

Re: Kip

by Kip, 30-Apr-19 01:14 PM GMT

Couldn't resist posting this male *Celestrina argiolus* today in our garden, which I had merely two clicks at before it flew off. One of them produced this, which is possibly the best image of this species I have ever achieved... Canon 7D using Canon EF 100m macro IS USM, AV, F9, ISO 100. 😊😊 (Looks better if you click on the image!!)



Re: Kip

by Wurzel, 30-Apr-19 07:14 PM GMT

That is a blinding image Kip 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Kip

by David M, 01-May-19 08:41 AM GMT

Nice work, Kip. It's interesting to see the scales on the wings when you maximise the image. This really is one of the UK's most attractive little butterflies and it's always good when you can get close to one.

Re: Kip

by Kip, 02-May-19 09:57 AM GMT

thanks guys, much appreciated.. working with narrow depths of field I usually find the tip of the forewing costa, or the edge of the hindwing is soft in focus. This one ticked all the boxes and was just plain lucky especially as I only had two photos to pick from, not the usual 20+ 😊

Re: Kip

by Kip, 24-Jun-19 01:56 PM GMT

Very little opportunity to see butterflies this year but couldn't miss going to see if there were Black Hairstreaks out near Oundle this year. On a mostly cloudy day I was pleasantly surprised to find multiple individuals, more than I have ever seen there before... casually counted 21 just on my way out of the site. Evidently a good year for them too.



Re: Kip

by Pauline, 24-Jun-19 04:48 PM GMT

Enjoyed looking at your BH shots Kip especially the first one. I am a bit of a fan of dark backgrounds if it complements the butterfly which this does.

Lovely 😊

Re: Kip

by Wurzel, 24-Jun-19 10:52 PM GMT

Cracking Blackstreak shots Kip – you've really captured the velvety look 😊😁 – still got to see this species 🇮🇪🇮🇪

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Kip

by David M, 24-Jun-19 11:35 PM GMT

Is this species becoming ever more common or is it just that more people are paying attention to it?

Certainly, this last couple of years have seen them reported in far greater numbers than ever before to my knowledge.

Re: Kip

by Kip, 25-Jun-19 10:33 AM GMT

Thank you!

I know this habitat is managed, and very successfully it seems. That probably is a factor with what is a "niche" species in the UK. They probably also enjoyed last summer's weather, but I guess not so much this summer!!

They are worth seeking out Wurzel, the site I visit is about as guaranteed as you can get during the last 2 weeks of June. It has to be to avoid disappointment as I have to generally travel a long way.

`{quote}` Unread postby essexbuzzard » Fri May 31, 2019 9:22 pm

Glaphorn is probably the most reliable site, with excellent numbers last year. You're a tad early, but as Dave says, keep an eye on Beds and Northants BC sightings page, as Glaphorn is a well watched site, and a bit of warm weather this weekend could get things started.