

Re: False Apollo

by False Apollo, 18-Jun-17 11:32 PM GMT

On the off chance I might see a Purple Emperor I visited Straits Enclosure at Alice Holt, Hampshire this morning, but was put off as soon as I arrived by a chap who was leaving after waiting 2 hours without seeing any. I did manage to see my first White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillaries and Ringlets of the year though. I then decided to try my luck at nearby Abbots Wood. The track was being used by cyclists so any that may be on the ground would soon move off. I decided to turn back to the car, and then suddenly I put up a male Purple Emperor. It did not go far, but was very restless in the heat. It did behave a little strangely as it kept flying into cover on either side of the path, then moving on, skimming the path. Then it started it's groundings but was only down for 30 seconds at once in any one spot. It grounded 4 or 5 times before doubling back towards where I first saw it, then glided up effortlessly moving into the wood. I first saw it down at 12.30. I never saw any more despite checking the usual favoured areas.

Regards
Mike



White Admiral



Male Silver-washed Fritillary



Male Purple Emperor



Male Purple Emperor

Re: False Apollo

by Wurzel, 18-Jun-17 11:38 PM GMT

Good going Mike 😊🍷 That often seems to be the way – just as you turn to leave the butterflies appear 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: False Apollo

by False Apollo, 18-Jun-17 11:55 PM GMT

Certainly seems that way. Had I not been in the right place at the right time, I could have made the trip for nothing. However I do love the wood so I would have been well compensated by what I did see. It's a beautiful area to visit.

Regards
Mike

Re: False Apollo

by trevor, 19-Jun-17 04:55 AM GMT

Well done Mike, the three Summer spectaculars in one visit, no need to go out again ! 😊 .

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Re: False Apollo

by David M, 19-Jun-17 08:14 AM GMT

First Emperor image of the season on here (to my knowledge).

Well done, Mike.