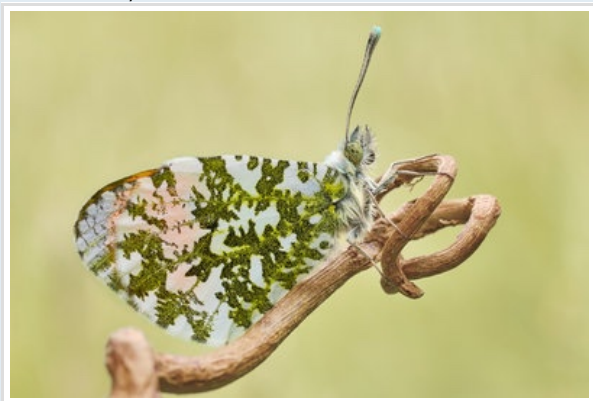


**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 18-May-19 01:47 AM GMT

and another year and here here. Just some orange tips flying around in Broomhill (bs4) by river Avon. Glad I got to catch few on camera. I did not see many in 2018, or was too busy with work at their usual flight time. shot on Monday 2018-05-06



**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 18-May-19 04:27 PM GMT

Good to hear from you again Sonomoha 😊 Lovely Orange-tip on a very sculptural perch 😊

Have a goodun  
Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 19-May-19 09:13 PM GMT

Good to see you're still getting out and about, sonomoha.

Love the Orange Tip image, although I can't work out what it's perched on. 😞

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 24-May-19 03:38 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

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**Wurzel wrote:**

Good to hear from you again Sonomoha 😊 Lovely Orange-tip on a very sculptural perch 😊

Have a goodun  
Wurzel

Hello David, hello Wurzel,

Thank you for your feedback. I had a question on that orange tip. The antenna tips appeared to be tainted in blue. Is that normal ?

He is perched on a sort of vine I collected those in some remote place, the Agdz oasis palm grove, few years ago.

To avoid cutting live flowers and food plant, a senior suggested me to use vine and mature poppy. It appears some species don't mind hopping on when you get the vine closer 😊



### Re: sonomoha

by David M, 24-May-19 08:52 PM GMT

**sonomoha wrote:**

I had a question on that orange tip. The antenna tips appeared to be tainted in blue. Is that normal ?

They're very fond of nectaring on bluebells. Could some of the colour have transferred to the antennal tips?

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 24-May-19 09:45 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

They're very fond of nectaring on bluebells. Could some of the colour have transferred to the antennal tips?

Could be. Thank you. I would never have thought about that, no even remotely 😊

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 27-May-19 03:47 PM GMT

Finally went to see the family in Italy for some quality time last week.

A longtime friend booked a day off to take me to <http://www.parchilazio.it/valledeltreja>, half-an-hour drive north of Rome. A Magnificent place for dragonflies and damselflies. It is also a great place for butterflies, no less than a dozen species in and out the grass in a 30 square-metres corner, including moths, skippers and larger butterflies (First time seeing a grizzled skipper and did not manager to photograph it because getting closer to grass would have just worsen my allergies 😊😊). I certainly hope to have the opportunity to visit this area in the future. Few images attached. Thanks to admin Guy for help with ID 😊

Small copper, abb. *Lycaena phlaeas f. caerulopunctata*  
silver-studded blue *Plebejus argus*



### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 27-May-19 04:06 PM GMT

After a short visit to Rome, we are now back in lovely Bristol.

This spring is already being like no other for some reason: I broke my main camera on the last night in Rome (happened last summer too) and it is still Ramadan. So I guess it is very tough to go out there while starving and without a camera 😊😊

Anyway, during a walk this Saturday (May 25), I saw my first british blues: many common blues, a brown and a small copper. This was in Victory Park (bs4), tiny green area by where I live. The place is usually full of 6-spot burnet moth in right time, but it is also good for the common blue. Brown argus and small copper seem very discrete in numbers though. Photo attached, although no brown argus when I went back Sunday morning 😊



### Re: sonomoha

by Wurzel, 27-May-19 07:21 PM GMT

Good luck with the fasting and butterflying 😊 That was a great tip passed on from the senior, something I'm going to consider – just need to find my 'stick' now 😊 What other species did you get to see in Italy?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: sonomoha

by David M, 27-May-19 08:25 PM GMT

#### sonomoha wrote:

...I broke my main camera on the last night in Rome (happened last summer too) and it is still Ramadan. So I guess it is very tough to go out there while starving and without a camera..

Lol! Yes, it must be that much harder when it falls near midsummer! How did you get those two butterflies on your hand?

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 28-May-19 07:33 PM GMT

#### David M wrote:

Lol! Yes, it must be that much harder when it falls near midsummer! How did you get those two butterflies on your hand?

Impact damage in summer 2018 and this year it's sd slot. Building up a bad reputation with hands loved only by insects and spiders, not cameras 😊😊 This was in the morning. So, matter of luck, if you approach a finger some hop on <http://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/phpBB/viewtopic.php?f=29&t=9253#p118820>. Obviously, strictly and only for non-vulnerable lads.

## Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 28-May-19 08:20 PM GMT

### Wurzel wrote:

What other species did you get to see in Italy?  
Have a goodun  
Wurzel

The place was really colourful and distracting. Nearly no photos made, just some eye candy.

*Aporia* (few) and *green-veined white* by the waterfalls, away from the field with everyone else.

*Colias* (discret numbers)

*Common blue*, *Brown argus* and other odd unidentified blues

*Orange-tip* (not many for the season)

*Peacock* (few in upper field)

*Skippers* (many large and few grizzled)

*Small Copper* (massive colony of regulars and few blue markings ab )

*Small heath* (discret numbers). There was another from the *Coenonympha* genus but I can not nail the ID. Probably a *C. arcania* after I had a look <http://westpalbutterflies.blogspot.com/2015/12/genus-special-coenonympha-part-i.html> but not sure at all.

This field was so tiny that I was overwhelmed to see that many different species. I went unprepared, I was there mainly for dragonflies/damselflies because you can watch them pupate by the river from a distance (I struggle to see any here in uk). This was my first time seeing an *Aporia* and a grizzled skipper. Nearly cried and looking forward to dropping by this park when I will have an opportunity.

## Re: sonomoha

by Wurzel, 28-May-19 11:02 PM GMT

Sounds great 🤔👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

## Re: sonomoha

by David M, 29-May-19 06:44 AM GMT

### sonomoha wrote:

..This field was so tiny that I was overwhelmed to see that many different species. I went unprepared.

That's the beauty of butterflying on the continent. You can see a great deal in a relatively small area.

## Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 30-May-19 11:02 PM GMT

### David M wrote:

That's the beauty of butterflying on the continent. You can see a great deal in a relatively small area.

One certainly misses the butterflies when back to UK 😊

## Re: sonomoha

by David M, 31-May-19 07:55 AM GMT

### sonomoha wrote:

#### David M wrote:

That's the beauty of butterflying on the continent. You can see a great deal in a relatively small area.

One certainly misses the butterflies when back to UK 😊

Indeed, sonomoha. I've been enjoying 45+ species per day this past week but now I'm back home I won't even see a third of that. 😞

## Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 01-Jun-19 10:35 AM GMT

**David M wrote:**

Indeed, sonomoha. I've been enjoying 45+ species per day this past week but now I'm back home I won't even see a third of that. 😞

Sorry to hear that. I still hope to have some time to go out in meadows in July when I am there. Unfortunately, it always ends up that I am focusing too much on food every time I go down to the continent 😞

Here here, just one little excerpt from my first close-up blues sighting from the last week-end of May (-:



**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 01-Jun-19 10:15 PM GMT

Like all good things though continental butterflying leaves you wanting more 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 01-Jun-19 10:49 PM GMT

**sonomoha wrote:**

Unfortunately, it always ends up that I am focusing too much on food every time I go down to the continent

Easy to do in Italy, sonomoha! 😊

At least you can burn the calories off during the day.

**Re: sonomoha**

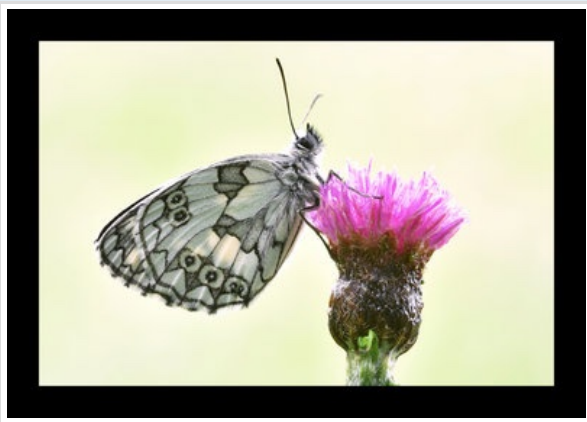
by sonomoha, 15-Jun-19 03:38 PM GMT

Here here here, for my first marbled white, as seen on June 13th.

Location is Callington rd nature reserve (BS4), just next to home 😊



melanargia galathea  
© sonomoha



**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 16-Jun-19 07:27 AM GMT

That is a cracking close up shot - it's great when you can get a 'tear' on their eye it reminds me of Pierrot 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 16-Jun-19 10:13 PM GMT

Beautifully presented, sonomoha. Few things beat a fresh Marbled White.

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 19-Jun-19 01:25 PM GMT

**Wurzel wrote:**

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Wurzel

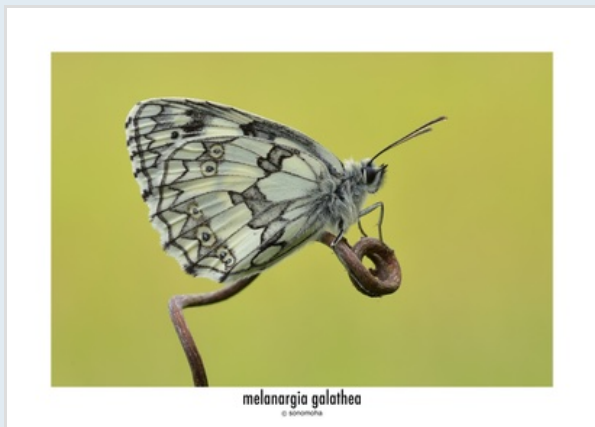
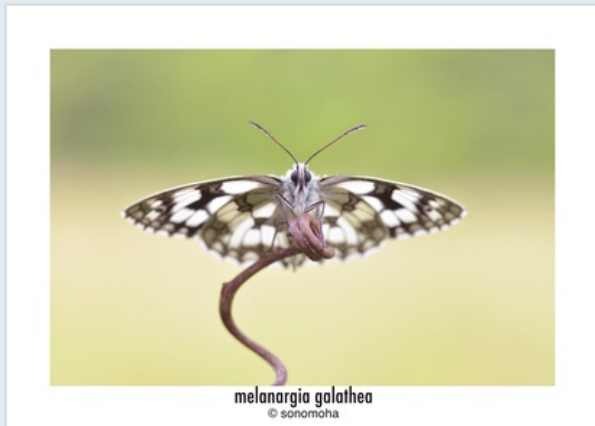
It's an almost 1:1 macro shot. Needless to say rain has been devastating that morning 😞

**David M wrote:**

Beautifully presented, sonomoha. Few things beat a fresh Marbled White.

Thanks David (-: There are butterflies around, so I have had sometimes to ruin my own photos while learning new stuff at working with imaging

software 🤔🤔 Here are my last 2 of that same subject, the only flying around and about. Cheers.



**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 20-Jun-19 09:43 AM GMT

That first Marbled White is a cracker Sonomoha 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 20-Jun-19 08:47 PM GMT

Great images of an often difficult butterfly, sonomoha.

Keep 'em coming!

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 24-Jun-19 11:45 PM GMT

June 22nd, a walk by River Avon down Eastwood Farm to see some ducklings. The banks are buzzing with...humans 😊😊

Went up the fields to look around. Big improvements. Besides the fewer worn blues, fresh Marbled whites and Meadow browns are finally out. This time of the year, I usually look forward to seeing skippers in places like Arnos Vale cemetery, Bristol (as already seen in early June).

Here, a glimpse into some photos made on Sunday 23rd, Eastwood Farm local Nature Reserve, Bristol. For these, you want to be out at 4:30am, solstice week 😊

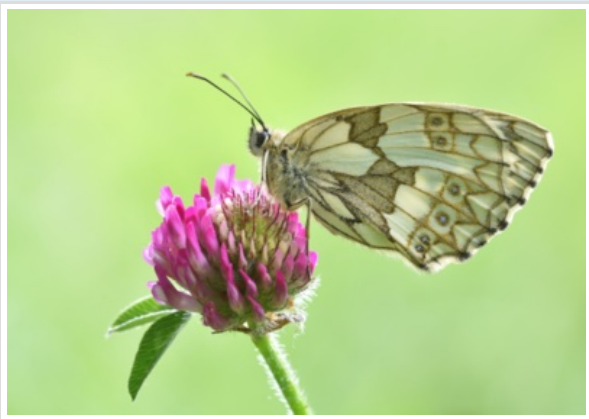
a worn blue



a fresh meadow brown



a very brown marbled white



Cheers 😊

### Re: sonomoha

by David M, 25-Jun-19 10:41 PM GMT

sonomoha wrote:  
....a very brown marbled white

That will be a female, sonomoha. 😊

### Re: sonomoha

by Wurzel, 27-Jun-19 01:46 PM GMT

Lovely shots Sonohoma – especially the close up of the Meadow Brown – I often forget how hairy butterflies actually are 😊😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 08-Jul-19 07:43 AM GMT



**Wurzel wrote:**

I often forget how hairy butterflies actually are 🤪🤪🤪

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Up close, they really have hairiness issues 🤪 cheers

**David M wrote:**

That will be a female, sonomoha. 🤪

Thanks for the info. Hopefully seeing many of those around so next year should be very well covered.

## Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 08-Jul-19 08:50 AM GMT

more JUNE

26.06 \_ First 5-spot burnet moth (arnos vale). I was distracted by the foxes playing around the cemetery. By the time at

27.06 \_ Many more MWs out in Callington rd LNR.



30.06 \_ Saw what seems to be a large skipper at rest (Arnos vale cemetery).



This is the first I managed to photograph on June 30 and the morning after, on **July 1st**.

JULY

03.07 \_ Ringlets and lots of MW out in Eastwood farm lnr

05.07 \_ First silver Y sighting of the year (Eastwood farm). Managed to photograph and film one. There were just about 3 of them where I usually see a lot of burnet companion and mint moths. Surprisingly, still no small skippers about this area, just few elusive large skippers and some very tiny blue I would into for ID 🤪

July 7th \_ Arnos vale is finally getting lively with more skipper emerged in a week. The large skippers have improved in numbers but there are still

many more small ones as each year. They looked fresh and could keep on emerging, so I was hoping to get better shots later this week. Also spotted for the first time in Arnos Vale, a blue-ish damselfly. 😊

### Re: sonomoha

by Wurzel, 08-Jul-19 08:17 PM GMT

Lovely shot of the Marbled Whites Sonomoha 😊😊 Bang on with the Large Skipper ID 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 10-Jul-19 01:28 AM GMT

#### Wurzel wrote:

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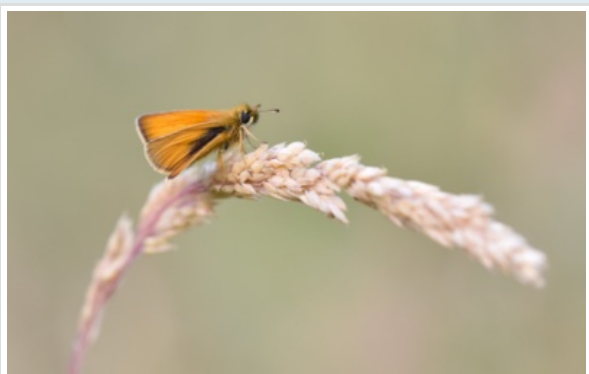
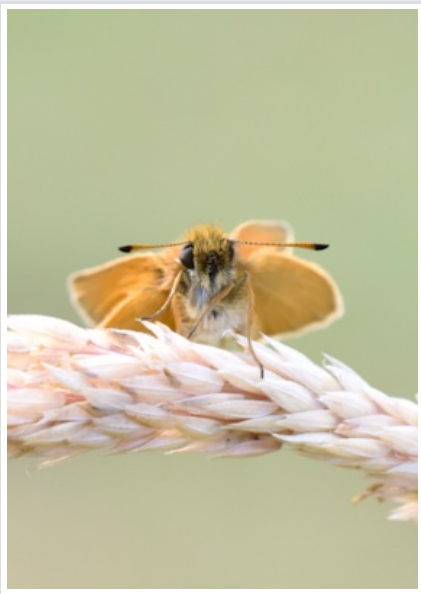
Now My computer is full with MB photos. I guess it won't be long before this goes on again with the second brood of blues coming. In the meantime, more skipper news upon a visit to Broomhill on **July 8th**. One spotted in the evening, then upon return on camp in early morning of **July 9th** I can confirm the presence of Essex Skipper where there usually is loads of small skippers at this time of the year. Those are still to appear. On the way out the field, another 2 ES climbed up the grass to enjoy the early Sun. Count of ES is 3, large skipper 1, Silver Y 2, marbled white LOADS, 5/6-spot burnet moth 10, many meadow brown, ringlet abundant as well.

### Re: sonomoha

by sonomoha, 10-Jul-19 10:34 AM GMT

Here here. just some screenshots from the photos taken on July 10th in Eastwood Farm / Broomhill.

It is great to get to see a new species every year in this area. Last year some small coppers stayed by and this year we have some silver Y and these Essex Skippers. Cheers!



**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 10-Jul-19 11:11 AM GMT

Cracking shot of the Essex Sonomoha – that's a proper "ID" shot showing the 'ink dabs' really well 😄😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 10-Jul-19 05:28 PM GMT

Like it, sonomoha. That's better than much of what you see in guide books for this species!

**Re: sonomoha**

by Old Wolf, 11-Jul-19 04:11 PM GMT

Hello sonomoha,

I am catching up on diaries and have come across your stunning marbled whites 🍷 Easily good enough to be hung on my wall 😄

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 23-Jul-19 11:12 PM GMT

**Wurzel wrote:**

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Have a goodun

Wurzel

Those are cool antennas for sure, I love skipper too much 😄

**David M wrote:**

Like it, sonomoha. That's better than much of what you see in guide books for this species!

Thanks for the compliment. My senior instructor is like "yeah, can do better though!" 😊  
I would be happy to submit to the forum's stock later.

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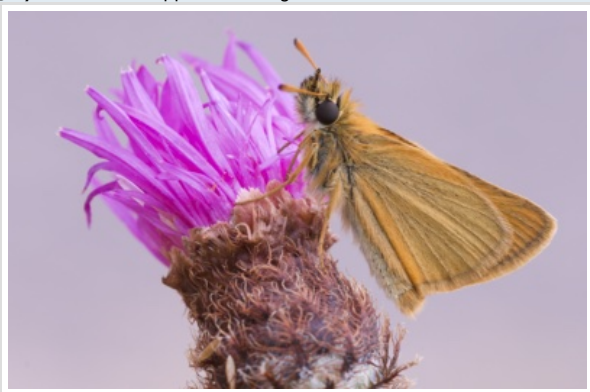
Thanks Old Wolf.

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 23-Jul-19 11:29 PM GMT

Before last week off to Italy, I was lucky to meet some skippers. Here are some shots:

**July 11th** Essex skippers in Calington rd LNR





July 12th Small skippers in Arnos Vale



and a bonus on the Large skipper met on July 1st



Guess that's all folks. Tomorrow I am sending back the camera lent to me by Nikon uk, this means I will probably be focusing on my suitcases for my travel back to France in 2-3 weeks 😊

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 24-Jul-19 05:20 PM GMT

Nice diagnostic comparison between *lineola* and *sylvestris*, sonomoha.

Hope you can find time to post some pics from your foreign travels.

**Re: sonomoha**

by Wurzel, 24-Jul-19 10:46 PM GMT

Brilliant comparative images Sonomoha – really like tat you managed to capture the 'eyelashes' as well 😊😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 10-Aug-19 09:09 AM GMT

Been in Paris for 3 days now.

This Thursday was the opportunity to do a walk at the Ecole du Breuil, the gardening school of the city of Paris, with an old friend from Flickr. The place is great, mostly for bees and odonata. So many dragonflies and damselflies. For butterflies and moths: many large whites, few L Maera, decent number of blues by the field around basketball ground, same are had lots of Colias and the best surprise was the hummingbird moth. A beautiful day with great weather. Many comma around the footpaths by the Joinville-le-Pont train station. On the way back from Ecole du Breuil to Champigny, I walked down to visit the part of an island on Marne river. One common blue and many damselflies. A pity the rest of this island is all inhabited.

**Re: sonomoha**

by Janet Turnbull, 10-Aug-19 10:20 PM GMT

Hello Sonomoha, I have just been looking through your diary. I particularly like the skipper on the blue flower (self-heal?) Those Marbled Whites on the vine are just gorgeous and the macro shot of the Meadow Brown is stunning. 😊😄  
Janet

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 11-Aug-19 04:00 PM GMT

**Janet Turnbull wrote:**

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Janet

Hello Janet,

Thank you for the kind words. Enjoy the summer fully 😊

**Re: sonomoha**

by David M, 12-Aug-19 10:41 PM GMT

**sonomoha wrote:**

Been in Paris for 3 days now....

Are you coming back to the UK, sonomoha or is that it?

Irrespective, I hope you will regale us with the butterflies you find wherever you are. 😊

**Re: sonomoha**

by sonomoha, 28-Dec-19 06:58 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

Are you coming back to the UK, sonomoha or is that it?

Irrespective, I hope you will regale us with the butterflies you find wherever you are. 😊

Hello David M, hello all,

For now, life matters took me here and I will most certainly come back to the UK. Best if career path takes me there but there is also family and friends

there. I am one of those unfortunate Frenchmen that gave a lifetime learning about Britain, then a big BOOM in June 2016 resonated so high that it eventually kicked us out Britain 😊

Anyway, down here, the weather is rainy, hot and very rainy again. We even had a hurricane in the first half of December 😊

Here is <http://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/phpBB/viewtopic.php?f=20&t=10241&p=150007#p150007>.

ID'd as *Chilades trochylus* (Freyer, 1845) by modmin Guy on original post. Thank you Guy.



Happy holidays for the lucky ones and have a great week-end all.  
Cheers :\*