visited Mill Hill on Wednesday and this morning. It was a pleasure to meet Trevor, Dave Cook, Millerd and Bugboy on Wednesday.

Today on the Hemp Agrimony about 10 am there was one Painted Lady, one Peacock and one Common Blue. On the lower slopes were seen a Clouded Yellow, Common Blues, Small Heaths, Wall Browns and a mating pair of Meadow Browns.

The Peacock Pupa is still there and a return to the Hemp Agrimony showed an extra Peacock and a Red Admiral.





Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 30-Sep-18 10:41 PM GMT

That is a cracking shot of the Painted Lady Katrina 😊 and also the very famous pupa 🐛🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 30-Sep-18 10:57 PM GMT

Yes, that's a lovely photo of the intricate underside of that Painted Lady, Katrina – I missed out on a good one of those. 🍷

Cheers,

Dave

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 01-Oct-18 07:46 AM GMT

I like the subdued hues of your Painted Lady image. Mine were too bright and harsh, from last Weds.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 01-Oct-18 08:39 PM GMT

I'm really hoping that pupa doesn't get predated and that a beautiful, late season Peacock butterfly will successfully emerge.

Keep us posted, Katrina.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 01-Oct-18 10:18 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, Trevor, Millerd and David.

Sadly Vince has posted a photo showing a hole in the other side of the pupa on the sussex website so it looks like it had already been predated before I took my photo. 😞

It was still good to see though.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-Oct-18 08:01 PM GMT

At Mill Hill today I saw Wall Browns, Small Coppers, Common Blues, Clouded Yellows, a white, Small Heaths, Meadow Browns and 4 Red Admirals. I also saw a Devil's Coach Horse with an unfortunate caterpillar.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 07-Oct-18 08:55 PM GMT

That's a good couple of shots of that Devil's Coach-horse, I imagine it made short work of that caterpillar! I was there in the morning and managed 10 species. left at around half 12. Still a few fresh looking butterflies around and with this weeks forecast it should still be worth an amble or two 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-Oct-18 10:22 PM GMT

Just missed you then, I arrived at 12.30. Was good to see so much still around.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 07-Oct-18 11:05 PM GMT

Lovely looking Red Admiral Katrina 😊🇩🇪 Great shots of the Devils beetle – it's prey is almost as big as it 😲

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 07-Oct-18 11:08 PM GMT

That Devil's Coach Horse is a grisly looking critter, Katrina. I think I'd have turned away personally.

Nice Red Admiral though. I haven't seen too many of them myself lately.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Oct-18 09:39 PM GMT

I went to Mill Hill for just over an hour late afternoon. On the Hemp Agrimony was one Comma and one Red Admiral. Seen at the rest of the site were Clouded Yellows, Common Blues , Brown Argus (I think) Small Heaths and Meadow Browns.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 20-Oct-18 11:41 PM GMT

Almost certainly the same Comma I saw there earlier in the afternoon and yup, Brown Argus. Again I would bet a large sum of money that female was also the same one I saw, she was a beauty too! I left just after 3 after peaking at 11 species!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Oct-18 04:02 PM GMT

Probably just missed you Paul, I arrived about 3.15. Looking forward to your photos.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 21-Oct-18 07:33 PM GMT

I would have lost my bet there Katrina, my female looks to be a different one!

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 21-Oct-18 10:49 PM GMT

Lovely fresh looking Brown Argus Katrina 🤔🌱 And that Comma looks particularly resplendent 🤔🌱

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 22-Oct-18 08:51 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, the Comma was certainly the star of the day.

Interesting Paul, must have been 2 that emerged on the same day then.

Re: Katrina

by Andrew555, 23-Oct-18 09:14 AM GMT

Very nice Katrina. I would say it's the same Comma I saw there on Sunday, but reading BB's comment maybe not! Hemp Agrimony corner really has been providing some wonderful up close views. 🤔

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 23-Oct-18 06:34 PM GMT

Just seen your pair of Brown Argus, a lucky, lovely shot.

Keep well,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 23-Oct-18 09:31 PM GMT

Mill Hill might as well be in another country!! TWO Brown Argus...and both fresh-looking as well. If only I could pop in for an hour or two....

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 24-Oct-18 06:04 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor and David, a lucky shot and lucky I am not too far away from Mill Hill.

Bugboys eggs

by Katrina, 24-Oct-18 06:05 PM GMT

I went to Southwick this morning and bumped into Paul and later Trevor. I saw Clouded Yellows including a Helice form , a Common Blue, a Small White and a Red Admiral. The highlight was Paul finding 2 Clouded Yellow Eggs.

Paul and I went on to Mill Hill, although I could only stay for a short time I saw a Wall Brown, a Small Copper , some Common Blues including a very fresh one, Red Admirals, Brown Argus and a Meadow Brown.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 24-Oct-18 07:00 PM GMT

Well done with your Clouded Yellow egg image.
After you and Paul left, I found another egg, but neither are as well focussed as yours.
Photography was tricky today, with the Cloudies very active in the warmth.

Good to see you both again,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 24-Oct-18 07:05 PM GMT

Good to see you again Katrina and thanks for the lift to Mill Hill. It'll be a few days before I get round to posting my images though, I have Wurzel syndrome again 😊, a few reports behind.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 24-Oct-18 08:47 PM GMT

Cracking shot of the Cloudy egg Katrina 🤔👍 Hopefully the Arctic Blast won't knock off the remaining butterflies...

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 25-Oct-18 09:31 PM GMT

Fabulous to find Clouded Yellow eggs, as well as a *helice*, Katrina. I wonder if the latter laid the former?

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-Oct-18 10:34 AM GMT

Thanks Trevor, that was the only good shot of the egg.

Thanks Wurzel, I hope some survive too.

Good to see you too Paul, and thanks for finding the egg, I think I didn't spot it as I was looking for something bigger.

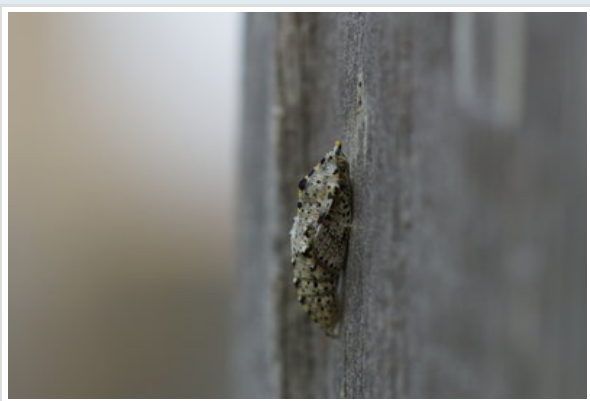
Thanks David, it was not the *helice* that laid the egg.

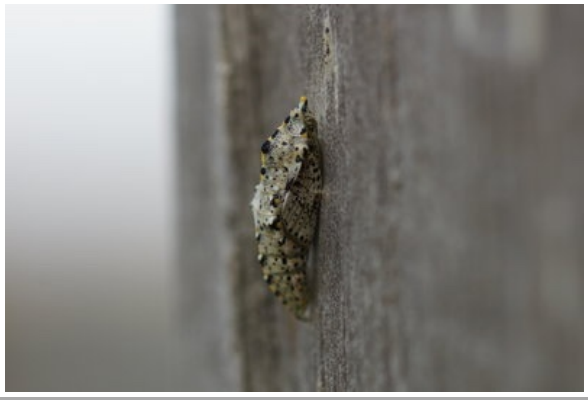
Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Nov-18 06:51 PM GMT

Yesterday I went to Mill Hill with some friends and saw several Common Blues including a really fresh one, a Clouded Yellow and later it was a pleasure to see Bugboy.

Today I went to Lancing Beach to look for Bugboy's Large White pupa. I left it a bit late in the day but located it – very beautiful and thanks again Paul. I only found that one although was racing against fading light. I also saw one caterpillar.







Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 04-Nov-18 08:17 PM GMT

Good to see you again Katrina and I'm glad you found my pupae, they are deceptively attractive aren't they 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 08-Nov-18 09:52 PM GMT

Those pupae are beautiful, natural works of art, Katrina. So glad you got to see them, and hopefully a few will go on to complete the cycle in spring 2019.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Nov-18 11:42 PM GMT

Thanks David , only saw the one but took lots of photos.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Nov-18 11:45 PM GMT

I spent half an hour at Southwick Canal approx 2.30 - 3 . No butterflies seen but a brief sighting of a Kingfisher. One Peacock seen flying on the way back to the garage.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 15-Nov-18 12:23 PM GMT

That kingfisher better watch out, that looks like Bob the Egrets perch 😊

Re: Katrina

by David M, 18-Nov-18 11:45 PM GMT

bugboy wrote:

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LOL! 😊 Bloomin' cheek! 😊