

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 24-Feb-13 08:49 PM GMT

Winter boredom with little in the way of last year's photos left to play around with. I have always been captivated by the different shades of blue the Lycaenids capture, but don't usually look at them side by side. Hence with inspiration from an old posting from Pete depicting uk species, I put together 7 pages of European Blues for comparison... lots of gaps and missing species.. c'est la vie....



I was a bit puzzled about where to place orbitulus, as it seems to be a bit of a loner, with no closely resembling species. None of this is really taxonomic anyway 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 02-May-13 08:35 PM GMT

Whilst in Girona, after indulging in the Panoptes Blue, the only other worthy photo opportunity was for this little gem... Red Underwing Skipper... fresh as a daisy...



Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 02-May-13 08:42 PM GMT

I missed that European Blues post, Rev. Good job! I notice you have a female *nicias* in there – something I've yet to see...

Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 02-May-13 08:56 PM GMT

She wasn't with the males!... probably 2-3 females, definite as undersides seen, lurking in longer wetter grass, not too far from the Geranium patches... the males were abundant not far away... but in shorter, warmer, dryer pasture... ? just co-incidence, or meaningful 😊 I'll see if I have other shots and post them if so.

Cheers !

– later edit.....



Not a great image, but at least the underside is evident. 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 09-May-13 07:15 PM GMT

At last some Orange Tips... female posed here on Amelanchia flowers....



Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 11-May-13 11:06 PM GMT

Another OT opportunity today, female again...



Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 17-May-13 09:37 PM GMT

An opportunity to visit my local rubi site today, with sun, cloud and only a light breeze I was hoping to see my so far elusive quarry. It's funny I saw them first in 2012 on 31st March, in that unseasonally hot week, but 4 April visits this year saw nothing. So it seems we are anything from 3 to 6 weeks behind this year here in the Yorkshire steppes. Anyway, today there were at least a dozen on the wing.....



mating pair



Off to the Peloponnesse on Sunday, hope to see some beauties there 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 18-May-13 07:58 PM GMT

I'm glad to see things are moving up your way, Rev! And thanks for posting the underside of the female *nicias*. Lovely!

Good luck with your trip to the Peloponnese – I look forward to the pictures ...

Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 08-Jun-13 07:46 PM GMT

Last weekend I took the opportunity to visit Warton Crag in Morcambe Bay, and was rewarded with a lovely euphrosyne.....



....and a rather nice blue female icarus....



....and yesterday near Berwick, was fortunate enough to see minimus in pleasantly good numbers, this one was a really tiny little fingernail size male.....



and a different individual....



.....although the White spot artaxerxes don't seem to be out yet. A heavily marked napi was all I had feared I would see....



Re: Reverdin

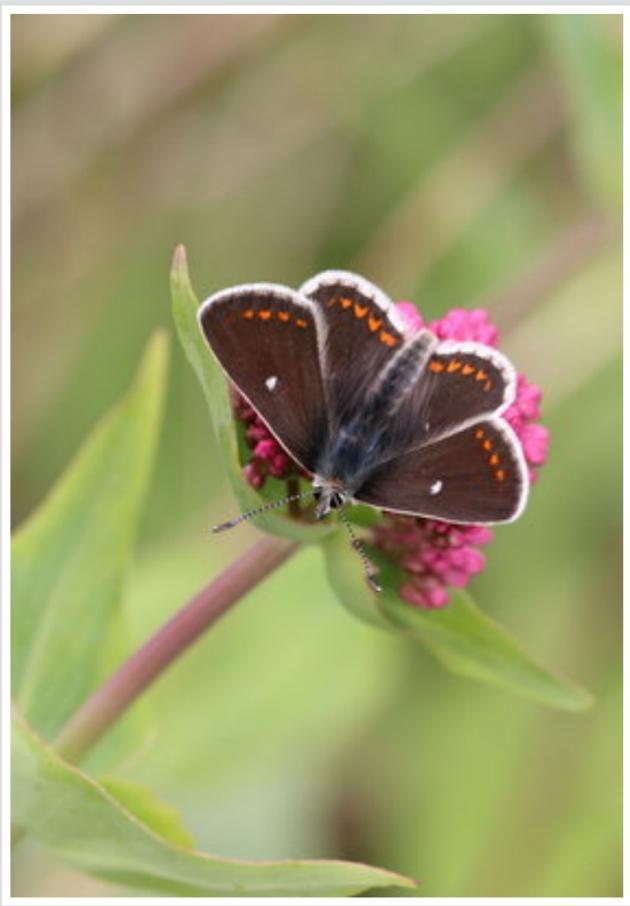
by IAC, 08-Jun-13 08:49 PM GMT

I dont get any pleasure at all in posting this mate. If you had hung around just 10 minutes more..... 😞 I even expended energy not normally available in a head long run uphill to try find you. Just the one adult flushed by a Wall Brown in a momentary splash of sunshine. Adult seems to show the four

spots ab. quadripuncta quite a common ab.

Good to see you again. Better luck next time.

Iain.



ab. quadripuncta Aricia artaxerxes artaxerxes Burnmouth, June 7th.

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 08-Jun-13 09:15 PM GMT

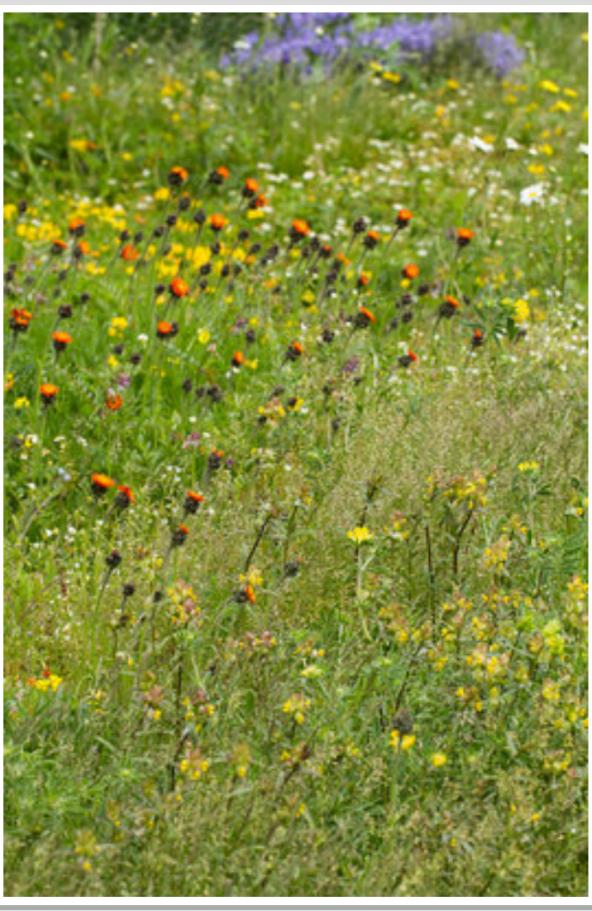
Fantastic shot Iain, well done, just shows your patience was worthwhile.... I don't think I'll be able to make the trip again this year... oh well ! 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 13-Jun-13 08:30 PM GMT

About this time each year lately, I have been compelled to post a piccy or two of my evolving wildflower patch..



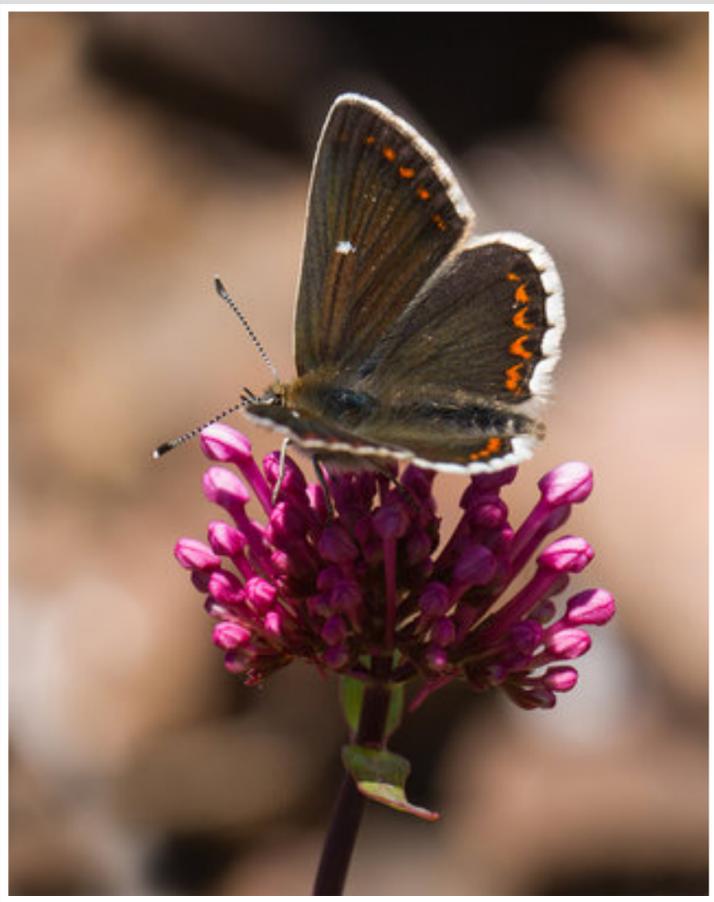


I think it's looking well, the Bumblebees love it but as for butterflies... no real joy yet.... I live in hope of Common Blues! 🙄

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 16-Jun-13 09:10 PM GMT

Well Ian.... I guess you knew I would probably trek up to Scotland again, after your last picture....here are some of my efforts from today, wall to wall sun, light breeze, and the bluest sea you could ask for, I had the whole place to myself.... and at least a dozen artaxerxes, which teased me for ages.... boy, they're not as easy as their southern cousins!!





?*quadripuncta*



all in all a very satisfactory trip, and fish & chips and Old Speckled Hen in Eyemouth to boot 😊😊😊

Re: Reverdin

by David M, 16-Jun-13 09:38 PM GMT

Lovely images, Reverdin.

I'd absolutely love to see this form of the species.

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 16-Jun-13 10:04 PM GMT

Thanks David... it is a little gem, worth a trip 😊

Here's another shot from today...



Re: Reverdin

by Pete Eeles, 16-Jun-13 10:38 PM GMT

Great stuff Paul. I really need to get north soon 🇬🇧

Cheers,

- Pete

Re: Reverdin

by Wurzel, 16-Jun-13 11:31 PM GMT

Lovely shots Rev 😊 🇬🇧 Now how can I convince the rest of my family that a trip up North is necessary 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Reverdin

by IAC, 16-Jun-13 11:49 PM GMT

Superb Paul!! I was down there myself today from about 2.30 this afternoon it was quite a spectacle with the Small Copper and Wall Brown now heavily outnumbered . Just glad you had a great day.

Iain.

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 17-Jun-13 12:02 AM GMT

Thanks chaps.... hey if anyone does the long trek north (east), get in touch, I'm always up for a day out 😊 and Iain... sorry I missed you.... hope you enjoyed it as mch as I did 😊 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-Jun-13 09:50 PM GMT

not a butterfly... but my wildflower patch today....

