

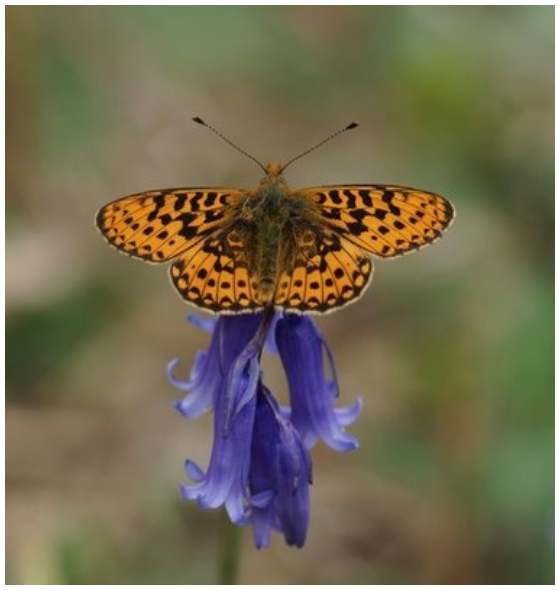
## Abbots Wood

by Katrina, 06-May-19 07:36 PM GMT

I went to Abbots wood today and had the good fortune to run into Mike Mullis, Theresa Turner and especially Gary Norman who had sight of a resting PBF on my arrival.

He later found some more resting ones (may thanks Gary)

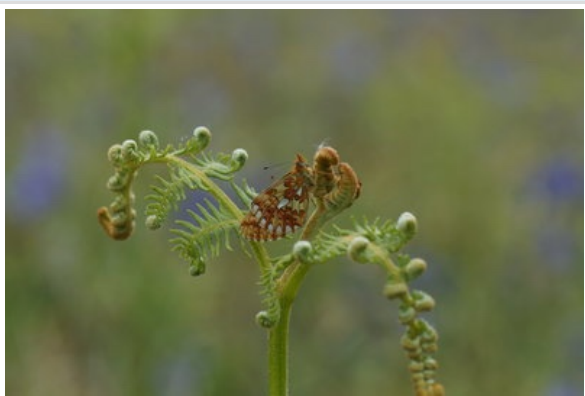
Later on in the brief episodes of sun there were some more zooming around. I was particularly pleased I later found a resting one myself.



*Garys Welcoming PBF*



*Another of Garys PBF*



*Whats that?*



*PBF spotted by me*



*Blending In*

### **Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 06-May-19 08:37 PM GMT

Cracking set of Pearls Katrina 😊 The first one looks a little melanic 😊 You'd have thought that the one trying to blend in would have done something about his antennae 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### **Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 06-May-19 09:17 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, I was there on Saturday morning, had the place completely to myself apart from the dozen or so Pearls 😊

### **Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 06-May-19 09:37 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, you would think he would tuck them in.

Thanks Bugboy , I made a brief visit to Rewell on Saturday but too late to see anything and just after a heavy shower.

### **Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 06-May-19 09:59 PM GMT

Bonus photo!



### Re: Katrina

by millerd, 06-May-19 10:34 PM GMT

Very nice bonus, Katrina! At least you had some sun...

Dave

### Re: Katrina

by trevor, 07-May-19 07:16 AM GMT

I was in Abbots Wood yesterday, early am. Probably went home before you arrived. The lack of Sun does have it's compensations with nice relaxed Pearls. Lovely shots, as always. mrgreen for the one on a Bluebell 🍷.

Trevor.

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-May-19 07:26 AM GMT

Sorry to have missed you Trevor.

I must admit I was wondering is I would see any with the cloud but it all worked out ok.

### Re: Katrina

by David M, 08-May-19 06:42 AM GMT

Beautiful, Katrina. Probably better to go and look for these in less than ideal conditions and you've captured some nice poses there.

### Rowland Wood / Park Corner Heath

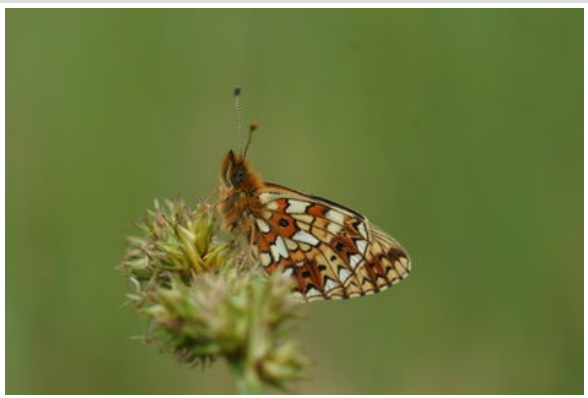
by Katrina, 25-May-19 11:07 PM GMT

I spent the afternoon and evening out looks for Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries. Also seen were Speckled Woods, Small Heaths , one Common Blue , one Green Hairstreak, one Red Admiral, one Small Copper and some Brimstones.

It is always a pleasure to meet new butterfly enthusiasts and it was particularly good to see a young 4 year old enthusiast enjoying the butterflies with his family. Also good to meet Nick from Manchester who was particularly good at spotting roosting Pearls. Later also good to catch up with Trevor and Andrew.

Does anyone know what the moth is?







**Re: Katrina**

by Pauline, 26-May-19 05:45 AM GMT

Lovely images of the Pearls Katrina – not sure how I missed that Clouded Yellow egg but great find too 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 26-May-19 09:13 AM GMT

Thanks Pauline, the clouded yellow egg last year I have to thank Bugboy for finding 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by Allan.W., 26-May-19 09:19 AM GMT

Hello Katrina ,  
Think your moth is a Beautiful Hook tip (Laspeyria Flexula ) Regards Allan.W.

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 26-May-19 10:46 AM GMT

Thanks For the ID Allan, and what a nice name for the moth. I like the way it is covering its eyes

**Re: Katrina**

by meiga, 26-May-19 01:52 PM GMT

Hi Katrina, Allan

Your moth is a Scalloped Hook-tip

Cheers

Maurice

**Re: Katrina**

by Allan.W., 26-May-19 02:01 PM GMT

Looking again Katrina , I reckon Maurice is right ! Regards Allan.W.

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 26-May-19 02:58 PM GMT

Thanks Maurice and Allan .Good to know.

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 26-May-19 04:00 PM GMT

A great sequence of shots Katrina seeing those three individuals made me appreciate the subtle variation in the black spots near the hind wing margin – something I'd not noticed before 😊😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 26-May-19 05:14 PM GMT

Lovely images, Katrina. You've done superbly with both Pearl AND Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries this spring. 🍷

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 26-May-19 09:50 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and David. I had a lot of help finding them from Nick, Andrew and Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 26-May-19 10:33 PM GMT

Beautiful shots of those Fritillaries, Katrina. I must try an early evening visit when the weather improves later in the week. I had to leave a bit too early on Thursday.

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 26-May-19 10:38 PM GMT

Some enviable shots there, Katrina. Many thanks for spotting the final two SPBF last evening.

Great to meet you again,  
Trevor.

**Small Blues**

by Katrina, 27-May-19 09:55 PM GMT

I went to Kithurst early this morning. I found 9 roosting Small Blues as well as Common Blues, one Brown Argus and one Small Copper. This evening I went to Rowland Wood / Park Corner Heath for one hour and in windy conditions found 2 SPBF





### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-May-19 10:15 PM GMT

At a 30 min stop off at Roedean Bee Bank this evening I found 6 roosting or near roosting Small Blues. I didn't have time to check the whole site . Also found was one Common Blue.



### Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 28-May-19 11:29 PM GMT

Beautiful images Katrina – especially the third Small blue shot – on it's own, personal diamond encrusted bridge 😊🌿🌿

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Katrina

by David M, 29-May-19 06:53 AM GMT

That's the classic shot of a Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Katrina – settled on the emerging frond of a fern. Beautiful.

Getting up early worked with the Small Blues too. Love the image where the dew drops surround the butterfly.

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 01-Jun-19 08:54 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel and David 😊

### Dorset

by Katrina, 01-Jun-19 09:04 PM GMT

I went with my sister to Dorset yesterday to look for Lulworth Skippers.

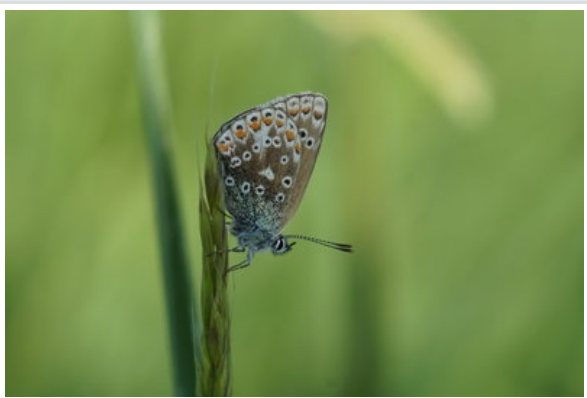
We arrived late afternoon / early evening and found some in Lulworth Cove yesterday (approx 6)

Today we saw them at the car park and Corfe Castle and then some at Durlston Country Park.



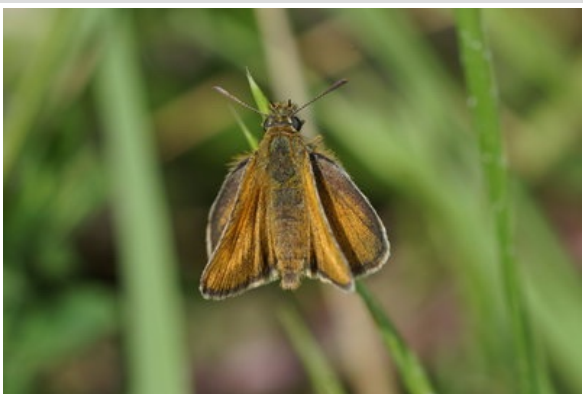
Lulworth Cove







*Probable Lulworth Skipper*



**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 01-Jun-19 10:04 PM GMT

Good to see the Lulworths, Katrina - I think that the doubtful one has to be a Lulworth too as it's a bit early for the other two that fly alongside later on. In July it can get very confusing! 😊 At least it's a butterfly with a long season, so I can catch up with them a bit later.

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 01-Jun-19 10:14 PM GMT

Thanks Dave, I am sure I first read about Durlston Country Park in your diary, a great place!

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 01-Jun-19 10:41 PM GMT

Great shots Katrina – I missed you by a day! They were flying round like crazy today. Daves's right your probable is as Smessex haven't emerged yet 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 01-Jun-19 10:59 PM GMT

Sorry to have missed you Wurzel. Lulworth Cove was beautiful and we enjoyed the ice cream too!

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 01-Jun-19 11:57 PM GMT

It's a beautiful spot to visit, Katrina. I haven't been for a few years now, more's the pity.

Glad you got to see the eponymous skipper.

**Re: Katrina**

by essexbuzzard, 02-Jun-19 09:57 AM GMT

Yes, well done from me too, lovely images as well. It's amazing to think they will probably still be flying at the end of August!

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 02-Jun-19 06:13 PM GMT

Thanks David, it is a beautiful spot. Thanks essexbuzzard is good to hear they have a long flight period. Very useful when and where to find them info on Dorset butterfly sightings page too.

**Re: Katrina**

by Pauline, 02-Jun-19 06:32 PM GMT

Great shots of the Lulworth Skippers Katrina. I can't decide whether I'm more envious of your lovely images or your day out at Lulworth and Durlston 🍷🍷

**Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 02-Jun-19 06:37 PM GMT

Lulworths already, the Spring Skippers and Green Hairstreaks are still far from over! Looks like I'll be sorting myself out a trip to Durlston on the coming weeks 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 02-Jun-19 07:10 PM GMT

A mrgreen for some lovely images of a species I have never seen 🍷 .  
Doug and I are going after something ( hopefully ) much larger next week.

Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 02-Jun-19 10:11 PM GMT

Thanks Pauline, I think the 21 hours in Dorset was better than the shots. I didn't like the traffic on the way there though.  
Thanks Trevor , excluding cryptic wood white I just have one resident species left to see in the U.K. Have fun with your bigger butterflies. We think we saw the moth version of what you seek while we were at Durlston.

### Re: Katrina

by trevor, 03-Jun-19 10:12 PM GMT

High Brown?.

### Iping Common

by Katrina, 15-Jun-19 09:30 PM GMT

I arrived at Iping Common at 4.45pm. I found 7 male and one female Silver-Studded Blues before the cows decided to join me! The female was roosting on a juicy clump of grass so I hope she didn't get eaten





**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 15-Jun-19 10:32 PM GMT

Lovely shots of the Silver Studded Blues, Katrina.

Hope to get over there myself, But with something much larger on the horizon, who knows !.

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 16-Jun-19 07:45 AM GMT

A lovely sequence Katrina 😊👍 What's going on in the third shot? Is that two males on the one blade of grass or an attempted pairing? 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by Goldie M, 16-Jun-19 11:34 AM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, Of the Skipper's 🍷 I've not seen the Lulworth Skipper's yet at all, I always seem to be there at the wrong time 😊 Love the SSB shots too. Goldie 😊

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 16-Jun-19 02:14 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor. I have enjoyed your Heath Fritillary shots.

Thanks Wurzel, don't think it was an attempted pairing. There were 3 roosting close to each other the sun came out and the upper one opened its wings causing the lower one to change position. Couldn't get the third in shot.

Thanks Goldie, I was lucky I had some holiday which coincided with them being out. I was keeping an eye on the web in case it was worth dashing to Devon for the High Brown Fritillaries too but they didn't come out in time.

### Re: Katrina

by David M, 17-Jun-19 05:08 PM GMT

Lovely images, Katrina. Certainly late afternoon is a good time when they have largely exhausted themselves earlier in the day....although sunny conditions have been in short supply. 😞

### Re: Katrina

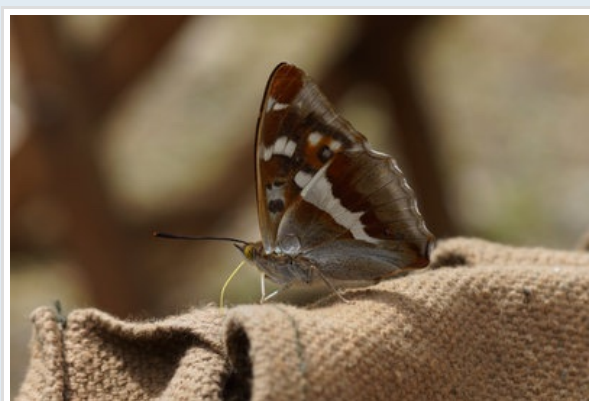
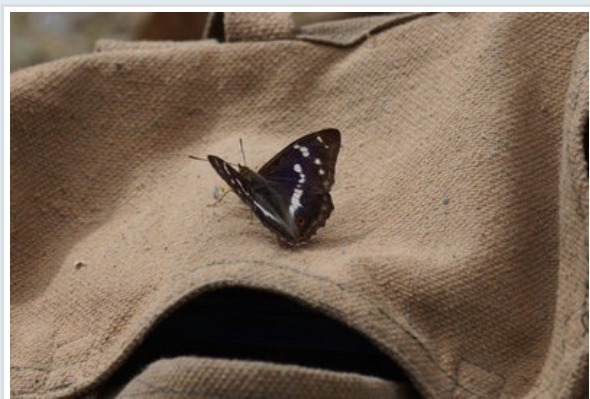
by ernie f, 18-Jun-19 01:50 PM GMT

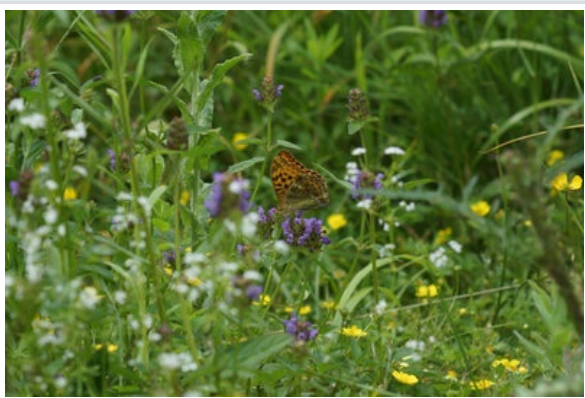
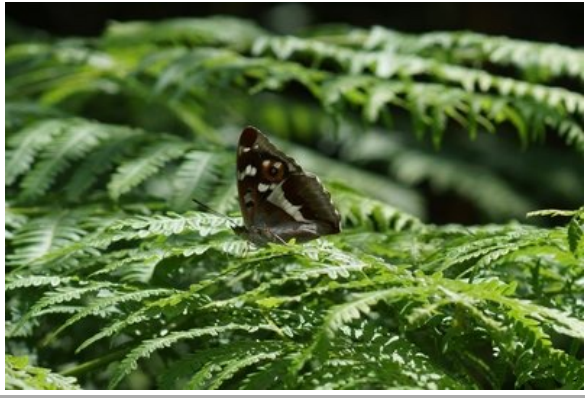
Katrina - I've holidayed at Lulworth many years but all before I got into butterflies so I have never seen a Lulworth Skipper! One day I shall have to plan a visit.

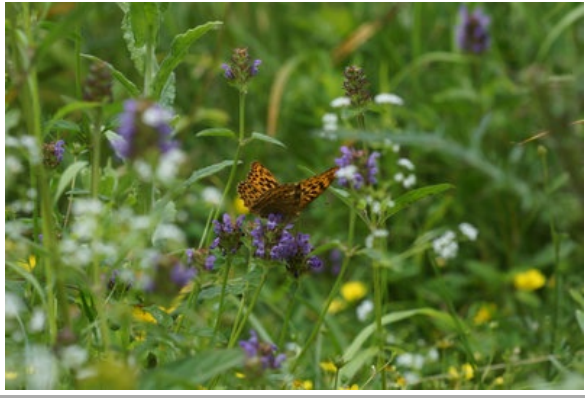
### Botany Bay Bliss

by Katrina, 03-Jul-19 08:21 PM GMT

I spent a blissful morning at Botany Bay where it was a pleasure to meet Terry, Andrew and the man from Kent (sorry I didn't catch your name) We formed a small Purple Emperor Gang and had 6 Emperors on the ground or close opportunities. I didn't manage photos of all but looks like some were the same butterfly on repeat episodes. 3 different baits were put down all steadfastly ignored by the Emperors today. Plenty of Meadow Browns, Ringlets, Skippers, Silver-Washed Fritillaries were seen as well as some White Admirals, Commas, Brimstones, Small Whites, and very faded Painted Ladies. I went to Knepp arriving about 3.30. I was fortunate to run into Neil Hulme and Matthew Oates who showed me some more Emperors higher up. There was a large supporting cast of butterflies at Knepp too.







### Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 03-Jul-19 08:29 PM GMT

Very nice Katrina! you have achieved what we are all after – the illusive 4 blue winged shot – but I think my favourite is the one on the bracken – a bit more unusual 🍷

### Re: Katrina

by millerd, 03-Jul-19 08:32 PM GMT

That's a great four-wing purple shot, Katrina! 😊🍷 I missed another trip down to Chiddingfold today due to a careless oversight involving failure to charge the camera battery... Shame to have missed you!

Cheers,

Dave

### Re: Katrina

by P.J.Underwood, 03-Jul-19 08:40 PM GMT

That will teach me to leave early....but I did have blackcurrants to pick.Tomorrow should be good.  
P.J.U.

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 03-Jul-19 08:59 PM GMT

Thanks Pauline, I am very pleased to finally get the 4 purple wing shots. The bracken shot should have been better but I had accidentally got my camera on burst mode and couldn't work out how to get it off. Looking forward to Andrews shots of that though.  
Thanks Dave, sorry to miss you too. No doubt will bump into you another time.  
P.J.U. sorry you missed the action. I hope tomorrow is good for you

### Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 03-Jul-19 11:08 PM GMT

Cracking set of shots Katrina including the much sought after quadruple purple 🍷🍷 Really love the Silver-washed shots as well 🍷🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Katrina

by ernie f, 04-Jul-19 07:10 AM GMT

Hi, Katrina – Great Purple Emperor shots. The four wing purple is wonderful. I have only ever achieved this once but my effort is a foreshortened view because I was at a distance. You seem to have managed to get the shot directly from above. 🍷

### Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 04-Jul-19 05:12 PM GMT

Katrina, I'm green with envy 🍷🍷😄 Lovely shots especially the open wing one Goldie 😊

### Re: Katrina



by David M, 06-Jul-19 05:23 PM GMT

Love it, Katrina. That full purple image will be hard to beat. 🍷

## Cairngorms Holiday

by Katrina, 21-Jul-19 03:28 PM GMT

I spent 2 weeks in the Cairngorms with family and saw lots of butterflies. Unfortunately I fell and got a rib injury mid way so less photos than normal. Although an unscientific snapshot they seemed to be doing well particularly Ringlets which were very common and although not numerous I saw Small Tortoiseshells more often than previously.

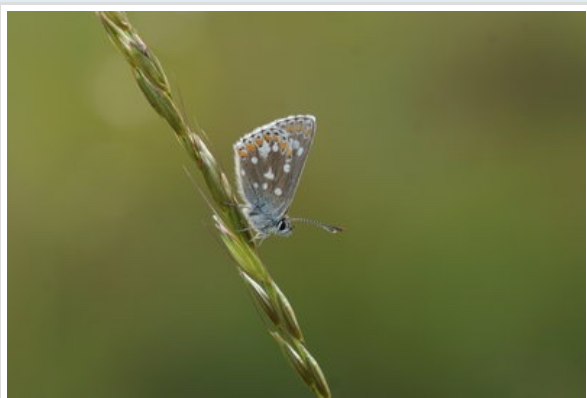
Highlights included 19 SPBF near Inverdrue and a short walk along the Speyside Way in Nethybridge where I saw over 100 Ringlets as well as 3 Small Tortoiseshells, 3 Common Blues, one Meadow Brown and a Red Admiral. My parents hotel room even conveniently had a Small Tortoiseshell in it.



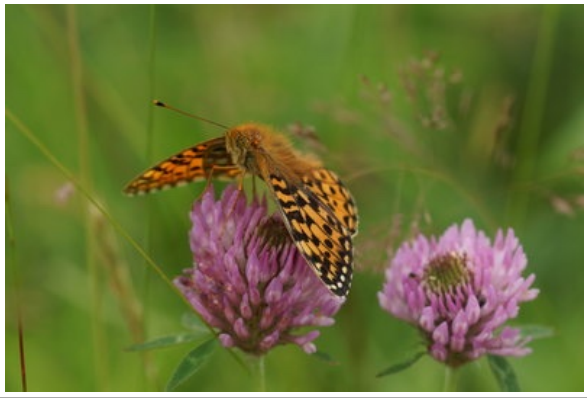
*SPBF Inverdrue*



*Small Tortoiseshell Speyside Way*



*Northern Brown Argus Grantown*



*DGf Grantown*



*DGF Grantown*



*SPBF Grantown*



*Hotel room Small Tortoiseshell*

**Re: Katrina**

by Pauline, 21-Jul-19 04:24 PM GMT

Sorry to hear about your injury Katrina – I do hope you are on the mend. Lovely creative shots as usual 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 21-Jul-19 06:47 PM GMT

Thanks Pauline, improving slowly.

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 21-Jul-19 07:34 PM GMT

Great set of shots Katrina – brill DGFs 🤩🌱 Interesting to see the northern Small Pearls – is it just me or do they look less contrasting than those we get down south? 😊 Hope you're mending well 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 21-Jul-19 08:17 PM GMT

Sorry to hear about your injury, Katrina. I hope it didn't impact on your trip too much – doesn't appear so by the look of things.

That Dark Green Fritillary underside is the pick of a very impressive bunch! 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 21-Jul-19 10:41 PM GMT

Sorry to read of your injury, Katrina, my very best wishes for a speedy recovery.  
A great selection of species from Scotland. Pleased you saw some Small Tortoiseshells.  
I have only seen four in East Sussex this year, though I have seen them elsewhere.

Congrats. on your ' all wings purple ' from a few weeks back!.  
Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 22-Jul-19 06:55 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, the SPBFs I photographed do look a bit paler in the photo but i didn't notice it in real life. Perhaps one to look out for.

Thanks David, I did like that photo as it looked like an extension of the flower.

Thanks Trevor, I definitely saw more up north than I have seen in Sussex. Not in large quantities but individuals turned up in quite a few places including platform one at the Boat of Garten station Steam Fair!

**Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 22-Jul-19 08:08 PM GMT

Great shots Katrina. I hope your rib gets better, not much you can do except take things easy 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 22-Jul-19 09:12 PM GMT

Glad to hear you are steadily improving, Katrina – great shots from the northern mountains too, especially that female DGF.

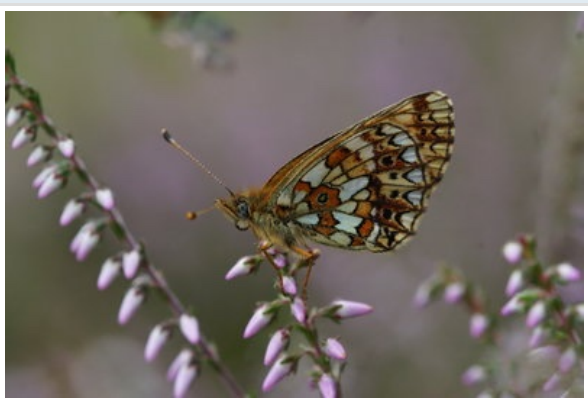
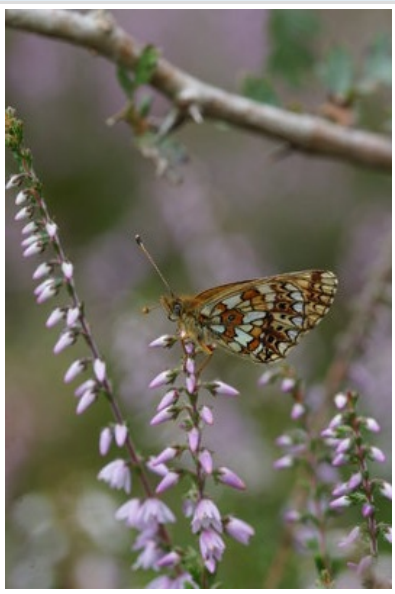
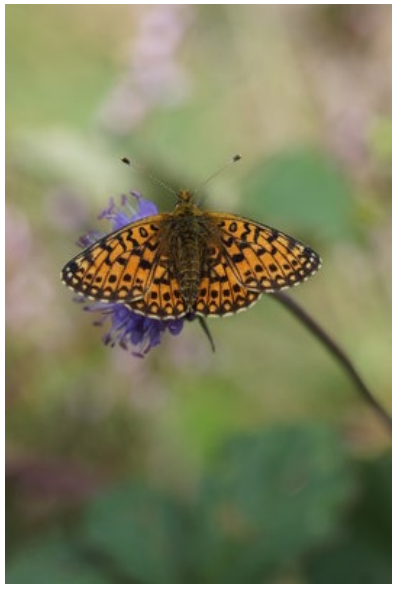
Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 11-Aug-19 05:22 PM GMT

I spent a couple of hours at Park Corner Heath / Rowland Wood and saw 3 SPBFs. Also seen were Painted Ladies, Gatekeepers, one SWF and one Common Blue.





### Re: Katrina

by trevor, 11-Aug-19 07:21 PM GMT

Great shots of the resting Small Pearls, they've been hyper during my visits. The Heather makes a fine back drop, just how I like to see Graylings posing too.

Trevor.

### Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 11-Aug-19 08:15 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina 😊 I don;t think I've seen one as well 'spotted' as that before and that last marking looks a bit like a backward 'K' – looks like tis one had your name (well initial) written all over it 😊🤓🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 11-Aug-19 08:25 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor. Congrats on your hairstreaks. I went to Steyning a bit late in the day on Wednesday and didn't find any. Heather does make a good backdrop and seeing them on heather in the photos of those that went before made them easier to find!

Thanks Wurzel, I don't think I would have seen the K if you hadn't pointed it out 😊

### Re: Katrina

by David M, 12-Aug-19 10:48 PM GMT

#### Katrina wrote:

I spent a couple of hours at Park Corner Heath / Rowland Wood and saw 3 SPBFs...

Excellent, Katrina. It's like being transported back to late May!

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Aug-19 07:40 PM GMT

I went to Whitehawk Hill this lunchtime. It was a pleasure to see Peter Farrant there who was photographing a Long-tailed Blue when I arrived. We saw three flying together at one point so at least three are still there. (Katrina Watson)



**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 30-Aug-19 08:14 PM GMT

Lovely shot, particularly like the misty background.

I went there on Tuesday, but nowhere to park at all, so very brief visit, car on double yellows !.  
Pleased your visit was successful.

Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 30-Aug-19 08:41 PM GMT

That looks like the same amenable chap I was photographing on Wednesday, you got his better side!

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 30-Aug-19 10:36 PM GMT

Yes definitely the better side....

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 31-Aug-19 04:07 PM GMT

Cracking shot Katrina 🤩👍 If only they'd venture a bit more West and inland 😊😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 03-Sep-19 10:54 AM GMT

Nice stuff, Katrina. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a further emergence in a few weeks time. Should give us plenty to look forward to.

**Re: Katrina**

by CallumMac, 03-Sep-19 02:18 PM GMT

**bugboy wrote:**

That looks like the same amenable chap I was photographing on Wednesday, you got his better side!

...and I, on Saturday! He is certainly loyal to that patch of territory.

**Re: Katrina**

by Goldie M, 03-Sep-19 08:57 PM GMT

Lovely shot Katrina, 🤩 Hope I'm has lucky when I get to Kent in a few weeks time 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 15-Sep-19 06:09 PM GMT

A mid afternoon trip to Whitehawk Hill yielded 2 LTBs but only one would stop for a photo. It was a pleasure to meet David and thanks for showing me the flycatcher.



**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 15-Sep-19 06:41 PM GMT

That looks like a fairly fresh LTB, not like the best of the three I saw there. Great image. A fresh one was seen in East London recently.

**Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 15-Sep-19 07:36 PM GMT

Great shot Katrina 🍷 😊

**trevor wrote:**

That looks like a fairly fresh LTB, not like the best of the three I saw there. Great image. A fresh one was seen in East London recently.

Sods law that, my neck of the woods and my next free day is next weekend! Although they weren't particularly specific with the site (I think for obvious reasons, may have been his garden).

**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 16-Sep-19 01:20 PM GMT

A very nice-looking LTB, Katrina. 🍷 😊 Fingers still firmly crossed for some more very soon now...

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 16-Sep-19 10:17 PM GMT

Cracking LTB Katrina 🍷 😊 - if there are plenty about I might even think about having a try 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 17-Sep-19 11:02 PM GMT

Nice find, Katrina. With any luck this could be the precursor to a substantial emergence.

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 18-Sep-19 08:58 PM GMT

Thanks everyone it was good to see even though it only stayed still for a short time. I went back today about lunchtime but didn't see any. It was good to catch up with Trevor, Pauline, Colin and others though.

**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 18-Sep-19 10:27 PM GMT

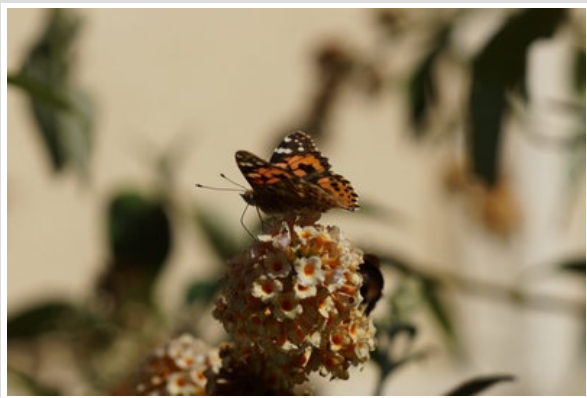
It was good to see you today as well, despite the lack of success with the LTB. I think the weather was wrong. Cool, dry air, with a constant cool breeze. Even though it was bright and sunny, I was not optimistic as I walked to the site.

Never mind, there's still time,  
Trevor.

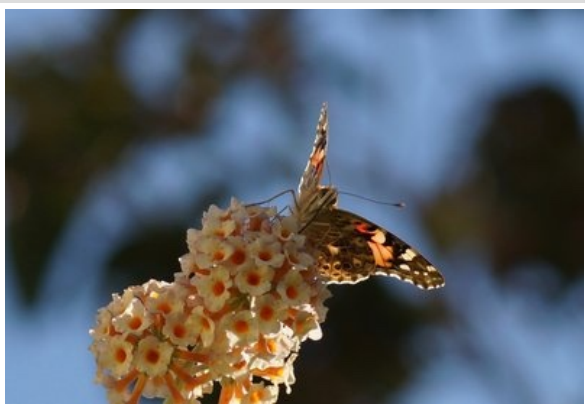
**Greenbank Garden 21st September**

by Katrina, 22-Sep-19 09:43 PM GMT

I was back in Scotland for a wedding this weekend but managed a quick trip to Greenbank Garden to look for butterflies. The weather was good. It was hard to know numbers as they were moving around but approx 10 Red Admirals, 4 Peacocks and 2 Painted Ladies were seen. Also seen was a parakeet. Later that night the Bride and Groom danced to September by Earth, Wind and Fire "Do you remember the 21st night of September?"







### Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 22-Sep-19 10:32 PM GMT

Great Painted Ladies Katrina. I saw the first one and thought – that's a cracking shot and then you followed it up with the Peacock and then "POW" the Hoverfly shot nearly blew my retinas 🤪😬👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Katrina

by David M, 23-Sep-19 09:46 PM GMT

I'm assuming that's some form of buddleia, Katrina, although it's not one I've seen before.

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### Re: Katrina

by trevor, 27-Sep-19 10:31 AM GMT

I have to agree with Wurzel, your Hoverfly image is a bit of an assault on the eye's ( in the nicest possible way! ), very striking.

Trevor.

PS. The LTB's played ball on Monday, at Whitehawk.

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-Sep-19 08:03 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, David and Trevor. I have no idea what the flowers were but they were attracting the insects.

### 28th and 29th

by Katrina, 29-Sep-19 08:13 PM GMT

Yesterday I went to Highdown Gardens in Worthing with a friend and her son. We saw at least 4 Red Admirals, 6 Whites, one Peacock, one Painted Lady and a Speckled Wood. I spotted a small amount of what looked like everlasting pea but no blue butterflies although it was quite a short wander there. Today I went to Pulborough Brooks with low expectations due to the rain. In between showers I saw 3 Speckled Woods and 4 Dragonflies.





### Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 30-Sep-19 08:01 PM GMT

Great shots Katrina though I must say that I'm most enamored with the final Dragonfly en masse shot 🤔👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Sep-19 08:28 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, they are not the best photos but better than nothing on a rubbish weather day.

### Re: Katrina

by MrSp0ck, 01-Oct-19 05:46 PM GMT

#### David M wrote:

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Its a hybrid between the Orange Ball Buddleia and the white Buddleia, similar to the orange flowered Buddleia, if you look closely at the flower spikes you can see they are formed of little balls of flowers, from one of the parents.

The Purple flower is an ipomea, probably "Royal Blue Ensign" related to convolvulus.

### Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 02-Oct-19 09:04 PM GMT

Thanks for the plant ids MrSp0ck!

### Whitehawk Wednesday

by Katrina, 02-Oct-19 09:18 PM GMT

Today I went to Whitehawk again. Neil Hulme had located a LTB before I arrived. It was pristine but keen on hiding in the undergrowth. Many other people also came to see the LTB and I was impressed with our collective patience. Eventually it came out a bit and gave an opportunity for some photos. It later took flight and just when we thought that was it Essex Buzzard relocate it – many thanks. It was good to see so many familiar faces including Bugboy, Millerd, Essex Buzzard, Gary, Neil and Ben Greenaway.



**Re: Katrina**

by bugboy, 02-Oct-19 09:41 PM GMT

Good to see you today Katrina and Long-tailed Blue's really don't get much better than him do they 😊

**Re: Katrina**

by millerd, 02-Oct-19 10:29 PM GMT

Lovely shots, Katrina – he was definitely what Wurzel would describe as a cracker of a butterfly. 😊

Good to see you again too – it was really quite a sociable gathering up there on the hilltop today, with familiar faces from far and wide.

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Katrina**

by essexbuzzard, 02-Oct-19 10:59 PM GMT

Yes, it was quite a gathering. That's a lovely open wing shot, Katrina. Love it!

**Re: Katrina**

by trevor, 02-Oct-19 11:17 PM GMT

I sent a PM before seeing your images.  
Definitely 10 points for the open wing shot!.

Trevor.

**Re: Katrina**

by Wurzel, 03-Oct-19 08:29 PM GMT

Wowers Katrina! 🤔🤔👍👍👍 The open wing shot is one of the finest I've seen! 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 03-Oct-19 08:48 PM GMT

That's a beautiful specimen, Katrina. I've seen many dozens on the continent but they rarely if ever look as good as that one. 🍷

**Re: Katrina**

by Katrina, 03-Oct-19 10:03 PM GMT

Thanks Bugboy , Millerd and David. He certainly was in top condition.

Thanks Wurzel and Trevor, I like the violet colouring at the edge.

Double thanks to you Essex Buzzard for relocating it otherwise I wouldn't have got the photo at all. 😊 Also thanks to Neil for the original find.