

Rogerdodge

by Rogerdodge, 24-Jul-11 05:43 AM GMT

Hi

I have just returned from a 2 week holiday.

It may surprise you to know that, as the dedicated butterfly fanatic you all know me to be, I went away to a place where I had NO chance of seeing any butterflies AT ALL!

Feel free to have a look at my hastily put together Flickr page.. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/16583646@N...139386877/> I met another Butterfly fanatic on-board, and have persuaded him to register and get some of his sightings and photos on UKB.

Cheers

Re: Rogerdodge

by ChrisC, 24-Jul-11 06:32 AM GMT

ironic boat name 😊 great photos. stunning sunset.

but i must say it couldn't have been that cold, there was no steam coming from the dung, i take it that was put in especially to see how observant we all are 😊 great facial expression on the aforementioned evacuating reindeer too. Thanks for sharing.

Chris

Re: Rogerdodge

by David M, 24-Jul-11 06:36 AM GMT

I don't know what to say.....the photos are stunning.

It's like looking at pictures in National Geographic.

This is a place that's fascinated me for a long time. I guess the sun never set whilst you were there, Roger?

Re: Rogerdodge

by Rogerdodge, 24-Jul-11 06:48 AM GMT

Chris

Glad you spotted the "action" in that shot.

It isn't a sunset – just heavy cloud overhead, and bright sun in the distance.

The sun never got lower than 15 degrees above the horizon. It was extraordinary to be able to take photos at midnight!

Temperture ranged from plus 5 to minus 5, and we had a huge wind chill factor on one day – brrrrrr....

The boat divides it's time between the Arctic and Anarctic.

Dave

Thanks for your kind comments.

It is an amzing place – my pictures do not do it credit.

There are three moths recorded here. One macro and three micros. I saw a single micro, but it dived into the tundra before I could get a good look at it.

Re: Rogerdodge

by Vince Massimo, 24-Jul-11 09:46 AM GMT

Fantastic photos Roger and some wonderful compositions. The light seems to be particularly soft up there. It's somewhere I have always wanted to go.

My favourite image (I always choose a favourite 🏆) is the eighth one in (Brunnichs01). The rest tied for second place (even the first scraggy polar bear).

Cheers,

Vince

Re: Rogerdodge

by Gruditch, 24-Jul-11 04:49 PM GMT

Some great shots Roger, been looking into a trip to Svalbard myself, will get there at some point. Looks a magical part of the world. 🏆

Regards Gary

Re: Rogerdodge

by Rogerdodge, 24-Jul-11 05:05 PM GMT

Gary

Thanks for the comments

It is truly an amazing place. There is something extraordinary to point a camera at all the time – 24/7.

Very tiring trip, as there is a tendency not to go to bed (what are you going to miss!!)

Re: Rogerdodge

by Reverdin, 25-Jul-11 05:13 AM GMT

Hi Roger.... wow... I can only add my agreement to what others have said. Stunning images. You evidently had a wonderful time! 😄😄😄

Re: Rogerdodge

by EricY, 25-Jul-11 05:42 AM GMT

Fantastic slideshow Roger, I really enjoyed it but then I am an "ice nut". Probably due to the fact that in 1956 I spent part of my National service on a ship in Antarctica. we went to Svaalbad last year but on a "tourist ship" & not an expedition ship, so I missed out on the Walrus & Polar Bear experience. That made up the set for me of ice places to visit as I have been to all the other accepted places to see ice & bergs etc. On way up I did manage to photograph a moth at Honnigsvag nr North Cape Norway. Eric

Re: Rogerdodge

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Jul-11 09:01 PM GMT

Stunning photos, Roger.

I particularly loved the flying birds reflected in the sea and the diving Polar Bears.

Kind Regards

Lee

Re: Rogerdodge

by essexbuzzard, 26-Jul-11 06:16 AM GMT

Hi there Roger! It truly was a fantastic trip-way beyond anything i imagined. Glad you both got back ok. After our lunchtime flight,we had time for a visit to Aston Rowant-it's less than an hour from Heathrow! The first Silver-spotted Skippers have already emerged,flying with Chalkhill Blues-and Kites and Buzzards overhead!Lots of chalkland wildflowers as well.

Welcome back!

Mark 😊

Re: Rogerdodge

by Rogerdodge, 26-Jul-11 06:30 AM GMT

Mark

Great to see you on the list at last.

The trip was brilliant indeed.

I have PMed you my e-mail.

Cheers.

Re: Rogerdodge

by Susie, 27-Jul-11 01:00 AM GMT

Superb shots, Roger.

Re: Rogerdodge

by Padfield, 27-Jul-11 05:46 AM GMT

Only just found a good enough wifi connection to view your slideshow, Roger. It must have been a magical experience - it was magical enough sharing it through the eye of your camera. What a brilliant and brave decision to go up north when all the butterflies are down south! 😊 I hope to do the same one day.

Guy