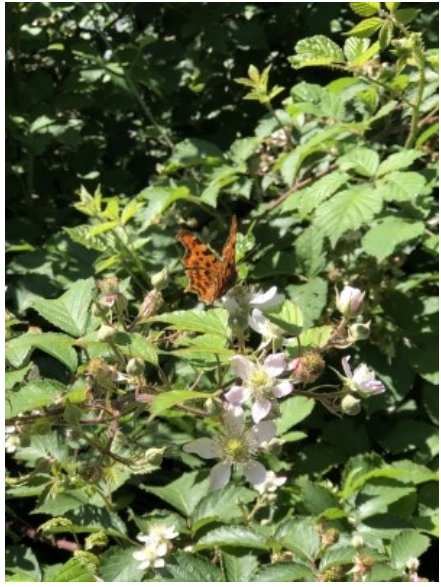


**Re: Esther2444**

by Esther2444, 12-Jul-20 08:48 PM GMT

Finally I have found my butterfly diary again! It's taken me 2 years almost to get back to it, but it's so good to be back. Last year just seemed to pass me by, but I think being at home 2 years ago with a broken ankle gave me the headspace to do this, and lock down has possibly done the same this year. Also, my partner has bought me a moth trap for my birthday so the lepidopterist in me has been reawakened. This weekend has been so sunny here in Bristol and the garden has been buzzing with life. Here are some pics from the garden, a pepper moth from the first outing of the moth trap, a yellow shell moth I disturbed when putting the recycling out and also some pics from a walk we did today. Most of them are iPhone snaps but when I saw a marbled white for the first time ever, I whipped out my compact.





**Re: Esther2444**

by Wurzel, 13-Jul-20 07:27 PM GMT

Good to see you back Esther 😊😊 Lovely shots and good to see the white Buddleia survived or thrived or both 😊😊

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

**Re: Esther2444**

by trevor, 13-Jul-20 10:21 PM GMT

Keep up the good work Esther, we don't get many reports from the Bristol area.

Stay safe and well,  
Trevor.

**Re: Esther2444**

by Neil Freeman, 14-Jul-20 08:51 AM GMT

[quote=Esther2444 post\_id=156019 time=1594583320 user\_id=16822] ..Also, my partner has bought me a moth trap for my birthday so the lepidopterist in me has been reawakened...

Nice pressie 😊. I look forward to seeing what moths you catch. Good start with the Pepered Moth 😊

I have three dwarf buddleias in my garden and, I don't know if it because of the position it is in, but the white one always seems to attract more than the other two (red & purple).

Cheers,

Neil.

**Re: Esther2444**

by David M, 14-Jul-20 09:39 AM GMT

Welcome back, Esther. I bet you got a real lift from seeing your first Marbled White? It's a beautiful butterfly.

**Re: Esther2444**

by Esther2444, 14-Jul-20 11:38 PM GMT

Thanks everyone!

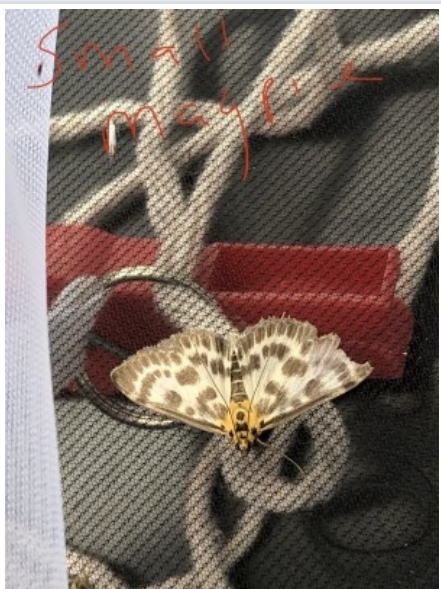
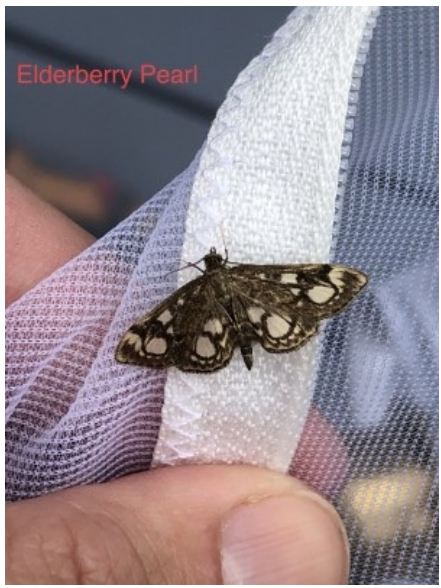
Yes the white buddleia survived, we give it a drastic haircut later in the year as it's so huge now, but the butterflies are definitely enjoying it.

The marbled white really made my day, and my son who spotted it first was also very excited by it.

The moth trap has had another outing and I've successfully identified a few specimens I think. Moths are hard! Excuse my crude picture annotations.



Scalloped Oak



Today has been a work day but at lunch time I strolled around my garden, front and back, and saw whites, red admirals and peacocks, and managed to snap a few phone pics.





The red admirals were perching on window sills in the front garden, not entirely sure why! Apologies for the photo rotations, I'm not sure why they are the wrong way up.

**Re: Esther2444**

by Wurzel, 15-Jul-20 07:53 PM GMT

More great shots Esther – the white Buddleia really sets the Red Admiral off well 😊👍

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

**Re: Esther2444**

by David M, 15-Jul-20 09:47 PM GMT

Looks like it's kicking off on both the moth **and** butterfly front round your garden, Esther. There could well be more surprises over the next week or two for you. 🍷

**Re: Esther2444**

by Chris L, 17-Jul-20 09:35 PM GMT

I have just read your diary from the beginning to the present day Esther and a very enjoyable read it was too. I sensed the immense pleasure your nature garden gives to you. Furthermore I was heartened to read that you had taken that step. Putting tarmac at the front of a house to get as many cars on as possible and decking at the back seems so fashionable. Sad.

I also liked reading about the blackberry expedition with the children. I used to do that when I was young. That is something else less seen these days. 😊