

Web4160

by web4160, 03-Jul-13 05:00 PM GMT

Visited Walton Common in North Somerset earlier today and met the warden who told me they are hoping to increase the grazing to try to control the grass which was much longer than in previous years. Most common butterflies were:

Marbled White 20+

Meadow Brown 20+

Ringlet 10+

Speckled Wood 5

Also seen were a single Small Tortoiseshell and a single Small Heath



Marbled White



Small Heath



Ringlet

Re: Web4160

by web4160, 12-Jul-13 10:49 PM GMT

Spent a couple of hours at Arnside Knott today. Both the Graylings and the larger Fritillaries are now out in large numbers with the Fritillaries very reluctant to land in temperatures of 24 degrees.

There were 100+ Grayling and at least that many Fritillaries with the majority seemingly Dark Green with only one or two High Browns clearly identified.

Other butterflies seen included:

Speckled Wood - 2

Small Tortoiseshell - 2

Northern Brown Argus - 3

Meadow Brown 50+

Ringlet - 10

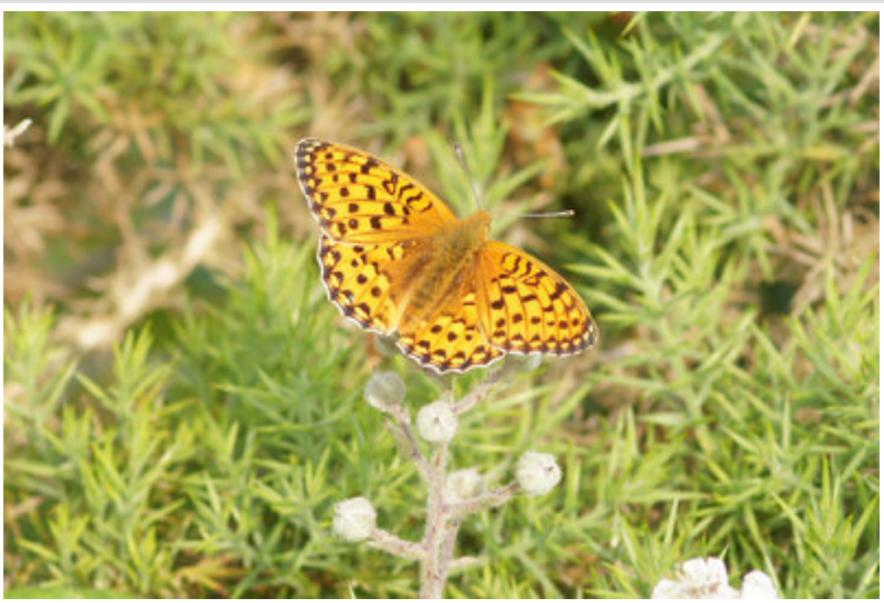
Small Heath - 5

Small Skipper - 5

Large Skipper - 1

Common Blue - 4 (including one female)

Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary - 2 (both very worn)







Re: Web4160

by web4160, 18-Jul-13 09:11 PM GMT

Visited Bernwood Forest in Oxfordshire earlier today.

The highlight was a brief sighting of a Purple Emperor which flew out of one tree and disappeared into the trees on the other side of the track. White Admirals were more common with 5 individuals being seen one of which settled sufficiently to enable me to photograph it. Other butterflies present were:

Silver Washed Fritillary - 5

Gatekeeper - 4

Meadow Brown - 20+

Ringlet - 20+

Meadow Brown - 20+

Small Skipper - 15

Large Skipper - 2

Comma - 1

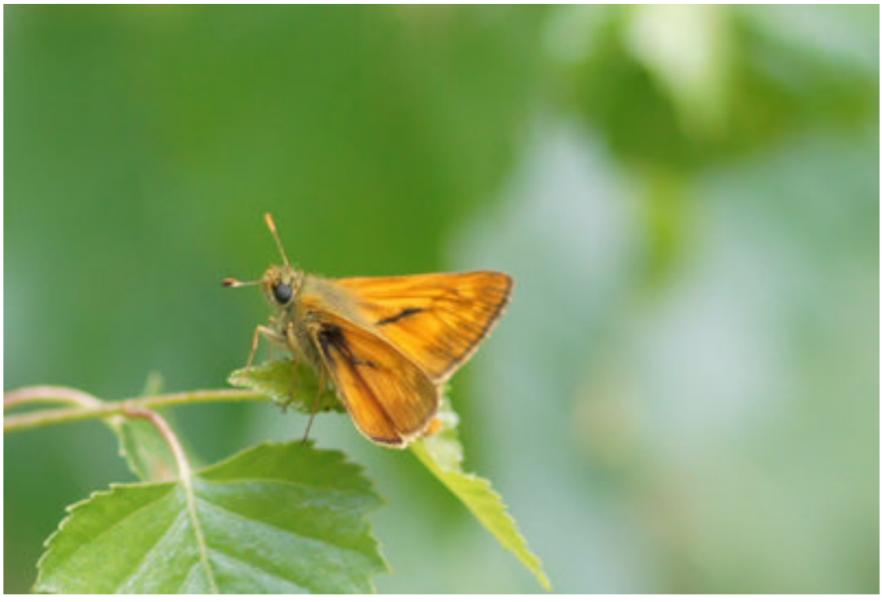
Green Veined White - 10+

Large White - 2

Small White - 5

Red Admiral - 1





Re: Web4160

by web4160, 01-Aug-13 10:06 PM GMT

Spent the morning looking for Chalkhill Blues at Rodborough Common in Gloucestershire. At least 50+ seen together with Meadow Brown, various Whites, Comma and a Small Tortoiseshell. Highlight later in the day was a brief view of a Clouded Yellow in a National Trust garden near Gloucester.



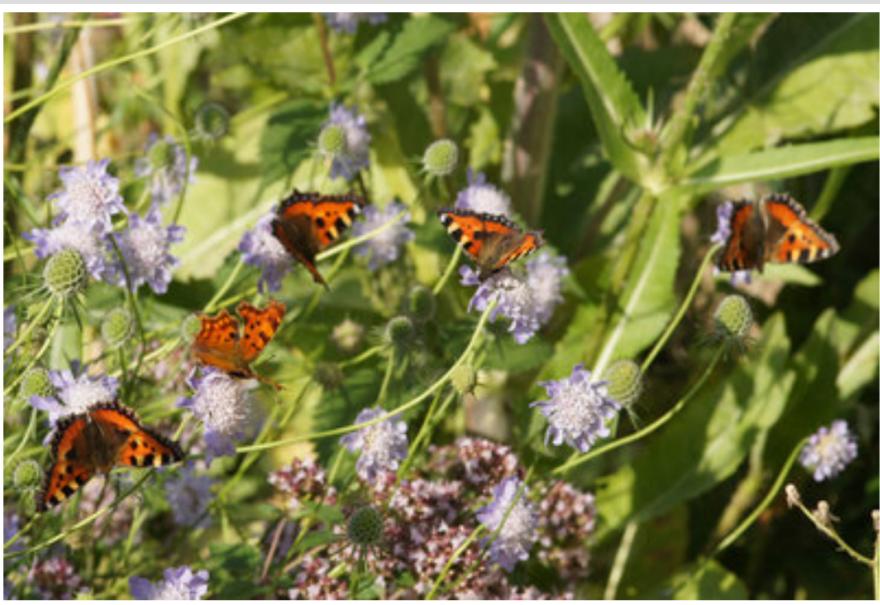


Re: Web4160

by web4160, 07-Aug-13 06:49 PM GMT

Spent the day in the garden watching the Small Tortoiseshells on the Marjoram and Scabias. At one point there were 15 different butterflies in the garden which is an all time record. This may not seem a lot but we live 700 feet above sea level on the western edge of the Pennines. Other butterflies seen were 2 Peacocks, 3 Small White, 2 GV White, a Large White, a Comma which was there all day and surprisingly a Small Copper.

Whilst the Tortoiseshells and the Comma preferred the Marjoram and Scabias, the Whites spent most of the time on the Lavender.



Re: Web4160

by ChrisC, 07-Aug-13 07:11 PM GMT

that's a great pic.

Chris

Re: Web4160

by web4160, 12-Aug-13 09:53 AM GMT

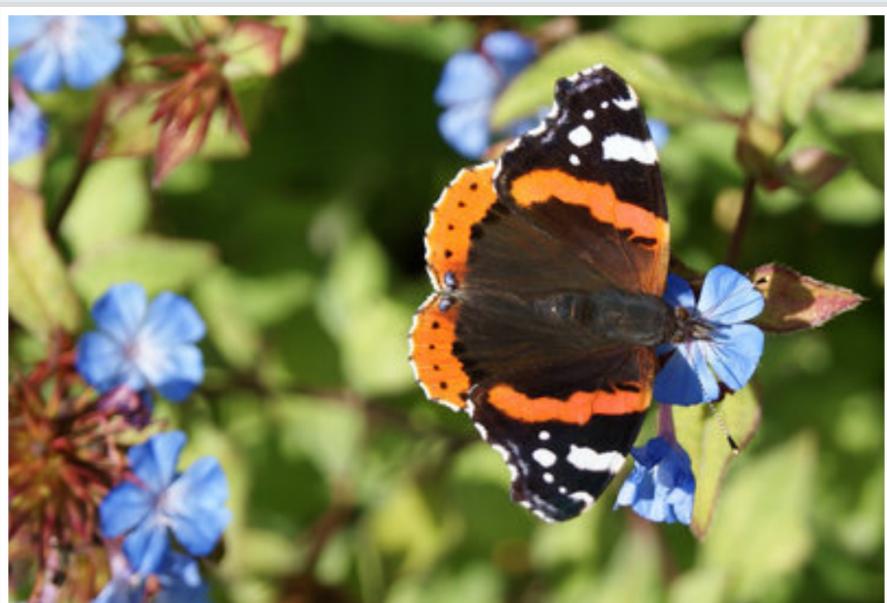
Thanks Chris,

We have an area in the garden about 2 metres by 3 metres which we have planted with a range of wild flowers. This year it has been very popular with both butterflies and bees.

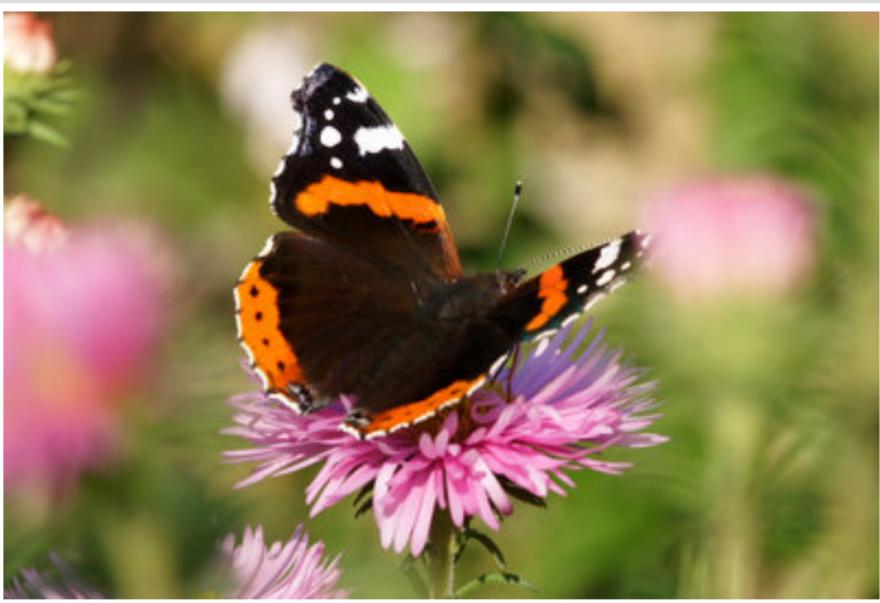
Re: Web4160

by web4160, 06-Oct-13 06:53 PM GMT

The good weekend weather meant a couple of days making use of our National Trust membership. On Saturday we visited Chirk Castle in Wales and when the sun came out at lunch time so did the butterflies. In total we saw 30+ Small Tortoiseshells, 4 Speckled Wood, 3 Comma, 2 Red Admiral, and one each of Small White and Peacock.



Today we visited East Riddlesdon Hall near Keighley. Similar cast of butterflies except for no whites but with the addition of a single painted lady.



Re: Web4160

by David M, 06-Oct-13 07:12 PM GMT

Good effort to see a Peacock in October.

They all went into hibernation over a fortnight ago here in S. Wales.

Re: Web4160

by web4160, 06-Oct-13 09:05 PM GMT

Yes it was a surprise to see a Peacock just across the Welsh border! I guess I was equally surprised by the Painted Lady this afternoon. It can't be long before they all head south!

Re: Web4160

by Neil Freeman, 06-Oct-13 09:12 PM GMT

I was surprised to see a couple of Peacocks myself this afternoon, both looking worse for wear mind.

Looks like you made the most of the weekend with a couple of good days out, great stuff 😊

Cheers,

Neil F.

