

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 05-Jan-19 03:50 PM GMT

Well I still have various 2018 pics to put up, here are some from my Silver-studded Blue encounters in June. This is a butterfly I had previously seen very little of, and I wanted to put that right.

Having been very impressed with Pauline's photos and reports, I decided to give Bramshott Common in East Hampshire a go. There I met Pauline herself, who had very kindly offered to show me around. 😊

In the sunlight, at certain angles, you can see some beautiful colours on the wings of a female.



Pauline led me to these open areas of lush vegetation, that's where the SSB's were to be found.





There were a number of pairings.



The SSB's seemed quite a placid butterfly to me. They didn't fly very fast or high, and the males were happy to chill out together.



Not much sight of other species but this nice female Common Blue caught my eye.



It was fantastic to observe this butterfly up close. 😊 Thank you Pauline once more, hope to see you again sometime. 😊

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by Paul Harfield, 05-Jan-19 09:20 PM GMT

Hi Andrew

Your Silver Studded Blues from Bramshott brought back some fond memories. Like you I was introduced to this wonderful site by Pauline, though I have not visited for a couple of years. Like you I found that the Silver Studded Blues seemed to have the place completely to themselves with just a few Common Blues to keep them company.

I particularly like the shot where the butterfly seems to be just floating in mid air completely unattached, lovely 😊.

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 06-Jan-19 06:03 PM GMT

I'm with Paul on the 'floating' Silver-stud – that is a cracking shot 😊👍👍 It does seem slightly odd to me though to see Silver-studs amid lush grassy vegetation 😊 I'm so used to seeing them on Heather in boggy acidic heaths – makes a nice change to have a vibrant green backdrop to the images 😊👍👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 09-Jan-19 08:27 PM GMT

Beautiful sequence, Andrew. Yes, this species is mightily photogenic but you have captured certain aspects which enhance the colours of this species.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 10-Jan-19 01:29 PM GMT

Hi Paul, that's great! 😊 Thank you. 😊

Cheers Wurzel! 😊 Yes, it's good to see they can thrive in different habitats. 😊

Thanks David, I was very taken with the SSB's. It was easy to get close to see those lovely colours. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 10-Jan-19 04:31 PM GMT

We all see various other critters as we're out and about looking at butterflies, some of these I like to get pictures of and identify if I can. Here are some spiders that I came across last year.

Seen at Mill Hill in May, it was the colour of this spider that first caught my eye, white but clearly not of the Crab variety. Then as it moved about it's web I could see it had an unusually shaped abdomen, which helped identify it as *Cyclosa conica*. The two thick spokes on it's web are called stabilimentum, the general consensus seems to be that they are an aid to camouflage.



Uh-oh..



Not this time.



Also at Mill Hill a Wolf spider mother, with spiderlings riding shotgun. Exact ID I'm really not sure, possibly *Pardosa palustris* or *amentata* ?



Visitors to this Scabious beware! Crab spider at Butterfly Conservation White Hill in July.



Spotted near Seaford in August, I reckon this is a male Noble False Widow, *Steatoda nobilis*.



My first sight of a Wasp Spider happened in August. What a creature! 🤪😄 After that they seemed to pop up everywhere. These females are from Lullington Heath, Mill Hill and Seaford, I'd like to find a male one day. I wonder how far north they have reached ?





ID pending for these two, possibly a male and female of the same species. Seen near Seaford in September.

edit I'm now sure these are *Metellina segmentata*, male on the left and female on the right.



Your classic Garden Spider, at Friston Gallops in September.



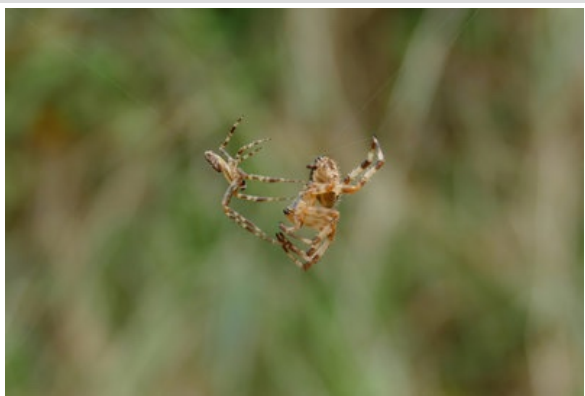
Talking of Garden Spiders, I saw the following drama at Shoreham by Sea, as I was looking for Clouded Yellows in October. There was a female sat in the middle of her web when a smaller spider approached from the side, clearly a male looking to mate. I don't know a great deal about spiders but given the reputation of their courtship behaviour I looked on with some trepidation!



He would slowly advance, waving his front legs, and if she made a sudden move scuttle back. Then start the process again.



I'm holding my breath at this point..



And then all of a sudden she grabs him and starts wrapping him in silk!



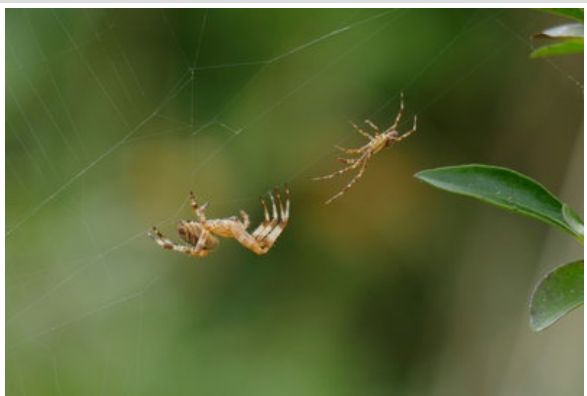
And that was that. 😞 Or so I thought..



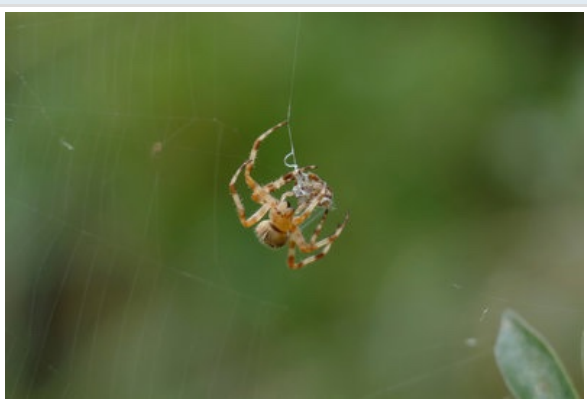
Oh no. Fella! Did you not see what just happened?



So up steps contestant number two, same modus operandi.



And to precisely no one's surprise, she grabs him and starts wrapping him also! 😞



That's two attempts and two strikes. I've got to admit this put a bit of a downer on my morning, I felt so sorry for the little guys! Who would be a male spider? 😊



So why do some female spiders consume their male counterparts? Even before mating. From what I've read of Garden Spiders the size of the male is a factor, the larger he is the less likely he will end up as dinner. Also by eating males a female increases her fecundity, so maybe they eat the smaller and mate with the larger?

As I said I don't know much about spiders, just a few things I've read. If anyone has any corrections I'd welcome them. 😊

Cheers.

Re: Andrew555

by bugboy, 10-Jan-19 11:17 PM GMT

Great shots of those spiders. I saw a fair few Wasp spiders last year myself and see them occasionally on my local patch in North east London, the heat island effect of big cities probably aided them getting a toe hold here.

That hungry female in the last set doesn't look anywhere large enough (when compared the males) to be fully grown and therefore in no position to welcome a male for mating, the silly boys really didn't stand any chance whatsoever against her!

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 12-Jan-19 01:25 PM GMT

Great set of photos Andrew of our Arachnid friends 😊 Really interesting to see the first species which I've never encountered in the field before – the patterning on the abdomen did remind me of the Kung Fu Panda for some reason 😊 Be careful with the S.nobilis as they can bite successfully and it can be really painful. 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 12-Jan-19 02:07 PM GMT

Love your shots of the Adonis and SSB Andrew , beautiful, but I'll pass on the Spiders they give me the shivers 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by essexbuzzard, 13-Jan-19 06:01 PM GMT

Loving your spider posts at the moment, Andrew. As you say, who would be a male spider. Even if they get to mate with the female, they are generally eaten after while trying to escape!

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 13-Jan-19 08:20 PM GMT

Thanks BB, that's interesting. Good point, I should have realised that myself. 😊

Cheers Wurzel. Kung Fu Panda eh ? I thought of those rorschach test patterns. 😊😊
Thanks for the warning! 😊😊

Thank you Goldie. 😊 I don't blame you one bit! 😊

Cheers Essex. 😊 I know right? Nature can be harsh!

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 13-Jan-19 10:11 PM GMT

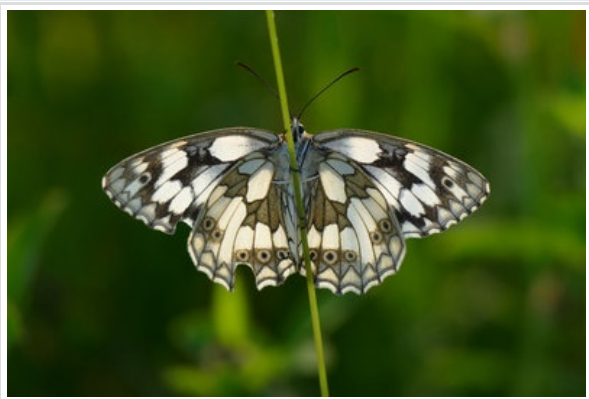
Encouraged by the success of my evening with the Adonis Blues at Anchor Bottom, I thought I'd try more of the same but at a local site this time.

Lullingstone Park it was, in mid June, where the Marbled Whites were in fine form.

Arriving just before 7:00pm I headed straight to the hotspot, an area of long grass and wild flowers. One of the first spots was this lovely female.



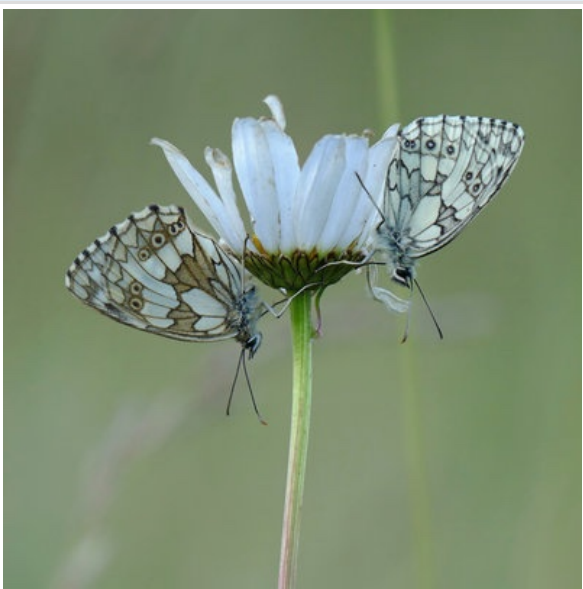
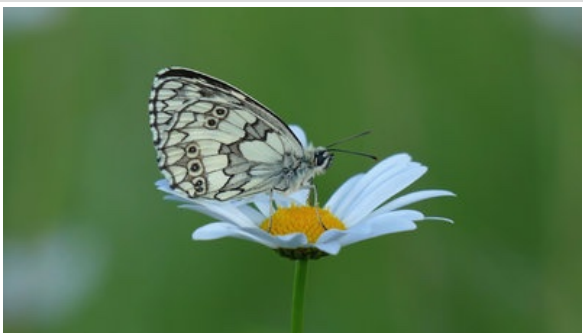
It looks like this female had a close call with a bird.



Catching the last rays.



The shadows creep on.



Nearly the last shot of the evening, 9:08pm. That worked well, a great couple of hours. 😊



From a local-ish site, Dene Park. Morning shots this time, of Ringlet, Gatekeeper and Small White.



More early morning/evening tactics this year methinks. 😊

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 14-Jan-19 09:21 AM GMT

Hi! Andrew, I love your shots of the Marble white especially the ones in the Meadow on the daisies , they make me feel like I'm back in Summer time 😊
The two MW's on the Daisy Head is lovely 🍷🍷 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 14-Jan-19 08:34 PM GMT

Beautiful set of shots Andrew 😊 I especially love the way that you've captured the way the last rays turn the normally jet black of the markings a reddish brown colour 😊🍷 Just reading this post has made me feel warmer 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 14-Jan-19 09:44 PM GMT

Beautiful Marbled White images, Andrew, a species I paid lip service to in 2018.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 18-Jan-19 10:19 AM GMT

Thanks Goldie! 😊 I thought of you as I was putting the shots together, remembering that you liked MW's. 😊

Cheers Wurzel, much needed right now! Glad to be of service. 😊

Thank you David. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Neil Freeman, 18-Jan-19 07:27 PM GMT

Lovely series of Marbled Whites Andrew, I particularly like the 6th one down with the blurry meadow in the background 😊

Cheers,

Neil

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 31-Mar-19 05:07 PM GMT

Hi Neil, thanks a lot. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 31-Mar-19 05:53 PM GMT

30th March 2019 - Billingshurst

My first proper outing of 2019 took me to Billingshurst in Sussex in search of Orange-tips, and whatever else might be around. It really couldn't have gone any better. 😊

I had a good long wander around the lanes and meadows.



Bee Fly, one of many.



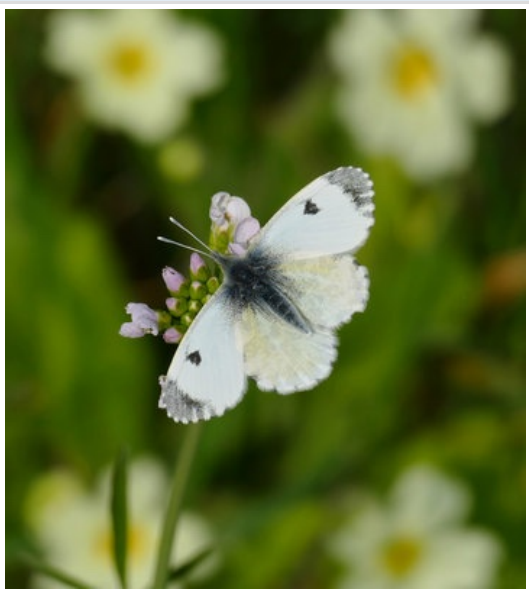
My first Speckled Wood and Green-veined White of the year, along with Comma and Brimstone.



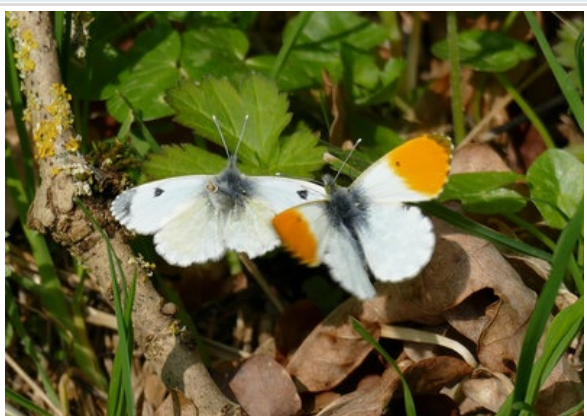


I found my Orange-tips, only two male and one female. But they did let me get a good look at them and I have no complaints!





A definite 'nope'.





A thoroughly uplifting day.

Cheers. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by trevor, 31-Mar-19 06:34 PM GMT

Great Orange Tip images, Andrew. I'm surprised anything flew today in that cool wind, but I had an excellent day too. No OT's yet though 😞.

Trevor.

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 31-Mar-19 10:22 PM GMT

Lovely sequence of shots Andrew – I managed to see my first OTs yesterday as well but only got a grab shot and nothing anywhere near as decent as those 📷📷 I love that the male looks like he's got little eyes peeking out of the orange 😊😊 Things might slow down a little now though 😞

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

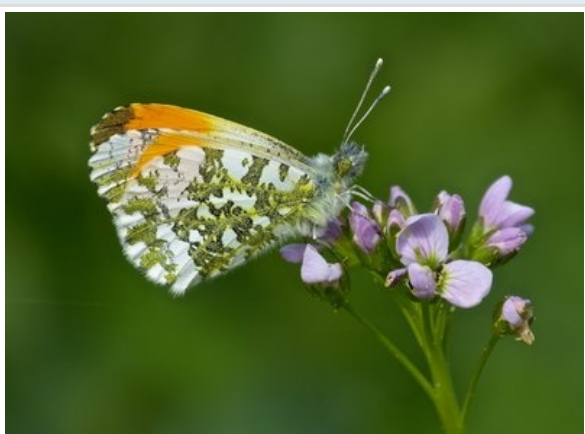
by John W, 01-Apr-19 12:16 AM GMT

**Andrew555 wrote:
30th March 2019 – Billingshurst**

My first proper outing of 2019 took me to Billingshurst in Sussex in search of Orange-tips

Hi Andrew,

I went to the Billingshurst lanes on Saturday too. I arrived at about 1.15, and mainly stuck to the meadows on the east side of Rowner Road, shortly before the T-junction with Okehurst Lane/Road. I was wondering if you would be there too, but didn't see you, maybe you'd gone by that point? Well done for seeing a female Orange Tip, I only saw 2 or 3 males. They became quite co-operative in the periods when the sun went in! Also I think I saw the same female Green-veined White as you.





Hopefully will bump into you at some point! Maybe at Mill Hill for the Grizzlies..

Cheers
John

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 01-Apr-19 09:07 AM GMT

Cheers Trevor, it was Saturday though. I see you did, good stuff. 😊

Hi Wurzel, thanks m8. 😊 You may be right. 😊 I was very grateful for that lovely day. 😊

Hi John, yes I wondered exactly the same about you! I arrived early and left early afternoon, must have just missed you! The female was there for while. She got harassed by a male and shortly afterwards crossed the road, went up the bank and I didn't see her again. I saw your excellent shots on the BC Sussex website, has to be the same GVW. I will definitely be back, and quite possibly do the Billingshurst / Mill Hill combo! 😊

Hope to see you out there.

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 01-Apr-19 11:47 AM GMT

Andrew555 wrote:
30th March 2019 - Billingshurst

My first proper outing of 2019 took me to Billingshurst in Sussex in search of Orange-tips, and whatever else might be around. It really couldn't have gone any better

You summed it up well, Andrew.

Those Orange Tip images give Neil Hulme's a run for their money.

Good that you managed to see a female Green Veined White too; it's usually only males for the first few days of their flight period.

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 01-Apr-19 12:20 PM GMT

Lovely OT shots Andrew 🍷 we can say Springs here now 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by bugboy, 01-Apr-19 06:13 PM GMT

I may have been gallivanting around southern Spain for a week but I'm still a tiny bit 🍷 about all these Orange-tips everyone is seeing 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 04-Apr-19 09:43 AM GMT

High praise indeed! Thank you David. 😊

Thanks Goldie. 😊 Lets hope this bout of nasty weather doesn't last too long!

Hi BB, hope you get to see some soon! 😊

Re: Andrew555

by millerd, 04-Apr-19 09:43 PM GMT

Some very nice Orange Tips, Andrew. That hopeful male rebuffed by the female (I assume the next shot of a male is the same individual) has unusually small dark spots in the orange areas. Interestingly, the object of his attention has contrastingly large spots! Endless variation... 😊

Cheers,

Dave

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 08-Apr-19 11:41 AM GMT

Cheers Dave. Thanks for the observation, the rejected male is one individual and all the others are another. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 13-Apr-19 06:42 PM GMT

6th & 8th April 2019 - Billingshurst

Orange-tips and other butterflies seemed to be in very short supply on this particular look around Billingshurst, and I consider myself lucky to have seen the single one that I did.

I arrived early enough to hopefully find some OT's before they became active, and almost straight away found this male on a wooded bank next to the road. On a Bluebell as well, nice! 😊



A bit of morning sunlight broke through the trees and after basking for no more than a minute he took to the air and flew off down the road.



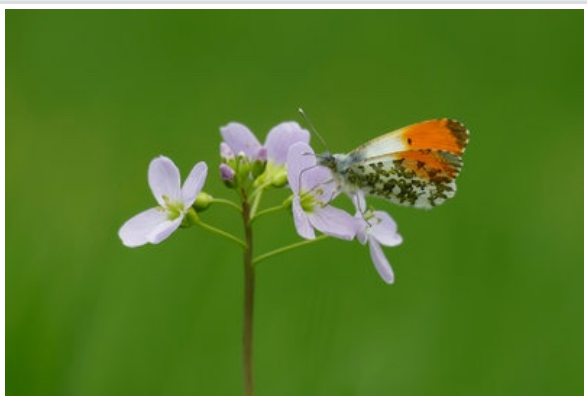
And that was the first and last bit of sunshine! I searched the meadows and lanes thoroughly but nothing more was to be found. There were supposed to be sunny spells but it just got more cloudy and grey and later began to drizzle. Another top notch forecast! 😞😞

I had a little wander down the nearby river Arun and when I got back to the meadow I saw Neil Hulme. Not even he had been able to find any OT's, he reckoned they had gone into the wooded area's.



The way the weather turned out was a bit of a bummer, but I still had that great sighting. My glass was definately half full! 😊

A couple of days later I returned, straight after work for an hour or so. I found a male OT, active but in a sort of 'winding down' kinda way, and a female.



Cheers. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 14-Apr-19 08:44 AM GMT

You may have only found a few OTs Andrew but the shots are definitely a case of quality over quantity 🤔👍👍 The first one on the Bluebell wouldn't look out of place on the cover of butterfly magazine 😎😎

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 15-Apr-19 11:52 AM GMT

Delightful, Andrew. I've never known so many high quality images of Orange Tips as this year.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 16-Apr-19 10:01 AM GMT

Cheers David. 😊 For myself I have definitely tried to make the most of them this year.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 16-Apr-19 01:43 PM GMT

Very kind of you Wurzel, a lucky find for sure! 😊

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 16-Apr-19 02:07 PM GMT

Beautiful Photographs Andrew 🍷🍷 I love to see Orange Tips on Blue Bells, fantastic, 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 21-Apr-19 08:57 PM GMT

Thanks a lot Goldie, me too! 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 21-Apr-19 09:25 PM GMT

7th & 14th April 2019 – Wiston

A small selection from a couple of visits to the roadside meadow at the Sussex village of Wiston.

The site itself.



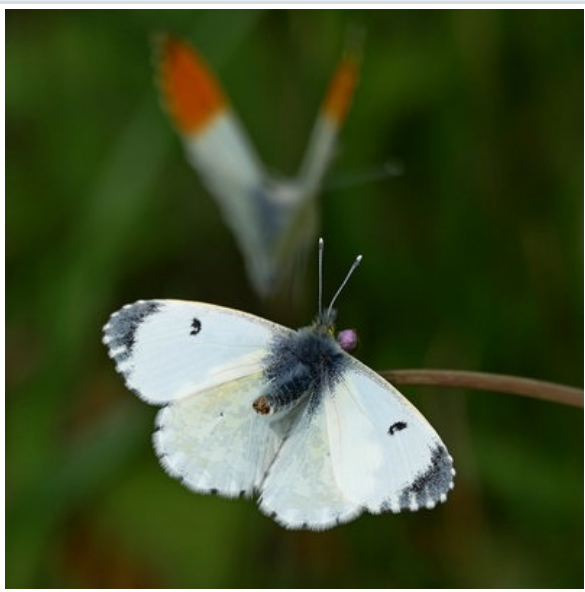
First order of business, check every flower head.



It was here I found my first ever OT pairing. 😊



I've seen this a few times now recently. 😊



On a rather breezy day, did this OT choose this perch for shelter and stability, or was it just chance ?



Cheers. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 21-Apr-19 10:27 PM GMT

Fantastic set of shots Andrew 😊 I still need to find a mating pair to add to my 'collection' and time seems to be running out for this season 😊🌿🌿

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 22-Apr-19 07:33 AM GMT

Great image of the mating pair, Andrew. There are so many about this year that I'm surprised more of us haven't captured this...still time though!

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 22-Apr-19 11:14 AM GMT

Lovely Butterfly shots Andrew, a mating pair has well, I've yet see see a Female OT 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 24-Apr-19 10:47 AM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, David and Goldie. 😊 Best of luck with your spotting! 😊

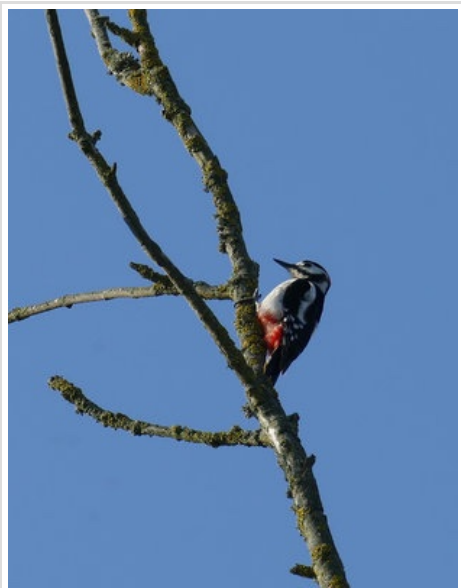
Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 25-Apr-19 10:29 PM GMT

19th April 2019 – Lullington Heath

I was fairly certain the Small Coppers would now be out at Lullington Heath, so a trip to East Sussex was in order.

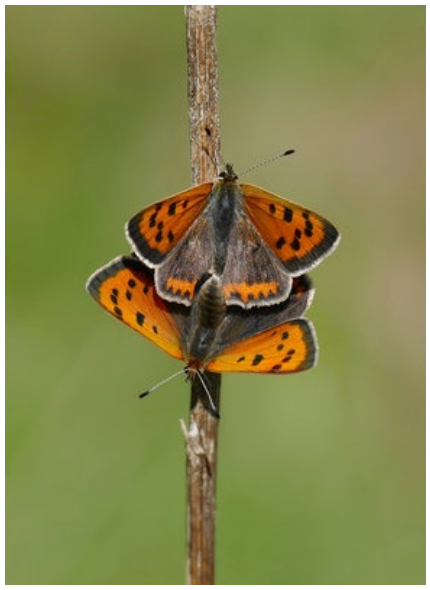
Tappity-tap from above on the walk up, a Great Spotted Woodpecker.



I made my way to this area, my main hunting ground, and straight away saw the first Copper. Brilliant!



In total I counted around 15, including no less than 3 pairs in cop.



Also about were Brimstone, Grizzled Skipper, Green Hairstreak, Small White and a male Orange-tip passing through. And this Peacock, who I thought looked in pretty good nick.



Some other insect life, a quick internet search tells me this Hoverfly could be *Syrphus ribesil* or *Syrphus vitripennis*.



Down one of the rides of next door Friston Forest, it was nice to see this Greenstreak on a Bluebell.



A very enjoyable day, thanks Lullington! 😊

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 26-Apr-19 10:29 AM GMT

Some fantastic shots there Andrew, I like the Hair Streak on the Blue Bell best though 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 26-Apr-19 07:42 PM GMT

Great stuff Andrew 😊 Three pairs of Small Coppers in cop 😊 I've never seen or photographed one pair 🍀🍀🍀 That is a sublime Greenstreak shot 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 26-Apr-19 09:21 PM GMT

What a wonderful image of the mating Small Coppers, Andrew. 9.9/10 for that one. Then you go and get a Green Hairstreak on a bluebell....

....I'm creased with envy.

Re: Andrew555

by bugboy, 28-Apr-19 12:46 PM GMT

Just trying to catch up with some diaries. Some great shots recently Andrew, Orange-tip, mating coppers, Green Hairstreaks on Bluebell, your diary is positively dripping in Spring at the moment 😊

Re: Andrew555

by millerd, 28-Apr-19 08:19 PM GMT

Green Hairstreaks do have a liking for bluebells! A very nice shot, Andrew. 😊

Dave

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 29-Apr-19 09:50 AM GMT

Hi Goldie, thanks! It is a striking colour combination. 😊

Thanks Wurzel, they weren't wasting any time that's for sure! If I see any more I'll send 'em your way! 😊

Thanks David. 😊 Luck was with me for those Coppers, they didn't have their wings open for very long and were moving around. They seemed more comfortable with wings shut.

Cheers Bugboy. Isn't it a great feeling to be out and about this time of year seeing such sights! 😊

Thanks Dave, never caught one up till now! 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 29-Apr-19 09:12 PM GMT

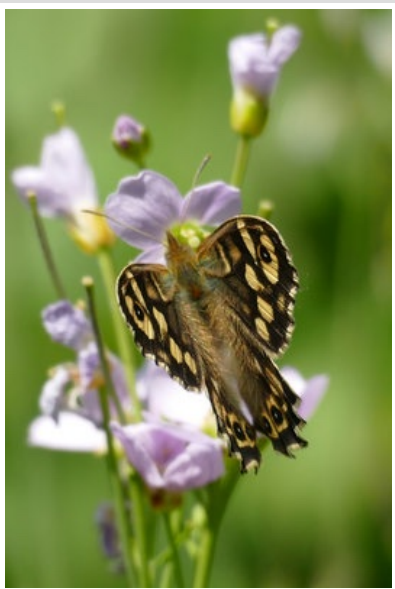
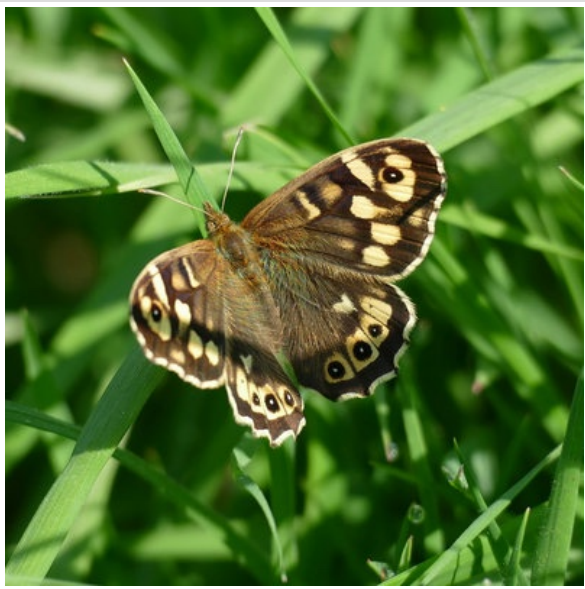
April 2019 – Billingshurst

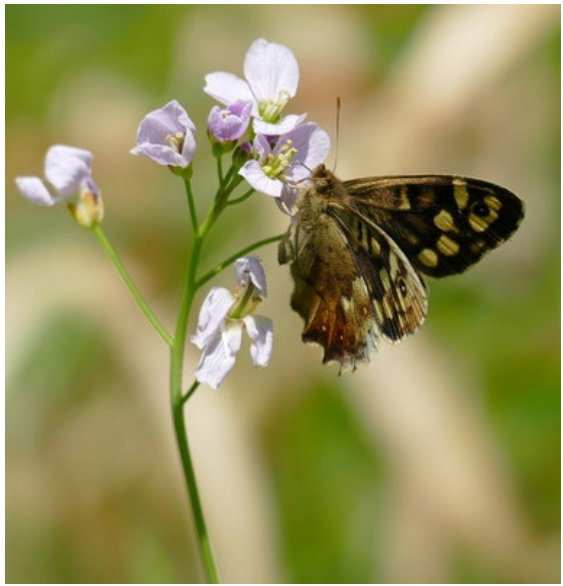
A few more shots from my April Billingshurst visits.

I don't think I've seen damage quite like this before, on this Orange-tips wing. Was it caused by a bird, the claws maybe? I don't know, I would have thought there would be more tearing, any ideas welcome. It wasn't holding him back any. 😊



I found this female Speckled Wood in the middle of one the meadows. She wasn't very active, sitting in the grass or occasionally nectaring. She looked in beautiful condition, do you think she might have emerged that very morning ? The shots were taken around 11:00am.





I was following an Orange-tip male across the meadow, hoping he might stop for a bit, when he disturbed two white butterflies in cop. Great! I thought, I'll wait till they settle and get some shots. They apparently had other ideas! Flying up, and up, and up, alighting at the very top of a meadowside tree. Foiled! 😊



100% crop, Small Whites ?



Orange-tip male and Green-veined White. Of course at the time I completely failed to notice the OT eggs. 😊



Cheers. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 30-Apr-19 06:57 PM GMT

A great set of shot with a lot of interest. In reverse order -I'd go for Small Whites too 😊. Next up I reckon you're right about the Speklie as she looks immaculate, not a hair or scale out of place 😊👍 Now for the biggy...it looks almost like those two holes have been hole-punched through the wing, it could be a bird claw strike but I'd have thought that the holes wouldn't have been that clean, there would have been some tearing? The rest of the wing looks pretty messed up as well almost as if there were two slightly different fore wings fused together if you see what I mean 😊 A bit of a poser 😊 but all the more interesting a shot because of it 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 30-Apr-19 11:06 PM GMT

What a great image of the Green Veined White, Andrew. Not been too many on my patch so far this year so I need to put a bit more effort in.

Re: Andrew555

by trevor, 01-May-19 07:00 AM GMT

Some excellent Spring images from April, Andrew. The mating OT's especially.

Great stuff,

Trevor.

Re: Andrew555

by ernie f, 01-May-19 07:57 AM GMT

Andrew - Snap. I got my first mating pair of OTips too this year. But you also got a great shot of a pair of Sm Coppers mating with wings open too. I've only ever seen that once and it was a few years ago. You got both these events in quick succession, lucky devil.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 02-May-19 11:21 AM GMT

Thanks for those confirmations Wurzel. 😊 Yes the OT is odd, the crease looks as if some kind of folding or pinching has occurred. However it happened it didn't stop him going about his business. 😊

Thanks David. 😊 Same for me tbh. I never seem to see that many of them.

Cheers Trevor, I was really chuffed to find them! 😊

Well done Ernie. 😊 'Tis true, I have had a lucky Spring! 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 04-May-19 09:08 PM GMT

28th April 2019 - High and Over & Abbots Wood

I saw my first Wall Brown on the 22nd April, just the one. So I returned to High and Over a week later to see how things were coming along.

Straight away I found this male basking on one of the seats at the view point.



At one point he fluttered down into some long vegetation, so I got him onto my finger and lifted him up to the light.



There were sunny spells but it was still quite cool when the sun went in. A bit of recharging when it reappeared, and then he was off again.



One last pose on the edge of a seat, what a cracking butterfly! 😊



Moving along to the field edge I saw half a dozen more males, most in tidy condition.



The view looking southeast across the River Cuckmere flowing to Cuckmere Haven. Friston Forest is on the left, and ahead is one end of the Seven Sisters white cliffs.



Fast forward to the afternoon and Abbots wood, only a short drive away, the target was Pearl-bordered Fritillary. There I found John W and we teamed up in our search. After a while we managed to locate a single male and counted ourselves lucky, as the sunny spells had been replaced by a blanket of grey.

We both got our fill of shots, he even briefly showed spread underwings, and departed very happy. 😊





Cheers. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by ernie f, 04-May-19 09:41 PM GMT

Andrew – It must be great to live close to a location where you can just stick your finger out and a Wall climbs on. 😊
I particularly like the shot of the Wall on the edge of the seat with the uncluttered background.

Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 05-May-19 09:12 AM GMT

Flipping hell Andrew you've just completed the impossible – a Wall in the hand 🤩🤩🤩 I have a collection of 'in the hand shots' and that's the one that I never even think about getting 🤩🤩 Lovely other shots as well but a Wall in the hand?! 🤩🤩

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 06-May-19 10:02 PM GMT

Impressive feat, Andrew! I'd have said Wall Brown was amongst the trickiest of UK butterflies to coax onto the hand like that. The one I saw yesterday wouldn't let me get within 10 feet of it, even though it was only around 11 degrees!

You've also done a job with the Pearl Bordered Fritillaries. This too can be a difficult species (the males at least) so top marks for capturing them so well.

Re: Andrew555

by trevor, 07-May-19 07:37 AM GMT

Great Wall and Pearl shots, Andrew. How you coaxed a Wall onto your hand is beyond me!.

Trevor.

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 08-May-19 10:27 AM GMT

Many thanks Ernie, Wurzel, David and Trevor. I don't know what to tell you!, it just.. happened. 😊
I think that Wall had missed the 'must be hard to approach' bit of it's job description. 😊

Cheers

Re: Andrew555

by Goldie M, 08-May-19 10:50 AM GMT

Amazing Andrew, the Wall on your hand, it took me all my time to get my shots of the Wall 😊 It was keeping to it's name flying up and down the wall 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Andrew555

by millerd, 08-May-19 12:51 PM GMT

Tame Walls are not easy to come by, Andrew – quite an achievement. 😊 With that and that obliging PBF, it shows there are sometimes advantages to the weather being cooler and reducing butterfly activity levels.

Cheers,

Dave

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 13-May-19 10:32 AM GMT

Thanks Goldie, yes I usually have to chase them too. This was a welcome change! 😊

I think you are spot on there Dave, the weather played a big part in both those encounters. 😊

Re: Andrew555

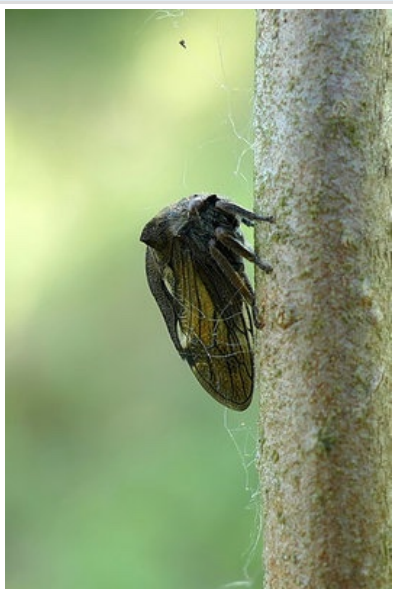
by Andrew555, 14-May-19 08:52 AM GMT

These are posted in the 'Identification' section of the forums, but I'll put them here as well so all my pics are in the same place. The first is from Saturday, the rest are older shots.

With the help of Allan W they are :

1. Birch Sawfly
2. Black-spotted Longhorn Beetle (Rhagium Mordax)
3. Treehopper (Centrotus cornutus)
4. Common Awl Robberfly





Re: Andrew555

by Wurzel, 14-May-19 01:52 PM GMT

Interesting bugs Andrew 😊 I recognise the Beetle as I've seen them myself before but I've not got a name for them 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Andrew555

by Allan.W., 14-May-19 06:01 PM GMT

Hello Again Andrew ,
I think your bug is Black spotted Longhorn beetle (Rhagium Mordax) , I daresay we,Il bump into each other over the summer ,somewhere down the line
! Regards Allan.W.

Re: Andrew555

by Pauline, 14-May-19 06:28 PM GMT

A Birch Sawfly! I would never have got that Andrew. I did recognise the Longhorn tho' as I've seen a few of those species. Lovely clear and interesting shots but I'm really looking forward to the Wood Whites 😊

Re: Andrew555

by David M, 15-May-19 06:30 AM GMT

Just shows how many interesting critters there are amongst the butterflies. I'm afraid, though, that I haven't a clue what #2 is. 😊

Re: Andrew555

by Andrew555, 15-May-19 10:03 PM GMT

Wurzel, no worries, thanks for looking. 😊

A Black-spotted Longhorn Beetle, brilliant! That's a clean sweep for you Alan! 😊 Thank you again. 😊

Nor me Pauline. But it reminded me that I saw some caterpillars a couple of years ago that I id'd as Sawfly larva. Birch Sawfly larva! Pic below. 😊
As for the Wood Whites I don't think I got anything special tbh. But I saw them and it was an enjoyable day out so it's all good. 😊

There really are David. All identified now thanks to Alan. 😊

