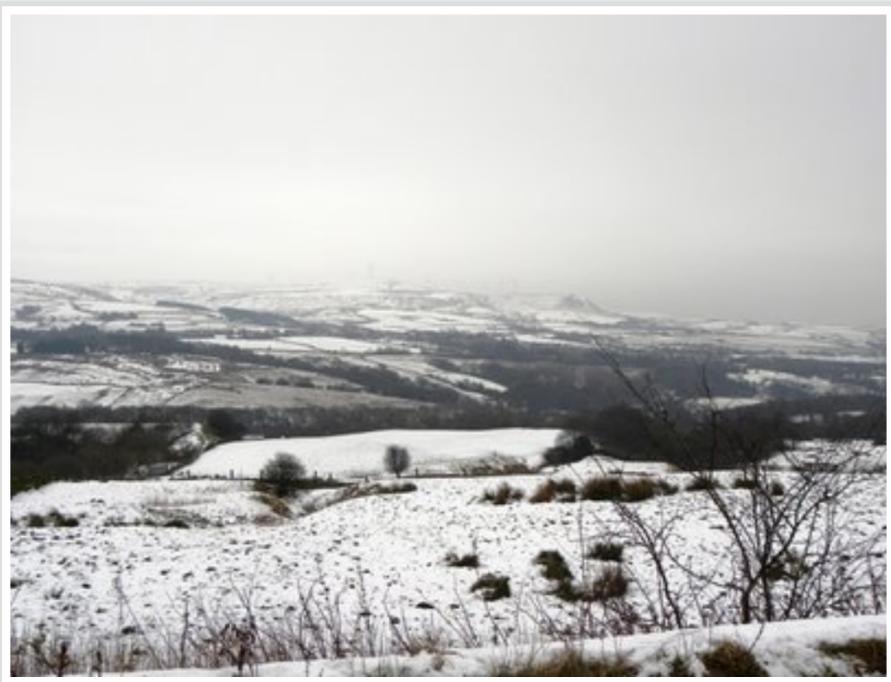


Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 20-Jan-13 04:56 PM GMT

I went to visit my cousin last Thursday, she lives in a valley in the West Pennine Moors. I was born in the same valley but moved a way. I can see the Moors in the distance from where I live but it's great to actually be on top of the moor after it's snowed. Luckily the road I go on cuts through the moor, when the snow gets really bad you can't get through so I took some shots while up there, glad I did for on the Friday they closed it. 😊

We've also had our share of Birds this weekend in the garden, Feildfare, House Sparrow, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, not to mention a Crow (hope he doesn't bring his mates) 😊 We've fed them with the usual bird food but also with cheese, 😊 that will keep the feathers on their chest 😊 Goldie





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 20-Jan-13 06:19 PM GMT

Some cracking shots over teh last couple of posts Goldie 😊 I can't work out whether my favourite is the action shot of the Goldfinches or the Mistle Thrush that's palying hide and seek 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 22-Jan-13 08:21 PM GMT

I thought the Mistle Thrush was a Feildfare Wurzel 😊 It was very big compared to the Black birds who were giving chase every time it landed 😊 I did wonder though about the missing red under the beak but thought it must be Female 😊

Glad you enjoyed them any way 😊 I think my faourites are the Gold Finch every time Wurzel 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 26-Jan-13 03:00 PM GMT

Well! we got up this morning to at least 6inches of Snow and my husband had to use his snow shovel to clear a path down the drive, needless to say we're staying put for the day. 😊 Tonight the rain arrives acording to the forcast, so with abit of luck that should shift some of it. I think that's the worst part of Winter when every thing goes to slush it feels twice as cold.

The good part is the birds arrive in the garden. This morning the Mistle Thrush was back has were the Coal Tit and Great tit, there is one however I'm not sure of, I thought at first it was a Sparrow but it's beak seems too long so I'm not sure what it is. I also thought Pipin but I'm still learning about Birds so does anyone know what it is please?. I'm afraid my pic was taken through glass so it's not too clear. Goldie 😊







Re: Goldie M

by Nick Broomer, 26-Jan-13 03:07 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,
Your mystery bird in photo 3, is a Dunnock.
All the best, Nick.

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 26-Jan-13 03:34 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,
there's a rather good **free** program from Microsoft called the Image Composite Editor. It 'stitches together' photos such as yours of your garden, in the same way that an iPhone or some of the most recent cameras can. Download from: <http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/...s/ivm/ice/>
If the original photos aren't aligned exactly, then you will get a few blank areas (as in the case below) but, if you plan ahead when shooting, you can get excellent results. It almost makes ultra-wide lenses redundant!



Stitched with Microsoft ICE

It makes a nice overview of your garden 😊 (I altered the colour balance slightly,as well)

Just as you have the snow, it's melted here in Oxon. I was slightly disappointed by how few extra birds came into our garden. We had only a couple of Fieldfares and one Redwing, plus our over-wintering Blackcap.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 26-Jan-13 04:20 PM GMT

Thanks Hideandseek I wasn't sure, I've taken some shots before of this bird but can never seem to get them just right, it's always too quick 😊
Thanks Mike for the info my camera is supposed to make panoramic pic's with the soft ware I got with it but I've never tried it. Your free program sounds easier 😊 I must admit the shot looks great 😊

We seem to get alot of differant birds in our Garden, my Husband thinks it's because we're in easy reach of Pennington Flash and other bird sanctuaries. The weather has been abit wet and cold to venture to Pen Flash but we intend to go has soon as the the weather stays dry for a while.

We also want to visit Chester Zoo which is just down the motor way from us, I want to see the Butterfly house there so roll on the better weather.Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 04-Feb-13 03:29 PM GMT

Well we're into February already, we've just been into the garden to tidy up, the wind took another of our fences out, when we looked under it, there were a few Snow Drops unhurt, what a nice surprise. Our bulbs seem ok but I'd to replace a few that had got washed up with all the rain I dug deeper holes hope fully that will do the trick.

We saw the Mistle Thrush again last week this time I got a better shot of it, it seemed to pose for me 😊

I've got a dead tree out in the back garden in the Summer I grow a climbing rose's up it, in the Winter the birds use it to sit and gaze around 😊 Strangely, I've seen the Coal Tit even eating some of the lichen off it and once last Summer it got the attention of the Great Spotted Wood Pecker, so I can recommend a dead tree in the garden provided it's not too big. Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 26-Feb-13 02:05 PM GMT

After two weeks of flu, I'm finally on the mend and fed up of staying in 😊 It's really been cold here but at least the snow has stayed a way.

It's also made me take stock of where I want to go this year, I couldn't go out so the next best thing was to plan some holidays 😊

So we've agreed, my husband and I on "Chichester" I can look at the South Downs and he can take in Portsmouth etc 😊 Plus we can go across to the IOW if the weather's ok.

It's years since I was down that way and I wasn't interested in Butterflies then, so I'm not too sure what to expect in June Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 26-Feb-13 06:56 PM GMT

Good to know you are on the mend, Goldie. It's been so dull here with no incentive to get out!

We lived near Chichester many years ago and used to love walking on the South Downs. Plenty of places to visit, such as Kingley Vale (a steep climb up to the top of the ridge, where there are burial mounds) and, on the other (North) side of the ridge, there is Marden Forest, where I did some of my early butterfly-ing. Try to see the tiny church at Up Marden – a really isolated ancient church, behind a farm yard, complete with mediaeval wall paintings and, if you like old buildings, visit the Weald & Downland museum at Singleton, just North of Chichester. Just remembering it all makes me want to visit again!

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 01-Mar-13 03:49 PM GMT

Hi! Mike, Thanks for your info, my husband will be interested in the old church, I don't mind looking at places but will be more interested in the butterflies 😊

The South Downs hope fully may have some I've not yet photographed . What about Marden Wood? What can I expect to find there? We are going in Mid June for a week then on to Kent.

The butterflies we have in the North can vary greatly with the ones you can find in the South and I know a lot of the rarer types seem to come mostly in July or Aug

so what did you Photograph Mike ? Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 01-Mar-13 06:34 PM GMT

"Goldie M" wrote:

so what did you Photograph Mike ?

Unfortunately for your timing, most of my photo 'finds' at that time were high-Summer Vanessids and Fritillaries. I saw my first Silver-washed Fritillaries in Marden Forest back in August 1976 – they seemed quite hard to find back then – and there were also Dark Green frits and Purple Emperor, but all later in the year. June does tend to 'fall between two stools'.

I believe that Stansted Forest (north of Havant) now has good coppiced woodland and is notable for Pearl-bordered frits, but they are probably over by June.

Someone with more up-to-date local knowledge may be able to give more help

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Hulme, 01-Mar-13 06:38 PM GMT

Hi Mike and Goldie,

Sadly the Pearl-bordered Fritillary went extinct at Stansted Forest quite a few years ago. 😞

Neil

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 01-Mar-13 08:29 PM GMT

"Sussex Kipper" wrote:

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Oh dear – it looks as though Pete needs to revise the 'Sites' pages again.

I do hope you find some interesting butterflies on the wing, Goldie! Kingley Vale always used to be a good downland site.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by essexbuzzard, 01-Mar-13 09:39 PM GMT

If you are going to Kent in June, or can find your way up to Essex, don't forget to go and see the Heath Fritillaries! Also, the Essex White-letter Hairstreaks will be out by late June. Given good weather, they can be guaranteed at head height at Hadleigh Castle Country Park, near Southend. 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 03-Mar-13 05:25 PM GMT

It looks like I'll miss out on the PB and the SPB fritillaries but I'm not too mad about that as in early June I'll be up at Gaits Barrow and I've shot them there each year. I would like to see a Glanville Frit though if possible also a Wood White. I plan on trying to get shots of the Silver SB in Chester when I get back it's only an hour from us on the M56 then the M6 in July, also the White Hair streaks and the Purple which are also at GB together with the HBF and the DGF anybody going to look for the HBF will find it at GB always around the middle of July. It flies with the DGF and you can't tell them apart (well I can't) until they settle.

I would like to find the Silver Washed Fritillary has well Mike I know it's up there some where I'll have to get onto my Lanc's Butterflies. I did see one once in Denge Woods in Kent near Canterbury, I've been back since but no sight of it yet, that was August Mike.

Thanks everybody anyway I would have loved to see a Purple Emp, maybe another year Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 09-Mar-13 01:40 PM GMT

Although the weather has been great, the wind has been really bitter. We went to Fleetwood on Tuesday temp was around 9 and the Sun was really warm no Butterflies yet though, I put this down to the cold winds very disappointing 😞 We spent the day there and when we got home the temp was 12 so I wished I'd gone somewhere local like Hall-Lee-Brook maybe I'd have seen a Butterfly, decisions, decisions, let's hope I make some better ones for the rest of March 😊

I've been concerned lately about the birds that used to come every day to our garden. With the warmer weather I thought they'd be building their nests, etc by now but we've seen very few in fact the gold Finch seem to have stopped coming altogether, even the Starling pay us a visit and usually stay in the garden for quite a while but they don't hang around. No Chaffinch either. 😞 We went to Pennington Flash one day and there was no birds like last year not even an Heron. Someone had sighted a Bittern no idea where about in the Flash, in fact there were very few photographers there. No idea what's going on but things certainly not as they should be for this time of year. 🤔 My Husband said they've heard about the Snow on the way this weekend and have all gone South. 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by EricY, 09-Mar-13 04:07 PM GMT

Goldie, if you are going back north from Kent at end June it might be worth diverting (a little) to take in Fermyn wood if weather is warm & sunny for the PE's. 2012 they were a bit later but in 2011 I saw them at Fermyn on June 24th but most bf's were earlier that year. Eric

Re: Goldie M

by Padfield, 09-Mar-13 07:56 PM GMT

Hi Goldie. It's quite normal for winter groups of finches and tits to disperse at this time of year and move off to set up their individual territories. I do hope you get some of those territories in your garden – maybe they've dispersed but haven't really started singing and defending their posts yet. And it's not just in gardens: things are moving everywhere and many places can seem quite bare while the birds are in transit. I shouldn't worry too much just yet! 😊

Guy

Re: Goldie M

by David M, 09-Mar-13 08:20 PM GMT

I've always considered this time of year to be the point in time when birds are gathering in the 'dressing room' ready to emerge onto the field of play, do the haka and let battle commence.

Give it two weeks and they'll all be 'in play'. Same with our chickens, they lay a little bit more in February and early March, but come the equinox, they suddenly go crazy. It's like their tiny bird-brains immediately recognise that there's more daylight than darkness and their instincts go out of control.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 10-Mar-13 06:11 PM GMT

Thanks Padfield and David, I've never known the birds to disappear like they have this time of year before, it's good to know this can happen and then they reappear 😊 I was looking out into the back garden today and to my delight I saw 2 Gold Finch, 2 Chaffinch, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Dunnock and the Starlings were back also the Blackbirds, so that's a start, not a great one considering the amount we had before but a start 😊

Hi! Eric to begin, where is Fermyn Wood? 🤔 We are heading back North about the 7th July with our Caravan after staying in Canterbury (visiting family) if there's a caravan site near there maybe we could manage a couple more nights. If you say the PE came out sooner Middle of June maybe with being that bit later we could see them, I'll try and find the place on the comp also see if there's a site near there, Thanks every one for your input Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 11-Mar-13 01:07 PM GMT

I found Fermyn Wood and got directions to it from Canterbury Eric, we'll have a look there if we go back to Kent in early August, I hope that won't be too late. My Husband says he'll have had enough of the Caravan when on the home track 😊 Can't blame him 😊

I downloaded lots about it, thanks again for your info I'd never known or heard about the Wood before, PM's are on my list of Butterflies I've yet to see and if the PH is there has well that will be great. Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 11-Mar-13 08:00 PM GMT

If you took the M40 route from the M25 to Birmingham M6, then you would pass Bernwood (just North of Oxford). Good for both Purple Emperor and Purple Hairstreak (and lots more!)

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 12-Mar-13 09:19 PM GMT

Thanks Mike, I'm writing all these places down, with luck I may get to see them. Lets hope the weather gets warmer. I watched the vision and saw the snow down South and we were in lovely Sunshine, it was cold but in the the sun and a way from the wind it was lovely. We certainly have a strange climate here but I wouldn't change it, I think last year things were abit too early and the Butterflies suffered for it maybe this year things will be more normal. Roll on! Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 21-Mar-13 05:11 PM GMT

The last time I posted I wrote about the Snow in the South, it looks like tomorrow we're on the receiving end 🤔 Looking on the bright side of things in my green house my seeds have started to peep through, so that's a start. My daffodils are well on their way to opening but if the snow is heavy that could just spoil the lot.

I've been round the garden looking if I can save anything, Crocus are so delicate though I've no chance there. Ah Well! we'll just have to hope the old saying is right, "If March comes in like a Lion it goes out like a Lamb" Hope fully Easter will be nice and I can eat my chocolate egg in the garden 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 23-Mar-13 02:44 PM GMT

Well! we certainly got the Snow , how's this for a comparison, Butterfly in the garden this time last year and today 🤪 I did get a nice surprise however when I looked into the back Garden later and saw the two Gold Finch 😊 We had to dig ourselves out though to feed the the birds, I took care of the Snow on the green house roof, you never know we may get some Sun yet 😊 Goldie



Re: Goldie M

by David M, 23-Mar-13 03:33 PM GMT

Incredible to think this time last year it was 20-odd degrees! You look to have had at least a foot of snow there, Goldie. It might stick around till Easter

too as every night next week appears to be below freezing!

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 24-Mar-13 02:07 PM GMT

Hi! David, yes the weather is certainly bad round here, we've still got those East winds and their very strong, it does thaw a bit during the day and the roads are now clear so that's good. They found one man dead in his car this morning on Burnley Moor he's only 27 so that's very sad. There's nothing anyone can do about the weather we've to grin and bear it . I caught sight of a few Daffodil heads through the snow this morning, round here it's been so cold up to now we've had no Daff's in full bloom so hope fully we'll see them when the weather returns to normal Goldie 😊

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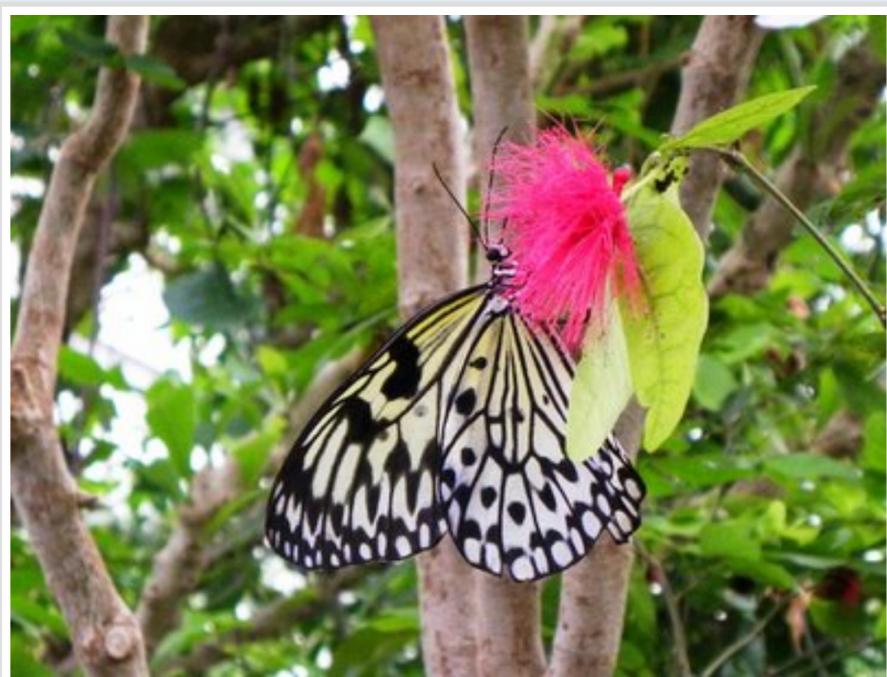
by Goldie M, 05-Apr-13 04:03 PM GMT

I visited the Butterfly House at Chester Zoo over the Easter holidays the weather although cold was Sunny, Ideal really for walking about. The Butterflies were lovely and it felt really good to see them flying after the bad weather we've had recently and not being able to see our own flying about.

The Zoo had loads of new born's from baby Elephants to Rhino's I couldn't resist a few shots of them. the place was packed where ever we went but the children were loving it including this child 😊

On the Tuesday April 2nd we went to Bolton 's BH which had just opened for the season, I hoped to get a glimpse of the Moth that was blown off course I don't think the Moth I took a shot of was it (probably dead now) I think I've taken shots of a similar one before but it's still quite a big one and the Butterflies were still quite dopey and coming out of the Chrysalis state, very interesting though.

I hope our Butterflies get flying soon maybe this weekend if the wind drops Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 22-Apr-13 04:58 PM GMT

At long last! Butterflies! I went to Hall-Lee-Brook on the 17th of April and inspite of the strong winds I got my ist shot of the year 😊 a Small Tortoiseshell I'd seen them before but no luck with pic's etc.

On Sat the 20th I went once more to HLB and the weather was perfect so were the Butterflies, where I'd just seen one before there was virtually loads. Small Tortoiseshell's were every where not one was interested in food only mating, so I Didn't manage to get any shot's of them on the flowers .

I saw Peacock's as well they were harder to take shots of they flew a way before I could get too near I did manage one though it's not so good. I also saw a Comma this was way beyond my reach , had to use a long shot. When I got back home a Comma was on my Heather so this really made my day Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 22-Apr-13 10:40 PM GMT

Cracking stuff Goldie- definitely worth waiting for 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 23-Apr-13 07:59 PM GMT

Nice one Goldie, heres hoping there are plenty more to come.

Nei IF.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 24-Apr-13 01:13 PM GMT

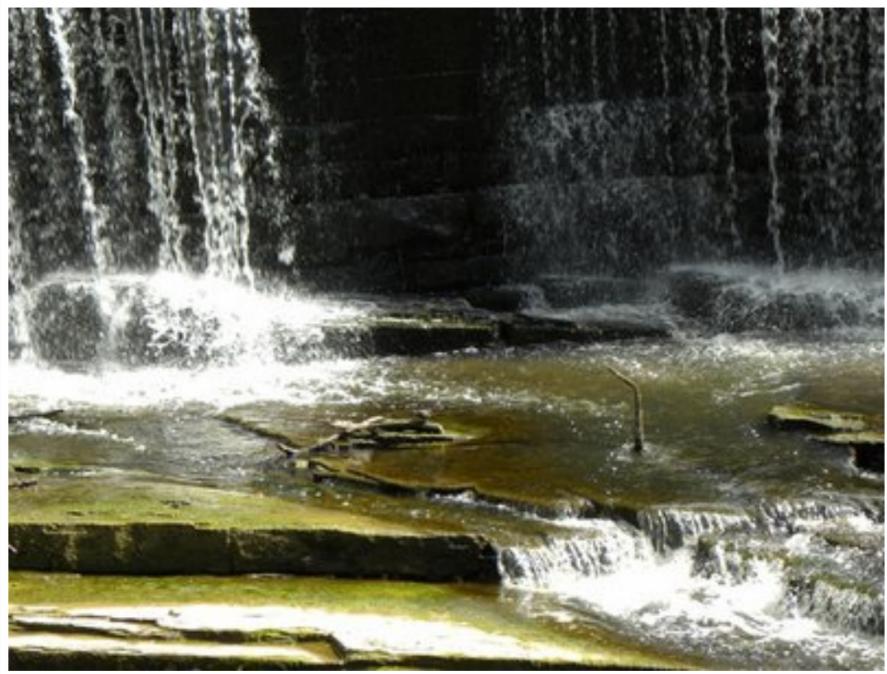
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Re: Goldie M

by David M, 24-Apr-13 01:29 PM GMT

The bird looks like a fledgling dipper to me. I'm sure Wurzel will be able to confirm.

Re: Goldie M

by Paul Wetton, 24-Apr-13 03:06 PM GMT

Hi Goldie

The photos are of a fledgling Dipper as David says plus one of the adult with food for the youngster. Dippers are quite rare in many parts of the country. I luckily live close to the Peak District which is in Derbyshire and has a lot of Dippers, although unfortunately declining in numbers.

The Wagtail is a Grey Wagtail male with the black bib. Yellow wagtails are less lemon coloured than the Grey Wagtail and don't have the black bib. I think the Grey is a great looking bird.

All the best.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 24-Apr-13 04:14 PM GMT

Thanks very much David and Paul, I thought it must be rare because of all the Photographers, also thanks for the info on the Wagtail I'm getting there with the birds 😊 Just got the wrong colour 😊 Goldie 😊

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by Wurzel, 24-Apr-13 10:45 PM GMT

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Wurzel

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by David M, 24-Apr-13 11:07 PM GMT

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Too true, Wurzel. I empathise totally.

Work is the nastiest four letter word of them all.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 28-Apr-13 05:25 PM GMT

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Re: Goldie M

by Mark Colvin, 28-Apr-13 05:48 PM GMT

Hi Goldie.

"Goldie M" wrote:

It is a Sparrow Hawk isn't it?

Yes, it's a juvenile Sparrowhawk.

Good hunting.

Kind regards. Mark

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 29-Apr-13 02:46 PM GMT

Thanks Mark, I thought it was, nice to be proved right though 😊

Can't understand why my last two notice's got repeated in my Diary anybody know the cause ? Goldie 😞

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 08-May-13 09:13 PM GMT

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by David M, 08-May-13 10:30 PM GMT

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Most of that makes pretty depressing reading, Goldie.

However, I wouldn't worry too much yet about Dukes and PBFs. They're not yet on the wing in some places much further south so with any luck they'll just be waiting to emerge right now.

Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 08-May-13 11:05 PM GMT

Sorry to hear about the damage to the habitat 😞 . With regards to the Pearls David is right. Last year the Pearls came out first in the far South West (I think it was in Devon) and then there seemed to be a bit of a delay before they started emerging elsewhere. Likewise it seems this year as the first report from Bentley Wood was on Monday – so there is much still to wait for. It could be worse, at least you've seen a Greenstreak 🍃😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 09-May-13 09:21 PM GMT

Thanks for your comments David and Wurzal, it's made me feel a lot better.

We plan to go up again to GB as soon as the weather picks up . I also saw my first Green Veined White the day before and a Speckled Wood, still to get a shot of a Orange Tip yet though but things are looking up for our visit to Chichester, if things are so late this year getting going we may yet see some of the rarer species down there, hope so any way Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

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This butterfly has really **scared** you, hasn't it? 😞

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 11-May-13 04:50 PM GMT

No! I think it's the weather David 😊 I should have said I saw the the GVW at Hall-Lee-Brook together with the others the day before I went up to GB 😊 I think I've got myself into a bit of mix up so maybe your right 😊 Anyway can't resist putting a shot up of a GHS . 😊 I took the photo then I put it through Neat Image and kept both. I'm sure the the one I didn't change seems to show more detail ? Goldie 😊 My shots the first one 😊 Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Padfield, 11-May-13 06:01 PM GMT

I agree with you, Goldie – removing the noise has smoothed out the texture of the butterfly too. It looks more natural in your first picture.

If that is a small crop from a much larger picture that amount of noise might be unavoidable – maybe you just need to get closer or get a bigger lens. If not, I'm sure one of the photographers in these forums will be able to suggest ways of getting less noise (using a lower ISO, perhaps?). It's a lovely butterfly in a lovely position and just a shame its either roughened up with noise or polished too smooth!

Guy

Re: Goldie M

by NickMorgan, 11-May-13 08:41 PM GMT

Yes, my vote goes to the original picture. Maybe you should crop it slightly less to help smooth it out slightly.

Re: Goldie M

by David M, 11-May-13 10:09 PM GMT

Irrespective of the respective merits of the two images, the butterfly depicted has got a very attractive arc of white spots.

Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 11-May-13 10:25 PM GMT

David is right about the spots – is this *ab.punctata*? Either way I prefer the first image as it shows the scales nicely 🍷 😊 .

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 12-May-13 04:01 PM GMT

Thanks Guy's glad you agree. I don't have a camera you can put a lens onto Guy it's a Nikon Coolpix P90, I wish I did, I got this one bought for me and has a beginner it's been ok for me, I feel now though that I'd like to try one that you can change the lens because I've watched people using them and looked at their shots and they seem far superior to mine.

I have taken bigger shots Nick and then cut them down to get a closer picture could this be where I'm going wrong?

I don't know if the Butterfly is a *ab. punctata* are not David and Wurzel, you know me and my knowledge of Butterflies 😊 I usually wait until somebody tells me 😊 I have got a side view of it though so what do think Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 12-May-13 06:10 PM GMT

"Goldie M" wrote:

I don't know if the Butterfly is a *ab. punctata* are not

I tend to think that the fine white line is 'normal' – after all it is called a 'hairstreak' – and those without the spots are *ab. caecus*. I've noticed that unspotted forms, however, seem more frequent nowadays, especially in the South. Perhaps it is related to temperature at the chrysalis stage?

'Neat Image' usually works better than this! Have you made and stored profiles for your camera at various ISO settings? It doesn't work too well if you have already done some processing of the image (e.g. re-sizing) before using Neat Image. I always find GH rather difficult to photograph well, as the iridescence of the colour tends to confuse most cameras.

It's always good to keep originals. I always file a set of photos direct from the camera and then work on copies. Storage is cheap enough nowadays not to risk upsets.

Judging by images on this site, many people do very well with 'bridge' cameras, especially the Lumix FZ series. The quality of these cameras has greatly improved in recent years and, as I get older, I begin to wonder why I lug around the weight of my DSLR, except when really necessary for stuff like birds in flight. I recently replaced my older Lumix TZ5 with a TZ25 and the leap in image quality is remarkable. It's 'intelligent auto' feature also works remarkably well – cameras with loads of settings (like most DSLRs) are great, providing you remember to choose the right settings for the current job. I recently ruined some shots, because I had left the settings where they had been for some copying work that I had done earlier! 😊 Camera makers need to look very hard at the simple user interface provided by the iPhone.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Pete Eeles, 12-May-13 06:32 PM GMT

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Definitely ab. punctata:

<http://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/aberrations.php?species=rubi>

Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 13-May-13 07:58 PM GMT

Thanks Pete for the info, I'll be going up to GB again as soon as the weather takes up, maybe I'll get a plain one without the spots next time. 😊 I didn't realize there were so many different kinds I'm just happy I got one at last 😊

Hi! Mike, what i usually do I must admit is make copies on my camera, (close ups) as well as the originals then put them all on computer into Microsoft Office Manager, then I cut them to the size I want if they look ok I don't play around with them ,just lately though they just don't seem sharp and when I've tried" Neat Image "it's tended to blur them slightly.

I've also put different ISO settings into my camera , and still I get this noise and slight blur instead of sharpness. I will try the other settings I've installed trouble is like you say the Hair Streak although it didn't move blended in too much with the green around it. I'll try some thing else when I go up again and see if that works. 😊 I must admit i'm just so pleased to have seen one at last 😊

It's funny you should ask if I'd saved some originals I did and put them into neat image before I reduced their size the picture i've put in now is one of them it still seems to miss the mark a bit Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by David M, 13-May-13 08:55 PM GMT

Must admit, most of the Greenstreaks I encounter HAVE got some white markings, but generally nothing like as extensive as the one you depicted.

I'd be delighted to find one such as that and will be endeavouring to do just that if ever this ridiculously cold weather would finally pack up and leave.

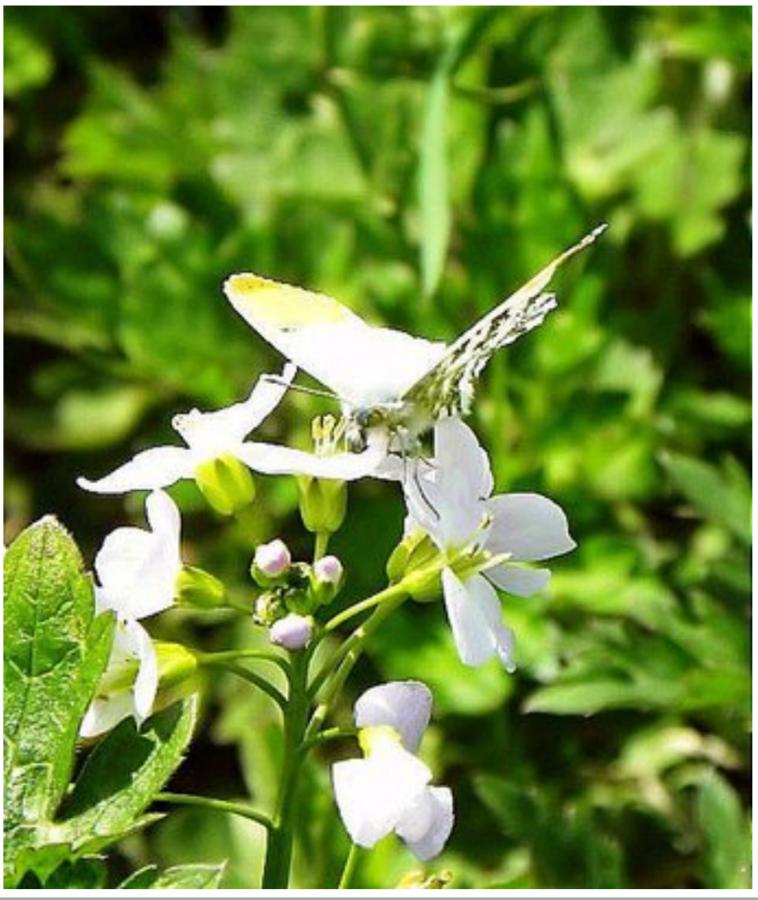


Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 15-May-13 08:31 PM GMT

I wish it would go as well David although yesterday morning was really nice here,(the calm before the storm) 😊 Any way I went to Hall-Lee-Brook near where I live.(My Waste Land) Last year I saw Orange Tips there .It was early about 9.35 am, perfect conditions for Butterflies and to my delight I saw them has soon as I opened the gate, I took some hurried Shots has they never seemed to stop moving 😊

We moved after about an hour my husband wanted to check the caravan out (no punctures etc) then we moved on to Spring Wood Walley and right a way I saw a female OT, between the two places I got some unusual shots not ones to put in any gallery but quite fun all the same 😊 Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 15-May-13 09:45 PM GMT

I forgot to add a shot of Spring Wood taken yesterday to my posting . The wood was lovely with tall Bluebells and the smell of Garlic Flowers was quite heady.

We had a picnic there before we left, and sorting through my photo's later I found this one of an Orange Tip which really summed up the day together with the Green Veined White I saw, both Butterflies signify Spring for me , (even though today was a wash out) 😊 The photo's make me feel better 😊

Goldie





Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 24-May-13 04:40 PM GMT

I went up to Gaits Barrow last Sunday, it was cool at first but later the Sun came out and so did the Duke 😊 At last! We counted 5 and were told one was seen the day before so that's great news. Some one has also seen a Pearl Bordered Fritillary at Warton Craig so if the Sun comes out I'll pop up there this weekend and see if I can get some shot's.

I've been busy trying to sort my garden out. All the seeds I planted have come through and I've had to do some replanting with them, Petunia's every where now 😊

I did get back to Hall-Lee- Brook but didn't find any O Tipp's, but did take a shot of lots of GVW and what I think is a Large White, going off the markings. I also got a pic of what I think is a Small White, or, it could be a Male LW although it did seem a bit on the Small side. (I still get mixed up with these BF)

Any way the Butterflies I thought were lost have at last come out. 😊

There were signs every where at GB asking people to contact the wardens if any Dukes were seen, so the people up there will be pleased now they've been spotted, Let's hope the PB or out this weekend.

Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 27-May-13 05:54 PM GMT

I went up to Gaits Barrow again Sunday the 26th and good news the Pearl BF had arrived, not many yet, I counted three or four but it's a start. Also there, were Brimstones, a couple of Peacock BF, Green Veined Whites, Large and Small Whites and of course DOB, now the signs read (Look out there's a Duke about) 😊

I went to Warton Craig on the way home and also saw a Dinky Skipper and a Small Heath, all in all I had a great day out and the weather was superb 😊
Goldie 😊







Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 28-May-13 11:43 AM GMT

Lovely shot of the Duke Goldie 🍷 😊 Hopefully I'll be able to catch up with one soon

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

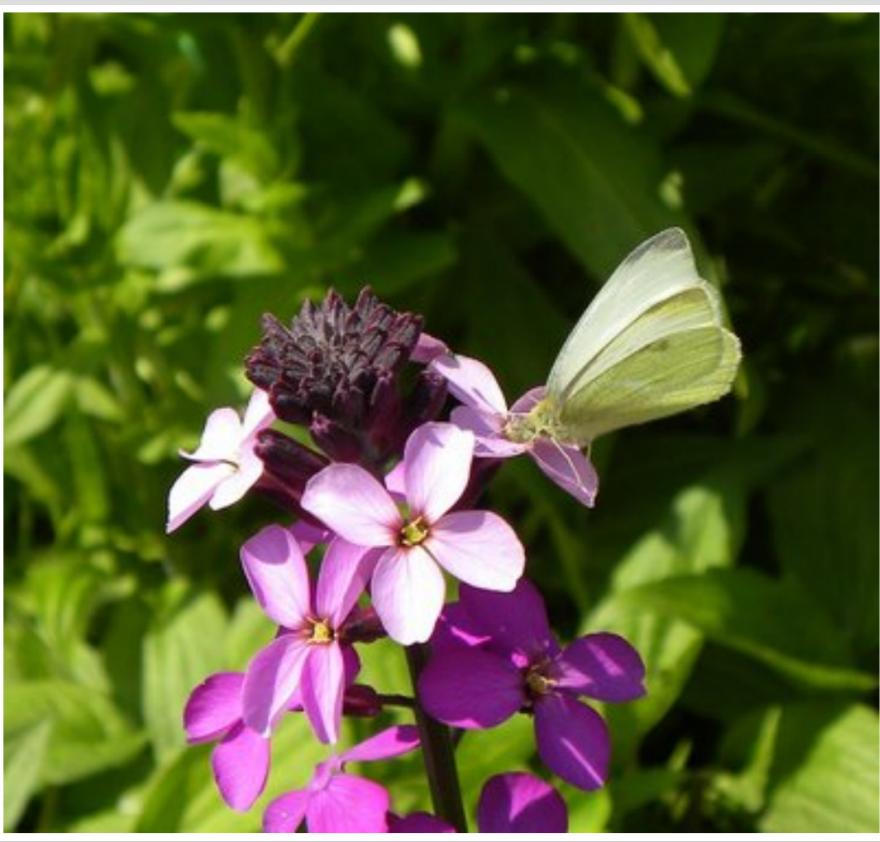
by Goldie M, 29-May-13 12:26 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, I hope you do.

The weather's not been good here for the last couple of days, I thought today looked a bit brighter but we seem to have got the clouds again. I want to try and go up to Gaits Barrow again next week some time. June last year I saw the Alba SPB at the beginning of June, I know it's a long shot but you never know, nothing ventured nothing gained. Goldie 😊

I forgot to add some photo's I took in my Garden. I planted some Wall flowers this Spring and got rewarded on Sunday when this little Butterfly appeared 😊 Goldie 😊 e:D





Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 07-Jun-13 07:46 PM GMT

On the 3rd of June I went to Southport Dunes, I hoped the Common Blues would be out . After Quite a search ,(we nearly gave up,) I found about four or five and had great trouble trying to get a shot, they were so quick. The vegetation there was very poor, the cold Spring we had certainly did some damage, the few flowers there were in sheltered parts of the Dunes, this is where I found this Female CB. She looks different having seemingly four spots, two on the upper and two on the lower wings, any way I was just pleased to finally get a shot when this Male CB landed just in front of me. 😊 So I managed M/F Butterflies. Then I saw this huge Caterpillar has to be a moth. 😊

On the 4th of June I went back up to Gaits Barrow, I thought the Small PBF may be out has they were last year at this time . No luck there, but I did get a shot of a PBF not too good I'm afraid I was too far a way . I also saw Brimstones, Dingy Skippers, and another Duke or two, so it wasn't a wasted journey. I think I enjoyed taking a photo of the Damsal Fly best (He didn't move) 😊 Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 07-Jun-13 11:39 PM GMT

Interesting shot of the female Blue Goldie, it must have been around for some time to have gotten that faded 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 08-Jun-13 08:46 AM GMT

I can't understand that Wurzel, has the the male CB's were all in peak condition, also there was so few of them. She must have come out very soon, I'd

not noticed the spots on the female's before this, may be I didn't look close enough. Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 10-Jun-13 11:57 AM GMT

Hi! everybody , I've just been looking at your Photo's and they all look superb, can't single anybody out so thought I'd just praise you all 😊

Looks like my luck's run out for a few day's though , we've had to cancel our caravan holiday because I've done my back in. Not too worry , I'd just bought an SLR Camera as well which is slightly annoying, My husband said I could get used to it by taking shots in the garden 😊

The Camera is a Canon EOS 1100, I thought I'd take advantage of the reduced price. The photo's I have taken so far of Flower's etc have been great.

It has a creative section which blur's the back ground that should be good for taking close ups of BF, not got round to that yet though, it looks like I might need a Micro lens for close ups, any one know if this is a must or can I get a way with doing without one for a while? (my husband said he'd make it a Christmas present) (I don't think he realizes what they cost) 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Paul Wetton, 10-Jun-13 03:44 PM GMT

Hi Goldie

Keep up with the photos.

I think the caterpillar is a Fox Moth caterpillar and your Damselfly is a female Large Red Damselfly. The males are all red along the body with some black at the end of the tail.

With regard to your Canon DSLR I would stick with the standard lens that came with it until you get used to using it then you can get a macro lens on which there have been many discussions on this forum. I've taken some decent shots of flies in the garden with the 18-55mm lens that came with my Canon 450D.

Many years ago I had a Russian Zenit B film camera with only a standard 50mm lens and extension tubes that allow the lens to focus closer to the insect subjects. These can be bought nowadays and used with a standard lens to allow you closer to the subject. The only problem is that it's easier to scare the butterflies away using this method.

Just have fun and enjoy the camera.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 10-Jun-13 05:41 PM GMT

Thanks for your advice Paul, I've only taken a few shots with the Cannon so far, today I managed one BF 😊 I don't know what they'll be like on my computer yet, but the clarity so far is great.

Thanks for the names of the Caterpillar and Fly I can now put it on their folder now.

I'm enjoying the camera already, every thing is automatic you just press the button, I'll investigate further as I go along Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Debbie, 11-Jun-13 12:46 PM GMT

Hi,

Will your camera take a Tamron 70-300 with Macro setting. (you will need to check this out)

I have one that I started with on my (first) DSLR Canon.

It has the added advantage of Zoom and the Macro setting to.

I paid about £70 for it in the sale and it has often been on sale.

here are 2 pictures I have taken, my eye sight is terrible so for my capabilities I am pleased.

Debbie



Re: Goldie M

by Paul Wetton, 11-Jun-13 02:50 PM GMT

Hi Goldie

Just keep on with enjoying your photography and don't rush into anything.

There are lots of lenses to choose from at lots of different prices. I use a Sigma Macro lens that I picked up second hand on EBay for £300. They now have a similar lens with image stabiliser but it costs much more.

I would put an SD card in your camera and go and try on some lenses in the shops and take loads of photos on your own card before making a decision. Just download the photos and see which look best for what you want to use the camera for.

If you're ever up around Nottingham you're most welcome to try my lens out and if you know anyone with a lens you fancy just get them to let you have a go.

Good luck.

Paul

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 11-Jun-13 03:08 PM GMT

Hi! Debbie, I think it will , but I'll have to find out for sure.

I, like you haven't very good eye sight, your pictures look good to me though, I can't believe you only paid that for the lens, I'll have to look out for the sales 😊

I also saw your posting about a Bridge Camera, I have one with a great zoom (Nikon Coolpix) it's great for Taking shots of birds. It also as a close up for micro shots which is very good, it's just the clarity i can't get to grips with and on very sunny days I've to a just the exposure compensation with every shot, at least with the Cannon it's all built in unless you go Manual.

Did you find a Bridge Camera you liked?

I'm no expert , I keep trying things and each time get a wee bit further 😊 I think with both camera's I may have a choice 😊

I took a few shots yesterday, in the Garden mostly except for the BF which was in next doors 😊 I'm pleased with them to say their my first with the Cannon Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Debbie, 11-Jun-13 03:42 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,

I love your pictures, and thank you for your kind comments about mine. I wish I had more time to get out and take more pictures. I was happy that at £70 if it was a mistake, it was not too big and Jessops did let you take it back also withing 30 days if you did not like it. I have looked at bridge cameras and we are thinking of Canon SX range 40/50. Argos have some 40's but you cannot exchange it in the shop if you do not like it (but you can if you order it online) But hubby thinks the extra zoom of the sx50 will be good for birds. We hope to get one soon (however I did just buy a new dining room suite last week so maybe not just yet). I look forward to seeing more of your pictures, and as my mum would say to me 'if in doubt do nought'

Debbie

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 11-Jun-13 04:49 PM GMT

Hi! Debbie, we sound like a mutual admiration society 😊

Jessops are on line still, I'll take a look, most of their shops have closed now which is a real shame.

Have you looked at Amazon? their prices are very good.

You can't have every thing (my husband keeps telling me that) 😊 But at £70 pounds may be you can 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 11-Jun-13 06:37 PM GMT

The Tamron 70 - 300 described by Debbie sounded too good to be true but I looked it up and it gets a pretty good review at [http://www.ephotozine.com/article/tamro ... view-13028](http://www.ephotozine.com/article/tamro...view-13028)

It seems to be light-weight and a reasonably good performer. If price is critical for you, this sounds a very versatile lens that will give the sort of breadth of capability that you are used to with a bridge camera.

A so-called 'macro-zoom' is really a zoom with close-focus ability and is not optimised for macro work, like a true macro lens. Similarly, at this price you should not expect really robust construction, so don't use it to hammer nails in ⚠️

Current price seems to be just under £100 at Amazon or WEX.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 12-Jun-13 06:38 PM GMT

Thanks Paul, Mike and Debbie, It's good to know about different micro lens, I plan to take a step at a time and get use to the camera. I put the soft ware up I got with it and it's going to take me quite a while I can see 😊

Like you said Paul learn about the camera and take lots of shots.

I've taken your advice before Mike and always found it sound, my husband also thinks I should try the different modes the camera can do, so far I've just taken shots in the P or Auto Mode ,t he shots above I took close up in the P mode. So I'll continue to experiment and hope the Butterflies land close to me 😊

The Tamron 70 - 300 sounds good, but I'll wait until I can get a proper micro lens I think. I saw one advertised on line at Jessop's

for about £327 , my Husband said to wait when we talked it over , so I'll work with this one for this year and use my Bridge Camera in between. (I think) 😊

Thanks Debbie for telling me about the Tamron , I still intend to look for it in the shops and to get them to show me what it's like Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Debbie, 13-Jun-13 10:09 AM GMT

Hi Goldie,

I agree Mike gives good sound advice as is Pauls, I look forward to seeing your photos with your new camera.

Debbie

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 19-Jun-13 08:04 PM GMT

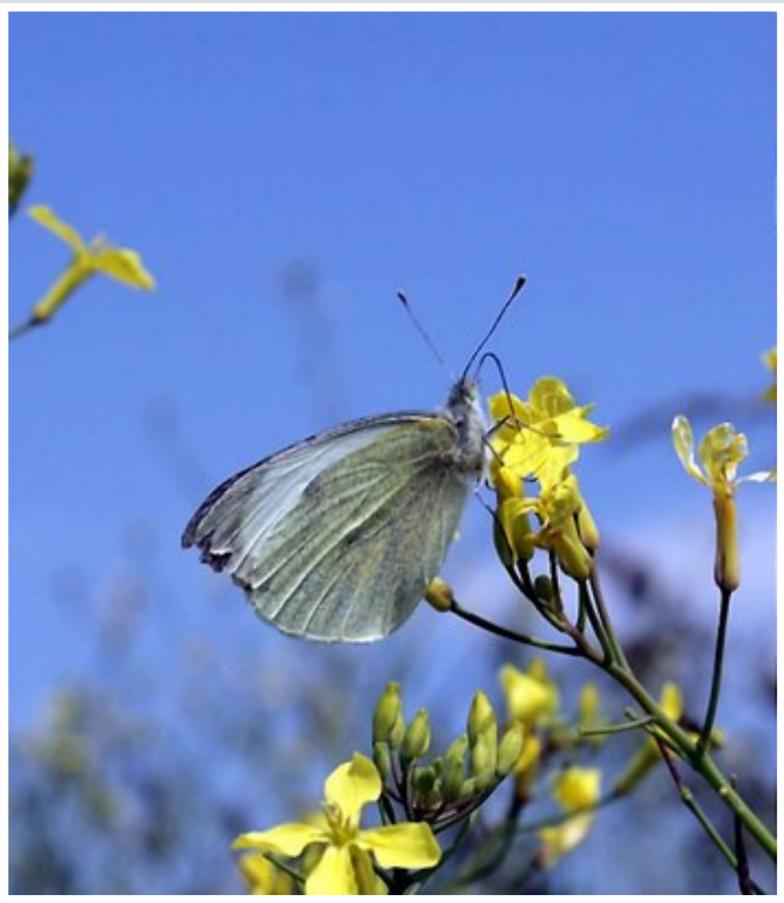
I've not been too far a field this week still trying to get my back going, if I walk too far,I really know about it so I've been to local places for short times, it 's given me a chance to get to know the new camera more.

Yesterday we went to Pilling, it's across the bay from Fleet Wood, good coastal path to Knot End.(not that we used it much) 😊

There were plenty of Small Whites and Large Whites, also Common Blue, and I saw a Small Skipper who was too fast for me. 😊 Other than that nothing, but it gave me a chance to try the different modes on the camera, I found I'd to go much closer than with my Bridge Camera and the picture on one or two were not as sharp, also the colour seemed less stark on some shots more than other's, still it'll take time and I'm enjoying it. I've put a few shots on my posting 😊

The Skipper I shot to day with the close up Mode. I struggled to get near him he was so quick, I followed him for a while in long grass Goldie 😊



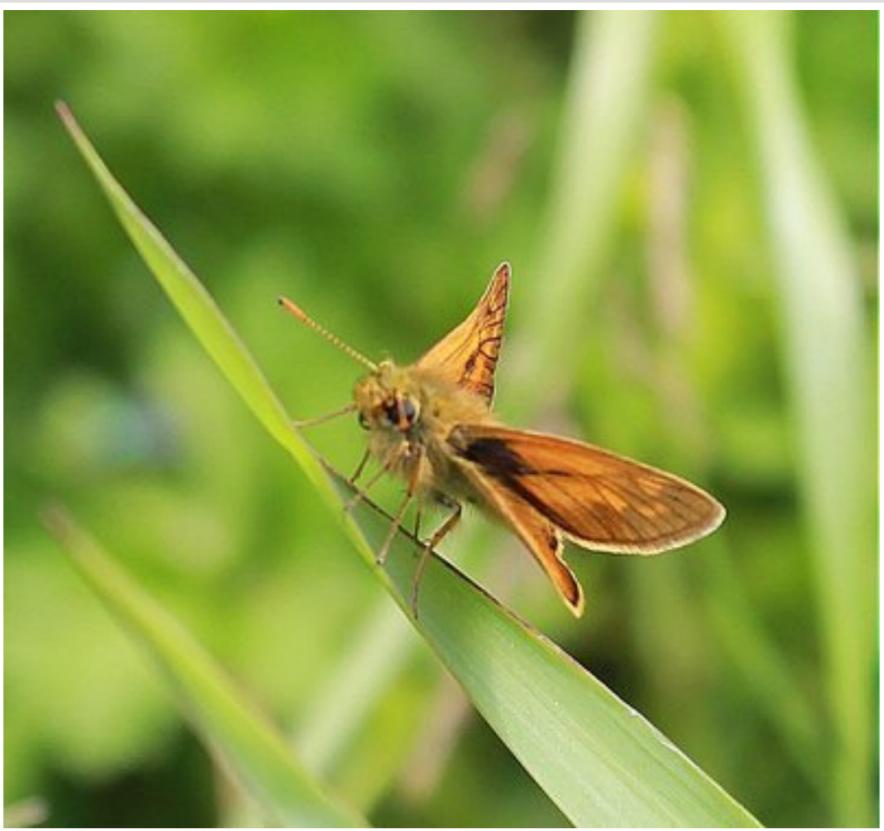
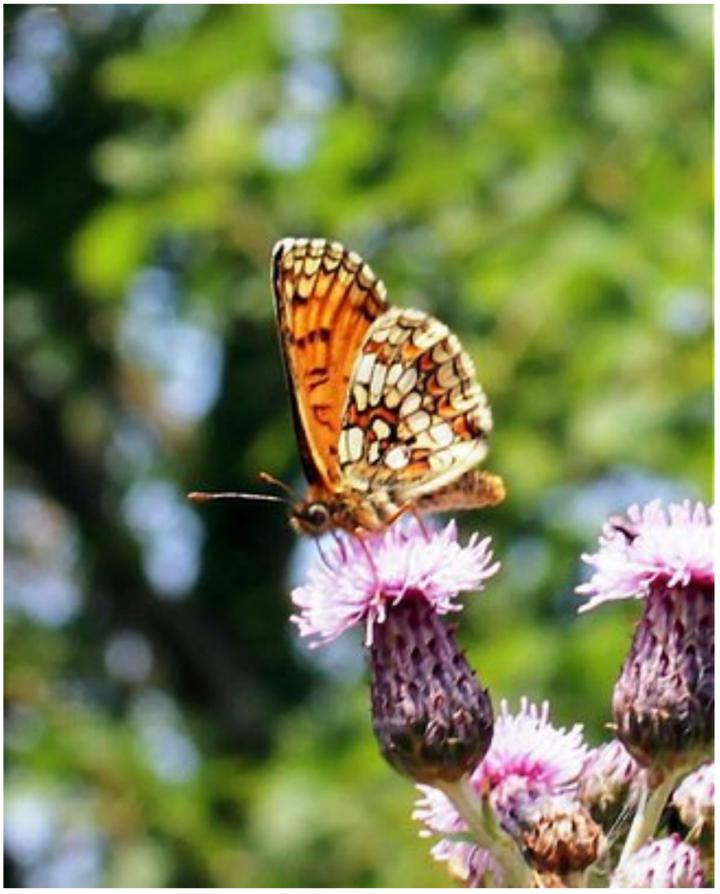


Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 19-Jul-13 03:32 PM GMT

Seems a long time since I logged in but in that time I spent a few weeks in Kent, I was disappointed until the last day, that's when I saw the Heath Fritillary also the Marble White(one MBW) and I was lucky to see that. There seemed to be no Butterflies at all. Usually I go down there the same time every year the last week in June 1st in July. In that time I see Ringlet, HF, MB, MW, etc this year because of the bad Spring nothing until the 2nd week in July. (I wanted to try my new Camera out as well) 😞 Then I only managed about 4 or 5 different Butterflies.)

Since I've been home and the weather's been good it's been a bit too hot for them I think for they seem to be out very early morning round here then nothing much until after tea which is unusual. Any way I got shot's of the Heath Frit and whilst I've been home the Large Skipper. Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Pauline, 19-Jul-13 09:18 PM GMT

Hi Goldie

Very nice Heath Frit. I would agree that there are a lot of excellent photographers on this site and it is really worth while listening to them. One of the first things they told me about was exposure compensation. If you adjust this for a pale coloured butterfly then you will get a lot more detail in your shots but I can see you're enjoying it and that really is the most important thing 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 19-Jul-13 11:25 PM GMT

Alright Goldie? I like your Heath shot, it's not the usual posture you see them in which is great 😊 Plus it's a Heath Frit which is something I've yet to see 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 20-Jul-13 05:46 PM GMT

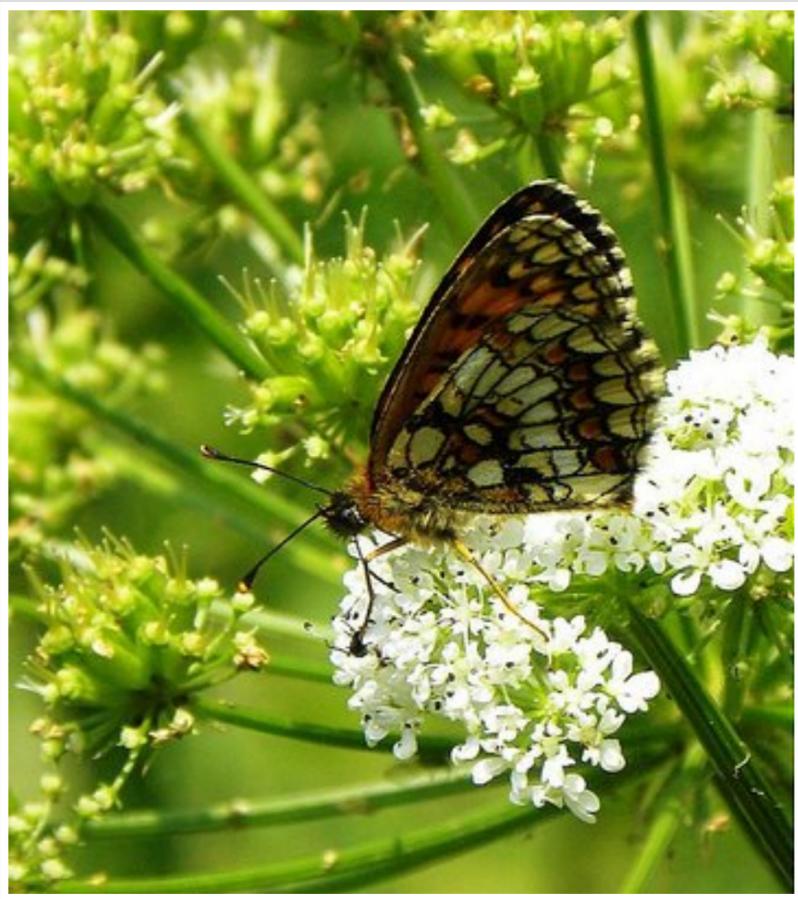
Thanks for your comments Pauline and Wurzal, I find that I'm tending to use both camera's now ! funny I know 😊 But for shooting BF a distance a way you can't beat the Bridge cam, and for real close ups I like the cannon, luckily my long suffering Husband 😊 carries one whilst I have the other , he would sooner just watch the BF's he's not interested in taking shots, unless he spots some thing that takes his interest 😊 but we won't go there 😊 Needless to say it won't be BF's 😊

Pauline, you take some lovely photo's , I'll have to try what you said, your right though' I'm enjoying myself really too much at present messing about seeing what the Cannon can do, I find it depends too much on different lenses, where as the Bridge Cam seems to have long distance and the Micro built in, Debbie has found this out as well she's just bought a Bridge Cam, any way i'll press on regardless 😊

Wurzal , glad you like my HF and hope you get to Photograph it soon .

The photo I posted before was from my Cannon this shot was taken with the Bridge camera from a distance, I think you'll know why I've decided to use both 😊

On the day I took my shots of the Heath Frit I thought I saw a Brown Hair Streak, I couldn't get a shot of it there was quite a few people filming and it got disturbed, the other's also saw something but weren't sure . Does anybody know if there are BHS in East Blean Woods? I thought it too early for them and with every thing so late thought it couldn't be, but it had the two large orange spots on each wing and no it wasn't a Meadow Brown it was much ,much, smaller I was really miffed I'd missed it. Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 20-Jul-13 07:11 PM GMT

"Goldie M" wrote:

I find that I'm tending to use both camera's now ! funny I know

Not at all funny 😊 – I usually carry both a DSLR and a compact. I use the DSLR for 'specialist' subjects – birds, butterflies, etc., and the compact for general scenes, including habitat shots. Changing lenses (especially big ones) on a DSLR is a bit of a pain, so a second camera is always useful.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by dave brown, 20-Jul-13 08:43 PM GMT

Does anybody know if there are BHS in East Blean Woods?

Goldie,

Sorry to disappoint. I do East Blean a lot and there are no Brown Hairstreaks present, not even a release. To the best of my knowledge BHS is absent from Kent and has been for many years. It would be nice to see them back but with the nearest colony in West Sussex there is no chance of that.

Dave

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 23-Jul-13 03:48 PM GMT

Thanks for your postings, sorry to hear there are no BHS in East BW Dave, I'm sure I saw one you know. I've never seen one before so had to look up what I did see the only one nearest to it was the BH. It was in the car park nearest to where they'd chopped a log and put it at the entrance, I just wish I'd got a shot of it
never mind you should know you go there on a regular basis.

Mike I'm glad some one else carries two camera's besides me. 😊

I was up at Gaits Barrow at the weekend, I saw what I thought was the DGF and the HBF but both were in the distance and they've now put a fence around where they are so I couldn't get near enough even to take shots with the Bridge Camera, I did get the Graylings though and the Ringlet which I'd missed in Kent. I also got a shot of a Brown Argus thought it was a Northern but no white spot on the wing so I guess not, I also got a shot of this caterpillar which I think is a moth but I've not done the pic's yet I was out yesterday taking shots of the Gate Keeper so I've to get it all together yet
Goldie 😊

I for got to congratulate the three, no four prize winner's in the Spring comp, Well done 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 23-Jul-13 07:08 PM GMT

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never mind you should know you go there on a regular basis.

Hi Goldie,

I would think it is a good bet that your 'BHS' was a male Vapourer Moth. These fly during the day, often high up around various trees and can be mistaken for Brown Hairstreaks.

<http://ukmoths.org.uk/show.php?bf=2026>

Cheers,

Neil F.

Re: Goldie M

by Mark Senior, 23-Jul-13 09:26 PM GMT

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Dave

Extensive surveying particularly for eggs has extended the known range of BHS just into East Sussex for example around Plumpton . The deciding factor appears to be the soil has to be Wealden Clay .
There is an article on the web Another New World Mapping the Brown Hairstreak in Sussex by Michael Blencowe which has a distribution map showing the tetrads in which the butterfly and/or it's eggs have been found .

Re: Goldie M

by Debbie, 24-Jul-13 10:56 AM GMT

Lovely pictues Goldie.

I am now enjoying having the DSLR and Bridge and using both.

So I can have Macro and Zoom.

Debs

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 31-Jul-13 04:40 PM GMT

Hi! Debbie, I'll get back to you shortly, I've been busy in the garden taking shots of Peacock's Small Tortoiseshell's Gate Keeper's, even a very small Skipper that I want an ID for, it's a first in my garden for that species.

I've seen so many Small Whites I've lost count all in pristine condition, Large Whites as well, so I've been trying out the different modes on my camera.

I went up to GB on 21st July and I took these photo's of what I thought was a Northern Brown Argus but it seems I've just got the Brown Argus and a bit worn at that, still, I liked the shot's 😊

I think your probably right about what I saw being a moth Neil, I saw more Moth's than I did Butterflies the two weeks I was there. I did see a lot of Common Blues at Temple Ewell, also a Wall, which I wouldn't have expected to see there because the grass was so long. They seem to enjoy sandy Paths etc. Any way we've been invited down to house sit in August so maybe I'll catch a glimpse of a Chalkhill or an Adonis while there. Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Vince Massimo, 31-Jul-13 05:01 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,

All Brown Argus at Gait Barrows are Northern Brown Argus of the sub-species *salmacis*. The white spot on the forewing is associated with the other sub-species *artaxerxes*, which has a more northerly distribution.

Could you confirm the location of your recent Skipper sighting please, as this may help to rule out Essex Skipper.

Vince

Re: Goldie M

by dave brown, 31-Jul-13 09:07 PM GMT

Any way we've been invited down to house sit in August so maybe I'll catch a glimpse of a Chalkhill or an Adonis while there. Goldie 😊

And don't forget Silver Spotted Skipper also at Lydden (Temple Ewell) in August. Last year in the first field was a good showing of Autumn Gentian and Autumn Ladies Tresses as you looked for SSS.

Dave

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 02-Aug-13 03:36 PM GMT

Hi! Vince, thanks for the information I can call my Butterfly Northern now 😊

My Skipper photo was taken in my side garden location SD 656 065 if that helps at all.

Hi! Dave, I'll certainly look for the Silver Spotted Skipper, if I see one it will be a first for me. I also want to go to East Blean Wood to look for the Purple Hair Streak, if it's not too late, that also would be a first. Can't wait! Goldie 😊

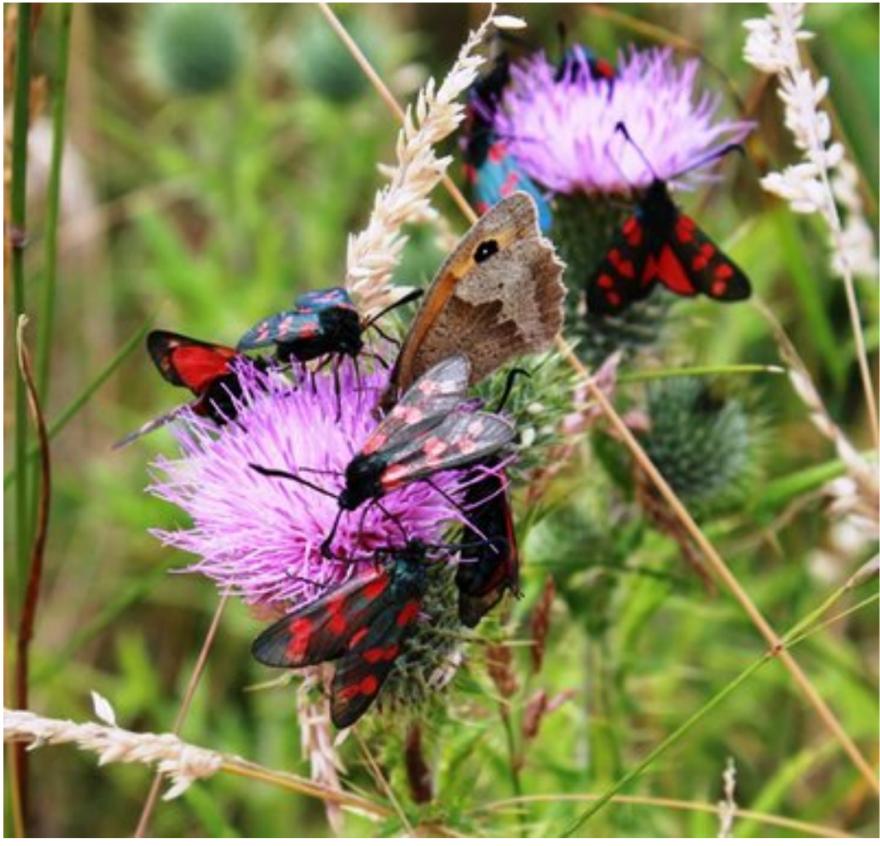
Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 03-Aug-13 02:29 PM GMT

August set off good for me, we decided to go to Southport Dunes last Thursday and what a surprise I got . It wasn't so much the Butterflies that were unusual than the huge numbers on the Sea Holly . Burnett's for instance were there in huge numbers also Meadow Brown's, I counted at least 20 MB on one Sea Holly.

We also saw PC's, STS, Skipper, Graylings, Gate Keeper's ,Common Blue and the usual Whites, I want to go again to Ainsdale this time I'm still looking for my first Small Copper. Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

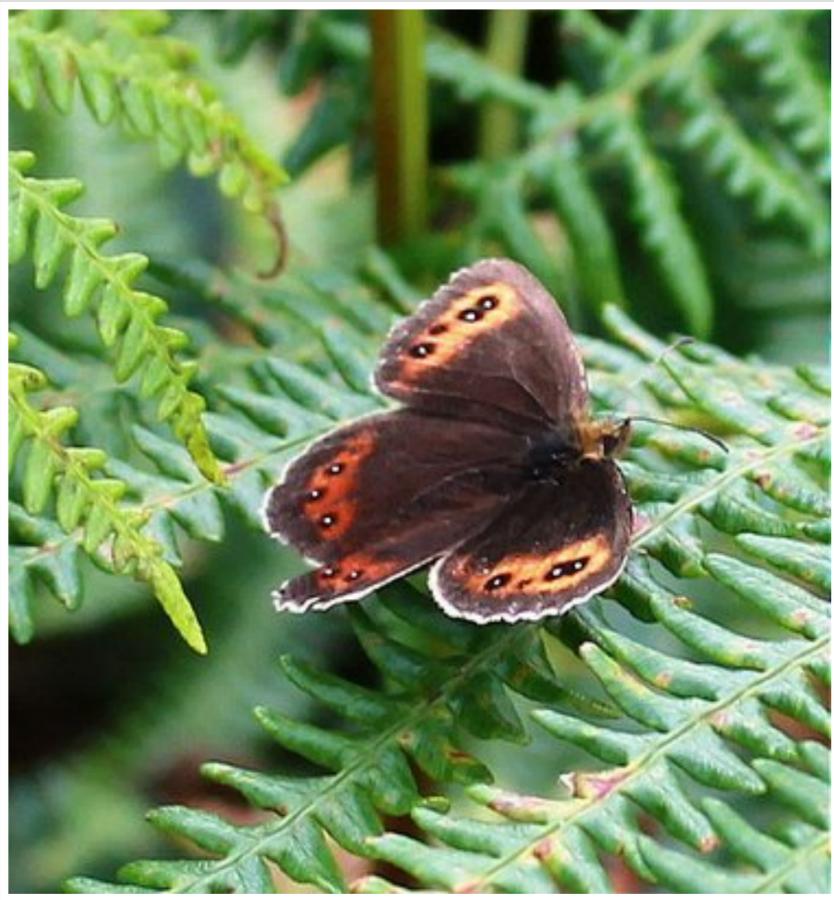
by Goldie M, 10-Aug-13 04:00 PM GMT

At last I got a Photo of a Scotch Argus, not without a few bites from the mosquitoes up there on Arnside Knot 😊

The weather was cloudy but not too hot for a good walk, which was good. When I found them I was so pleased but none of them flew very close choosing the Bracken which was surrounded by prickly Black Berries, thank goodness for the two camera's I could zoom in with the Bridge Camera and if one did come closer the other one would be ok.

Anyway the truth is I was more intent on trying to get some sort of shot to worry too much about what I was doing, not good I know but it was my first Scotch Argus 😊

So I'm so pleased to have seen One at last I like the 1st one even if it's got a snip out of it's wing Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 16-Aug-13 04:06 PM GMT

Last Tuesday I went to Southport, we went passed the Park where they hold the flower show down the road that runs passed the Bus station, park on

our left BS on our right it's a cul-de-sac at the end but you can turn car's round easily near the Caravan Club's car Park. We go there every year at this time hoping to find Graylings, Small Copper's etc, and we were not dissapointed I got shots of both, what did supprise me was the Wall Brown that landed in front of me wings open.

I'd never seen one properly before with it's wings open and I managed a photo, couldn't believe my luck 😊

We moved on then further down the coast road until we came to the Holiday Camp, at the roundabout we took a right turn that goes towards the beech, we didn't drive onto the beech but pulled into the Pub Car Park which is also a coastal path through the dunes down to the beech. (If any one is interested in Natter-Jack- Toads it's one of the places to go) 😊

In there we found the Common Blues, Small Heath, Gate Keeper's, Graylings etc, but my attention was taken by a Six Spot Burnett, and a rather colourful insect, one I'd not seen before but I'm curious now to know what it's called 🤔

Any way i'm off in search of Silver Spotted Skipper's on Sunday 😊 Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 16-Aug-13 06:11 PM GMT

Just catching up other your PD Goldie, I keep missing it as we post at different times. One great shots and reports especially the Wall – it's great when things just drop in front of you 😊 Good luck with the Silver Spots!

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 16-Aug-13 07:26 PM GMT

Congratulations on your Wall Brown photo Goldie 😊

I remember you posting before about your frustration at seeing them but not being able to get close enough. They do have a particular habit of being able to stay just out of range sometimes.

All the best,

Neil F.

Re: Goldie M

by dave brown, 16-Aug-13 08:45 PM GMT

Goldie,

You probably already realise, but if your going to Lydden for Silver Spotted Skipper on Sunday then you will be less than 6 miles from the newly found Long Tailed Blues near Kingsdown. There is directions on UKB for this species if you do go. Every one is seeing Marbled Whites and a few Clouded Yellows on the walk from the Monument at St Margarets (where you park). A few people have also seen Small Blue at the same spot as the Long Tailed Blues. Having come such a long distance it may be worth considering this option whilst you are in Kent.

Best wishes if you go.

Dave

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 07-Sep-13 02:36 PM GMT

Oh! dear Dave, I missed your posting about the Long Tailed Blues and by the time I found out about them, they'd gone, well I couldn't find them. I walked all along the path from ST Margaret's and I was due to leave the day after, any way I got my consolation prize really the Silver Spotted Skipper 😊

I also saw some more Wall Neill and Wuzal I was really pleased, it was at St Margarets Dave , we just stood there whilst they flew from flower to flower loads of them they loved the Wild Thyme I tried my best to get good pic's but I think they were all too quick for us, 😊

I did get the Chalkhill Blues and Adonis also to my suprise there were loads of Clouded Yellow this was at Temple Ewell Dave when I got the SSSkipper. We went up to the top field where the grass was much shorter, the Skipper's were there also the CHB ,the Adonis were much lower down the slope where it was more sheltered

and much hotter, it was what you'd call a real field day. 😊

The Clouded Yellow just kept drifting down hill then zig zagging every where, if they landed near by you'd to be pretty quick to get a shot. I put the new camera into action and took three quick shots before one flew a way, I managed to get one just as it opened it's wings to fly off 😊

I took some shots of two female butterflies, I know one is Chalkhill Blue I'm not sure if the other one is an Adonis though, I've Posted the one I'm not sure about so I could use a little help on that one please Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Hoggers, 07-Sep-13 04:37 PM GMT

Hi Goldie, I'm really pleased to see that you did so well at Temple Ewell - it's a lovely place and sometimes feels like Butterfly Paradise! They really look after butterflies (and butterfly lovers) there, don't they?!

Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 07-Sep-13 07:04 PM GMT

Alright Goldie, great shots and report (Cloudie with open wings 🍃) 😊 I would go for female Chalkhill as it seems to have white rather than blue edges to the lunules on the hind wings, also it seems a bit older 😊 However having said that I await the chop 🤪 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Pete Eeles, 08-Sep-13 01:19 AM GMT

I agree with female Chalkill, for the reasons that Wurzel gives.

Cheers,

- Pete

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 08-Sep-13 09:15 AM GMT

Hi Goldie, looks like you had a good time in Kent, great reports and photo 😊

I spent half of last week trying to get an open wing Clouded Yellow photo without success, nice one 🍃 😊

Cheers,

Neil F.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 08-Sep-13 12:33 PM GMT

Thanks everybody, I really enjoyed myself there. I took lots of shots of female blues they all seemed darker than the one I posted that's why I wasn't sure, like you say this Female CHB must have been out sooner than the other's.

The man who told me about the Long Tailed Blues had actually got shots of them, he was at Temple Ewell when I was. He said he talked to a man at St Margaret's who was an expert on Butterflies and he'd got shots of them laying eggs, so he told the man I was talking to, to go back there in October.

I thought it worth mentioning , I won't be down there but some of you might, so it might be worth taking a look . Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Maximus, 08-Sep-13 03:37 PM GMT

Nice stuff Goldie, great report and photos from Kent, love the CY with wings open 😊

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 08-Sep-13 04:55 PM GMT

Thank's Mike, yes! I'd a great time 😊 Goldie

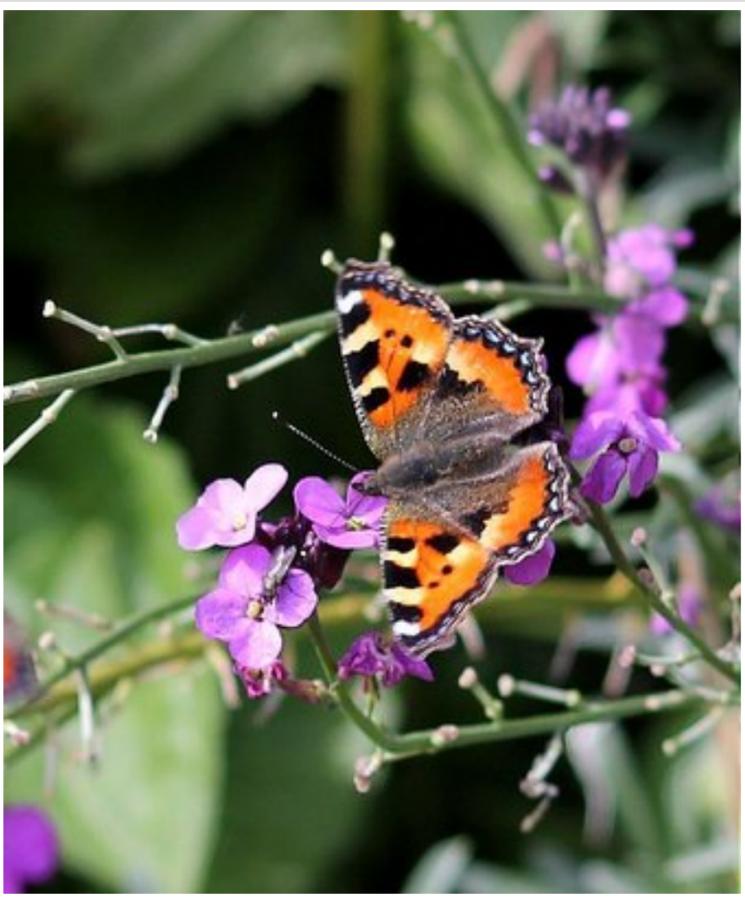
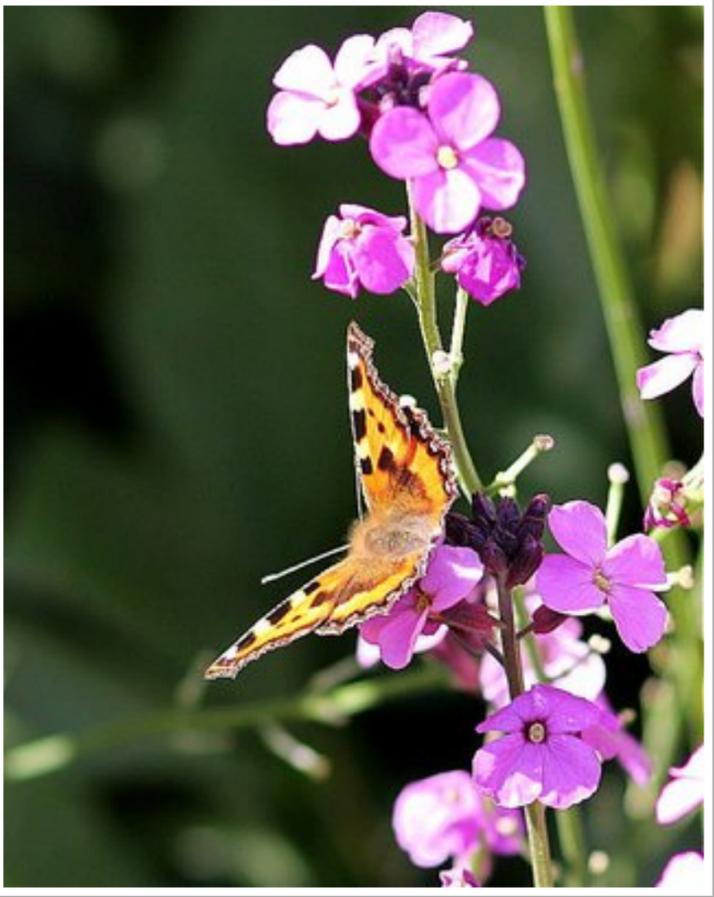
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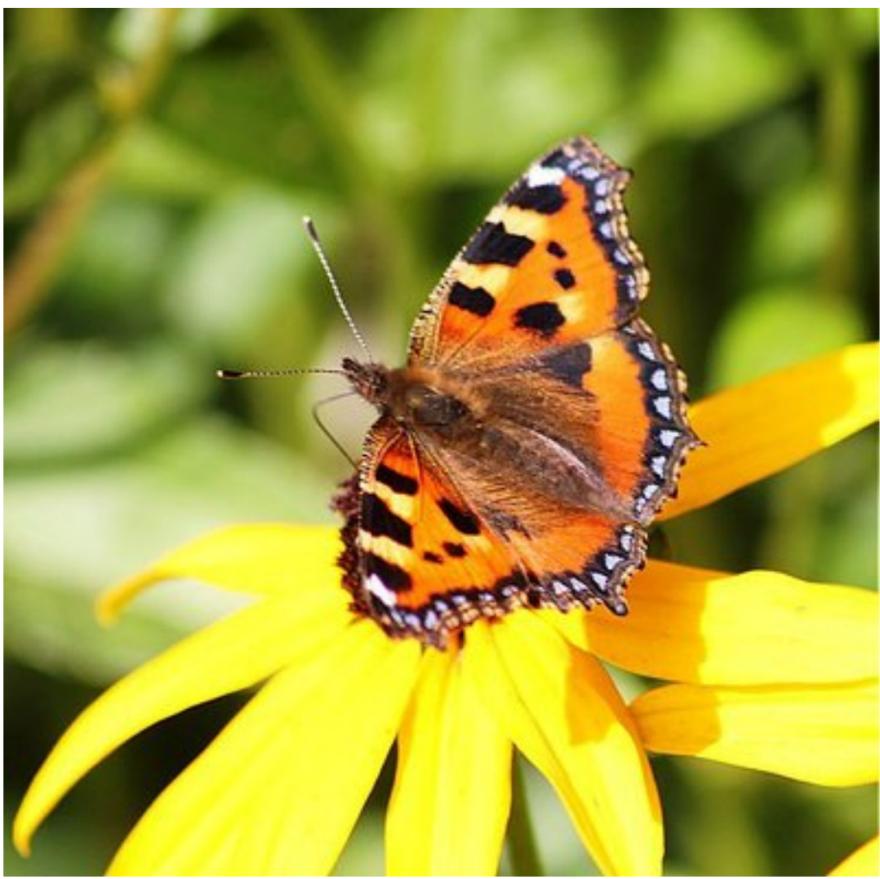
by Goldie M, 17-Sep-13 07:24 PM GMT

The weather as been awful here for three days now, so cold, I should think a lot of Butterflies have decided to call it a day and hibernate.

Last Friday I happened to go into Curry's and I saw this Sigma lens 70-300mm , since it would fit my camera I was interested and wanted to see what it could do, I was impressed with it's long range and the fact it could bring photo's up so close. Between 200mm and 300mm you can switch it to Micro close ups I was more surprised when the man said the price was £99 of course I couldn't resist and bought it 🤪 Yes! my husband was with me and gave me the go a head 😊 Like every thing else I do it was a bit impulsive and I will have to get used to the distances, but what the heck it's going to be great trying it out on the birds this winter 😊

On Saturday the 14th Sept the weather was really warm here and we had lot's of Butterflies which was great to try out the new lens, it took me a while to read what instructions there were, but finally I got a few shot's. Woody are resident Wood Pigeon posed for me, I hope the Butterfly shot's are not the last of the season around here I'm still hoping to see some Red Admiral's fingers crossed they say it could be warmer this weekend Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 17-Sep-13 10:12 PM GMT

You were lucky with the weather great shots 😊 Here's hoping the weathermen get it right about the weekend 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 20-Sep-13 02:43 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel for your comments but it looks like we're not going to be so lucky up here with the weather this week-end, we'll be under a blanket of cloud according to the local forecast, I've been busy getting things I'd to do out of the way as well, anyway, can't grumble i've had a good year, I got three knew BF to add to my photo's this year and what a pleasure it was to see so many after the dismal weather we've had for the last two years, I hope you get more Pic's to show us Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 20-Sep-13 10:51 PM GMT

"Goldie M" wrote:

it's going to be great trying it out on the birds this winter

You seem to be having a good time with the lens already – those Small Tort photos are pretty good 😊

Having a new piece of kit can be a great stimulus, so I hope you enjoy your photography this Winter.

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 25-Sep-13 08:01 PM GMT

Thanks Mike sorry I've not answered sooner but I've had no time for computing I've been in the garden with the new lens taking shots of Small Tortoiseshell's, we've had loads every day this week even in the dull weather, as soon as the sun came out so did the Speckled wood Comma's and STS it's been great 😊

I'm glad you think I'm improving , coming from you that's fantastic, you've made my day 😊

This winter I'm going to Pennington Flash, you can always be sure of some thing different there Bird wise, also in my garden we get loads of birds so I wouldn't exactly say roll on Winter, but our pastime certainly helps to get through it .Goldie 😊

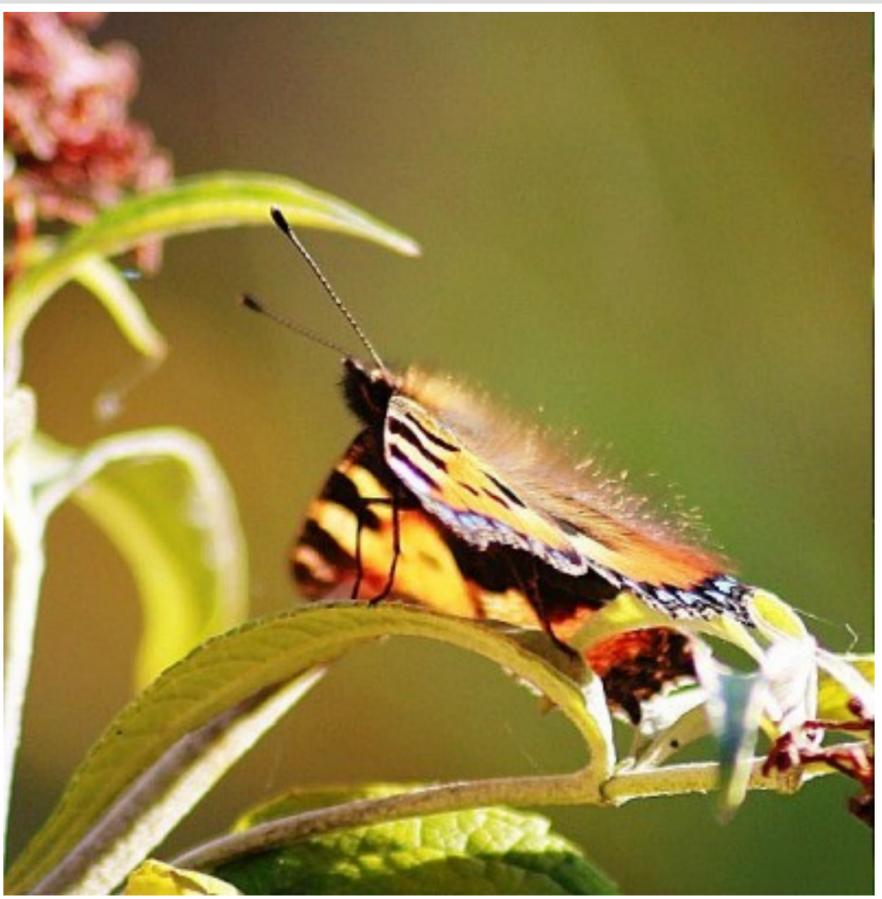
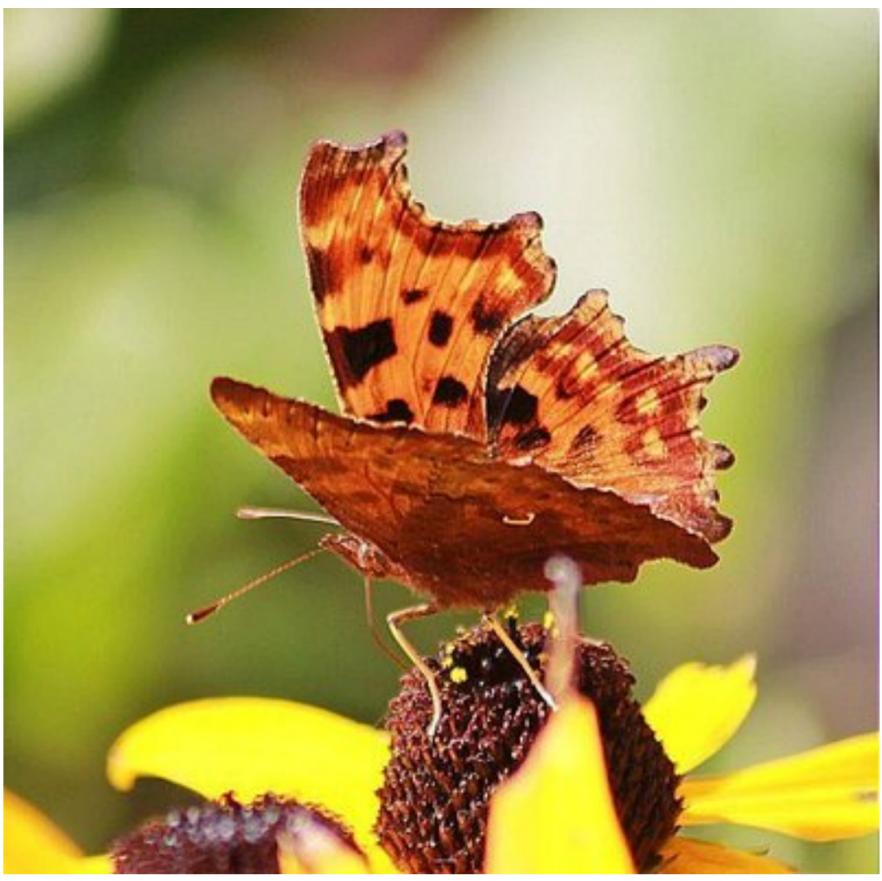
Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 29-Sep-13 04:11 PM GMT

What a week this as been, I've just got through recording my photo's of Butterflies in my garden also at Martin Mere when to my delight the Red Admiral's started to appear in my garden, It's been great 😊

Yesterday we decided to go to Fleetwood , the weather was great 20c. We arrived at Wyre Valley CP and took the longer walk towards Fleetwood along the banks of the Wyre, I thought at first that we'd see very little, then a small patch of Yellow flowers caught my eye and there was a Small Copper, just off the car park on the way back a small wall with loads of Autumn Glory was covered in Small Tortoiseshell's , Red Admiral's, Comma's even a few white's , those photo's I've still to process but I've put My Speckled Wood shot taken at MM and my Comma's from the Back Garden, also a shot of a Tortoiseshell I liked because of the way it's wings caught the light Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 29-Sep-13 05:54 PM GMT

I like that Small Tortoiseshell too, it's great as it has lots of interest – close-up, you can see the hairs and the glimpse of stained glass windows 🍷 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 02-Oct-13 08:25 PM GMT

I can see what you mean Wurzel about Stained Glass windows 😊

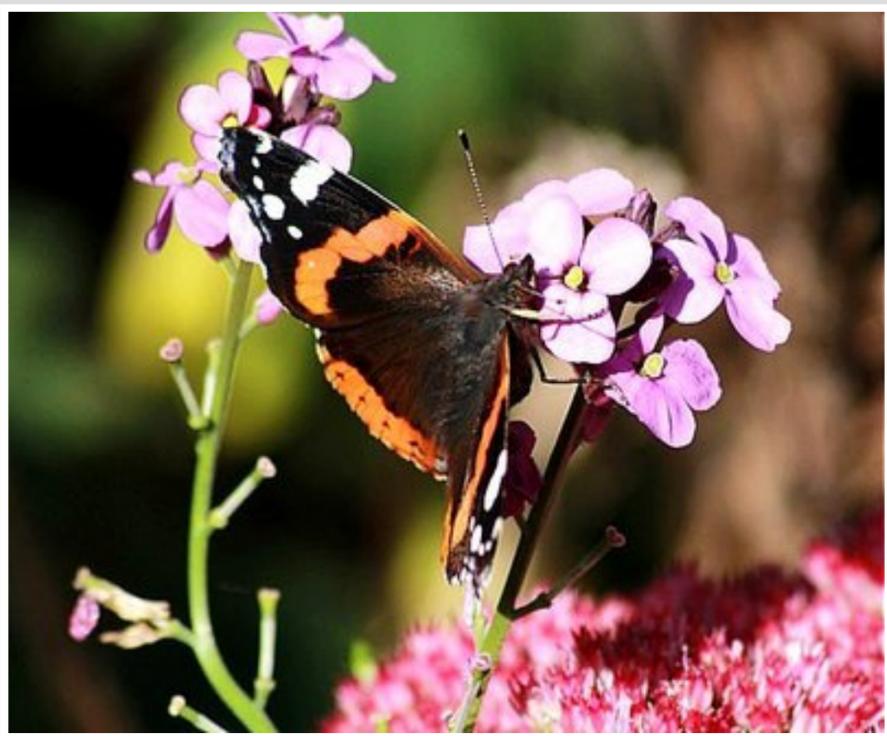
I must be strange because I tend to like the things in photo's that are differant, I have enjoyed the Red Admiral's over the last few days' today being the exception weather wise not many butterflies seen.

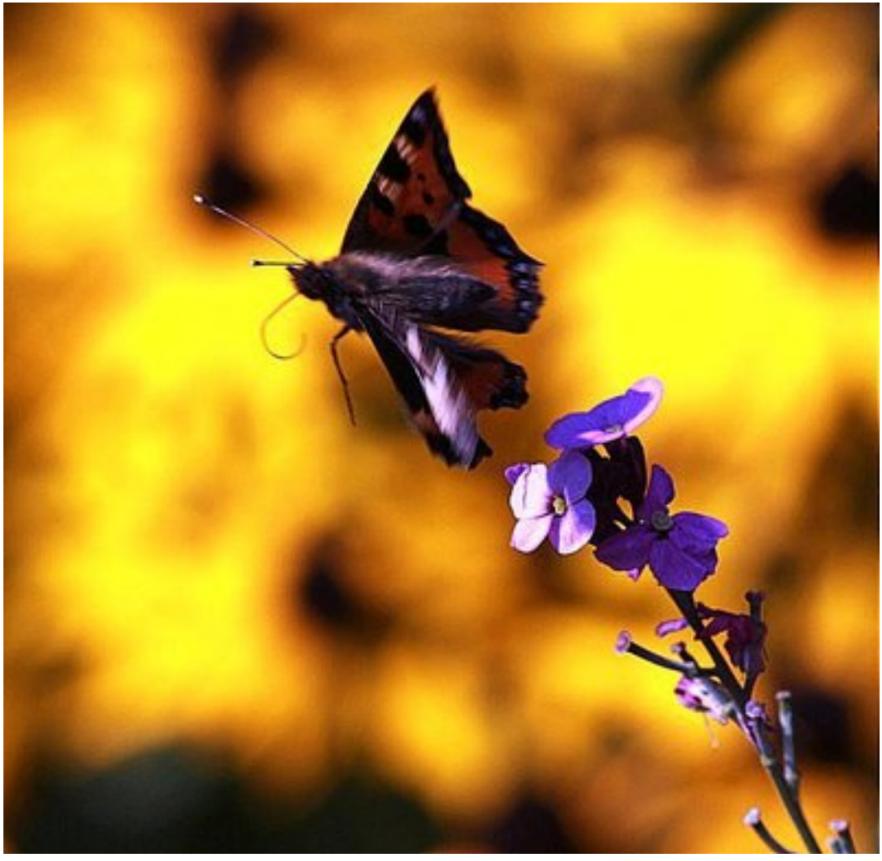
About March this year I bought a perennial Wall flower, in April I thought I'd lost it but there it was when the Snow went, it's turned out to be one of the best Plants I've had in the garden for Butterflies, not only that but it's still in flower, May to Oct is very good I'd say.

It's attracted butterflies of all kinds even the Red Admirals like it . 😊

I thought I'd put one are two shot's of my garden on it makes a change, also my Tortoiseshell taking off for the evening.

My First shot is a RA on my Wall Flower Goldie 😊







Re: Goldie M

by MikeOxon, 02-Oct-13 10:18 PM GMT

I agree with **Wurzel**; that Small Tort shot is very striking. It's a tricky type of shot to achieve but the back-lighting on the hairs has worked really well and made for an unusual and interesting shot.

I like several of your garden shots too – especially that Red Admiral on the pink flower head. The strong colours and the contrast between the red on the butterfly and the pink of the flower is very effective.

Please keep showing your 'different' pics 😊

Mike

Re: Goldie M

by millerd, 03-Oct-13 12:17 AM GMT

I like that last photo of the Tortoiseshell taking off – you can see it hasn't even had time to wind its proboscis back in again! You really get a feeling of movement from the shot.

Dave

Re: Goldie M

by Hoggers, 03-Oct-13 12:42 PM GMT

Hi Goldie, smashing photographs. You're lucky to be seeing Red Admirals – they've been very thin on the ground all year down in Kent. And I really love those big yellow and black flowers in your garden: can you tell me what they are please?

Re: Goldie M

by Debbie, 03-Oct-13 01:03 PM GMT

Great pictures 😊

Debbie

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 03-Oct-13 03:31 PM GMT

Thanks for your comments everybody it's really great to get some feed back like that, makes you think , "May be, just may be, your on the right track" 😊

Debbie, I saw your photo in the Comp for Summer, I wondered why although the photo was good you didn't put in your one of the Silver Studded Blue with the Ants all over it ? I loved that. keep in touch 😊

Hogger's those yellow flowers are called" Rudabeckers " I could be wrong on the spelling, they flower usually late August Sept ,Oct, just in time for the late Butterflies RA love them, as do all the other late Butterflies.

Dave that was a lucky shot, I was filming it when it decided to fly , lets hope I can get a few more shots like it. 😊

Thanks a lot Mike for your comments and hope fully I'll get the chance to set up more pic;s if we've got the weather this week end 😊

It's got to rain today some time, but I was in the garden this morning and back came the Comma, STS and the RA, I'd to go out but did manage a couple

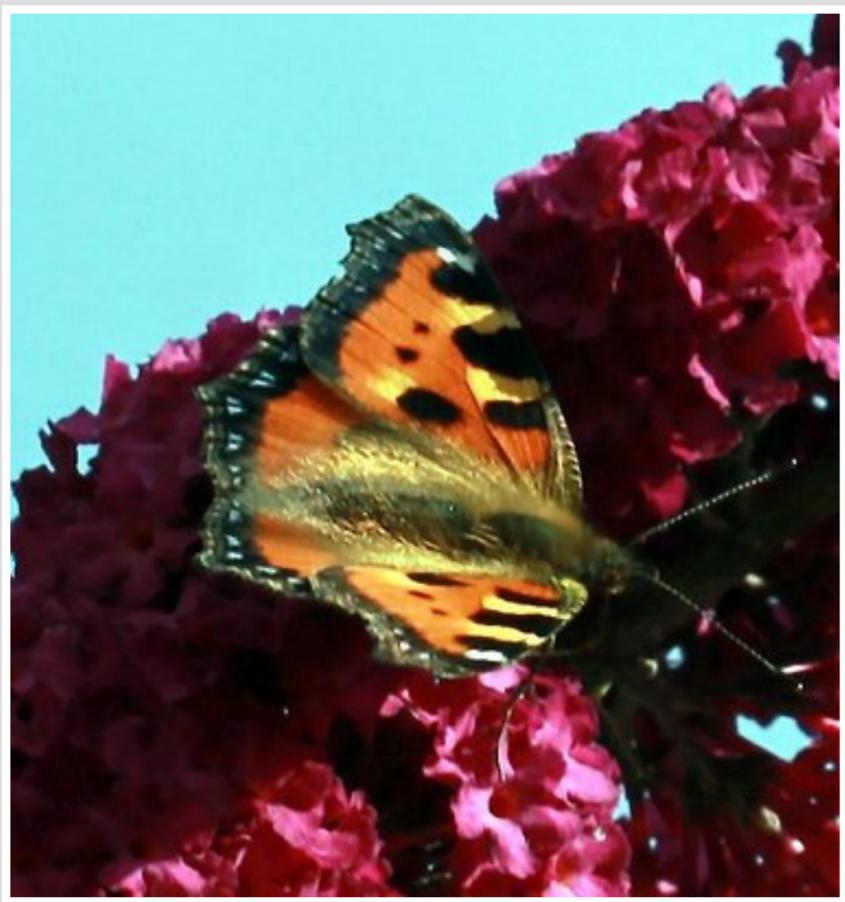
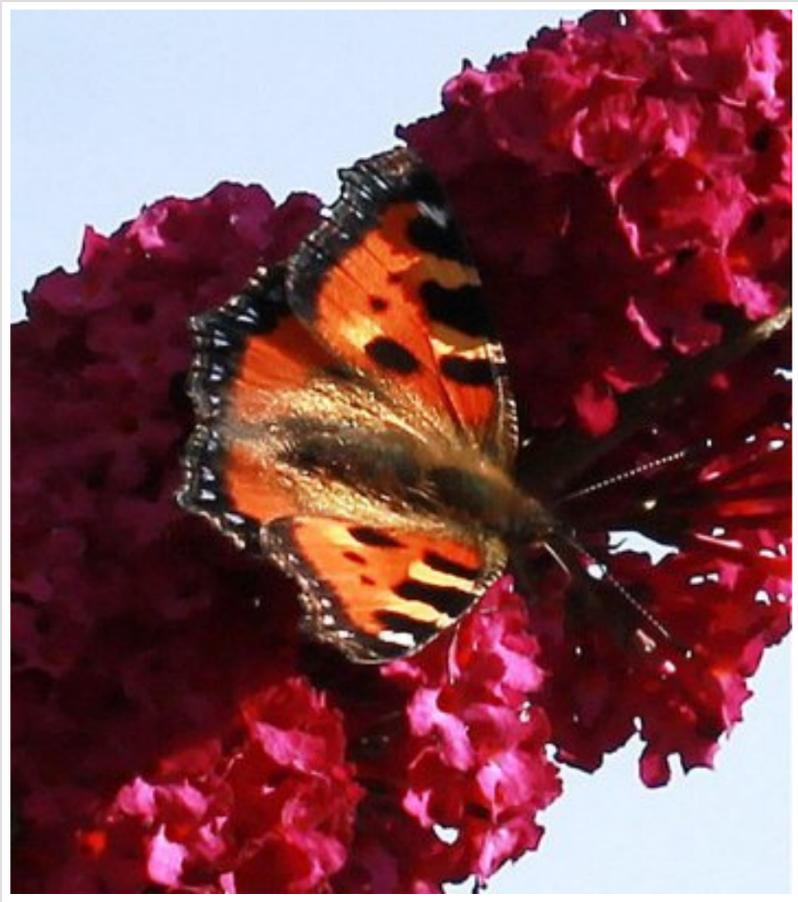
of shots 😊 Thanks again every one Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 05-Oct-13 05:01 PM GMT

In the garden this morning it was bright yet cloudy, that's how it's been all day on and off, I did see the comma again and couldn't resist taking a couple of shots which I've posted. 😊

I couldn't help but compare the weather to what it was like in July, lovely Sun sets at night and the warmth which seemed to wrap itself around you, ah! it's no good thinking about it at least I took some shots of the STS sitting in the garden with the Sun lighting up their wings, has for now I suppose we're lucky to still be getting 16c with tomorrow a little better at 19c, hope that's not accompanied by rain or cloud like today Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 05-Oct-13 08:08 PM GMT

That shot of the ST taking off is a cracker 😊👍 and your Commas from today are pretty lush as well Goldie 😊 Hope the weather is conducive tomorrow.

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 08-Oct-13 03:59 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzal for your comments I like that one too 😊 Let's hope I get some more flukes like that Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 11-Oct-13 08:32 PM GMT

We've been lucky so far this week, although it's been much colder we've still had the Butterflies mostly RA and TSs but also a Small White .

I've been wondering a bout a Red Admiral I saw on Tuesday in the back garden, at first I thought because of it's size it was a Tortoiseshell , I was amazed when I saw it was a RA. It was similar in every way to the Admiral but much ,much smaller in size, when a another Admiral arrived you could see the difference right a way and when the larger one went after the small one and chased it off ,I was more intrigued , it didn't take too long to arrive back but avoided the larger one.

I took a few shots to try to show the difference in there size needless to say they didn't stay put very long too near each other so it turned out to be a real pantomime trying to get the shots 😊

I've checked my BF books and they all say the Admiral's Male and Female are the same size, I'm wondering now if this could be some thing do with the weather we seem to blame the weather for every thing it was bad in April though so you never know Goldie 😊

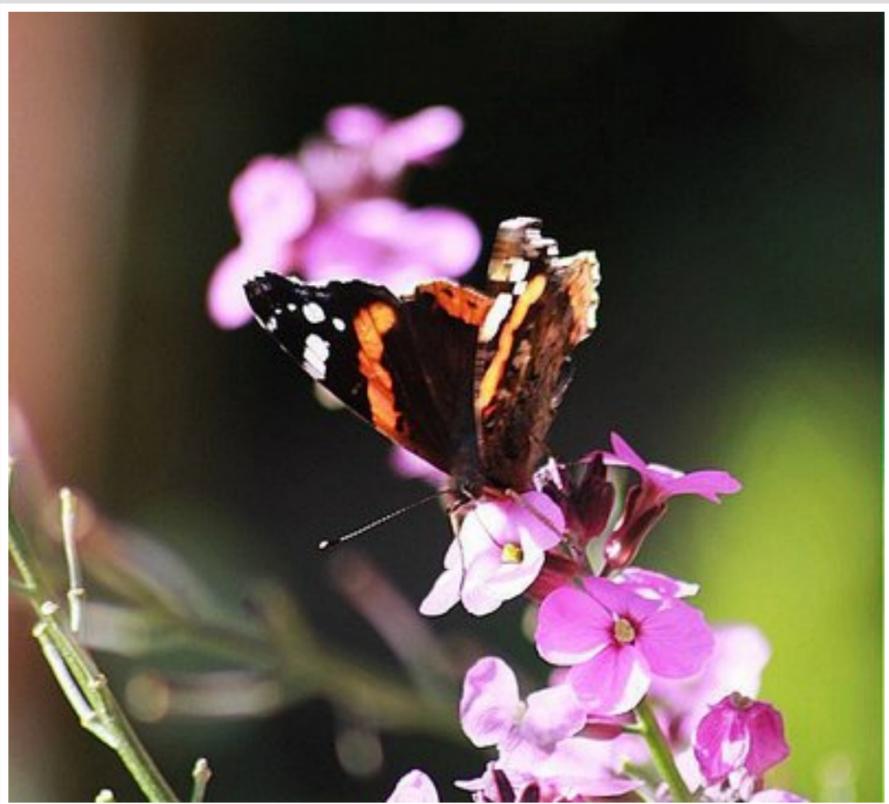


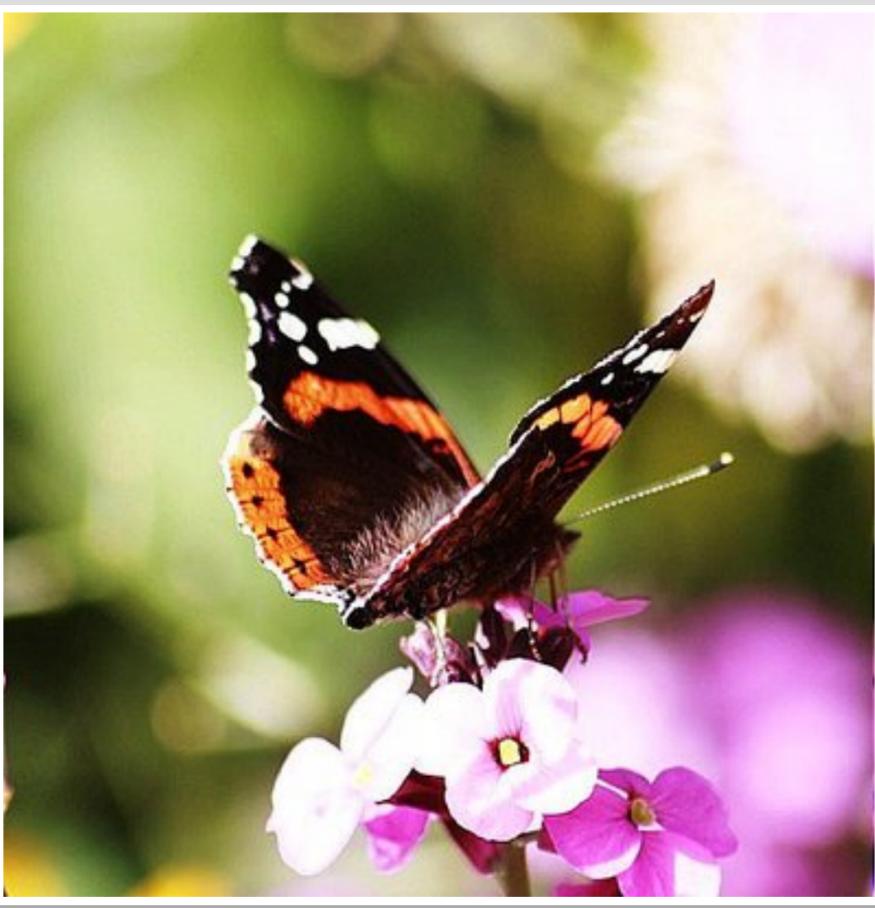
Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 13-Oct-13 03:54 PM GMT

I was hoping I'd see some more Butterflies this weekend but it looks like the cold weather has finally got them to hibernate so these may be my last photo's for 2013, of course you never know, I'm for ever the optimist 😊

I took all the photo's in my back garden , butterflies at this time of year has every one knows come mostly to gardens to refuel for Winter, not much left in the fields etc . (I'm speaking about my neck of the woods) Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 13-Oct-13 04:48 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,

Glad to see that you are still seeing some butterflies 😊

Wet and windy and downright dark and gloomy around by me this weekend 😞

All the best,

Neil.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 13-Oct-13 06:54 PM GMT

Hi! Neil, I took the photo's on the 10th Oct nothing since then though. I've been seeing some every day since Oct came in, feels funny to look out and there's nothing, still that's what the seasons are all about, 😊 Take care Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

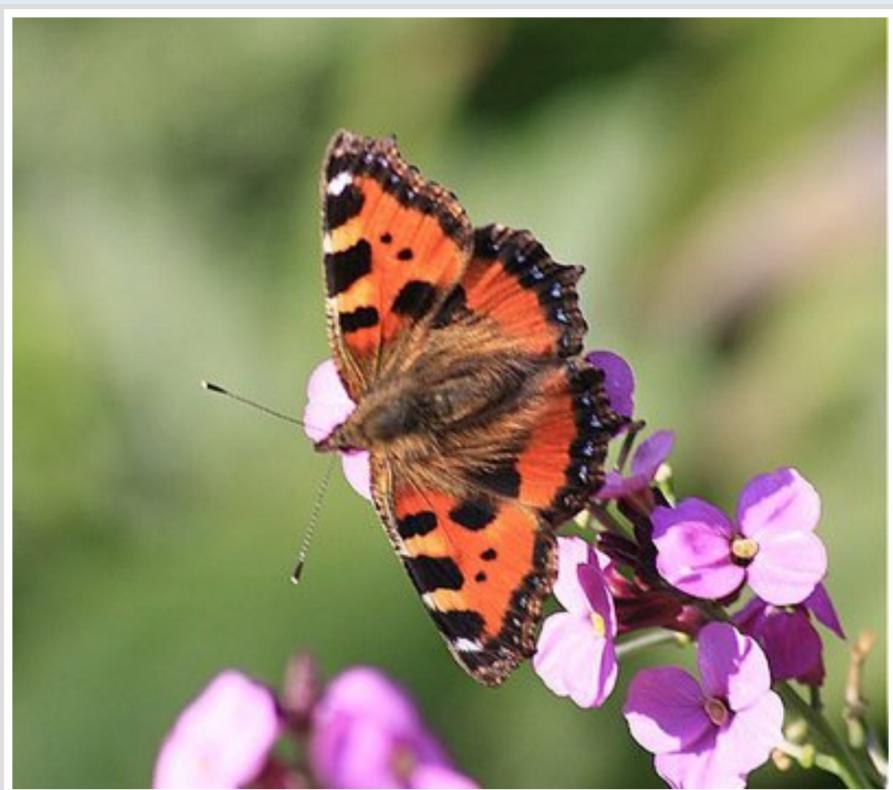
by Goldie M, 18-Oct-13 05:07 PM GMT

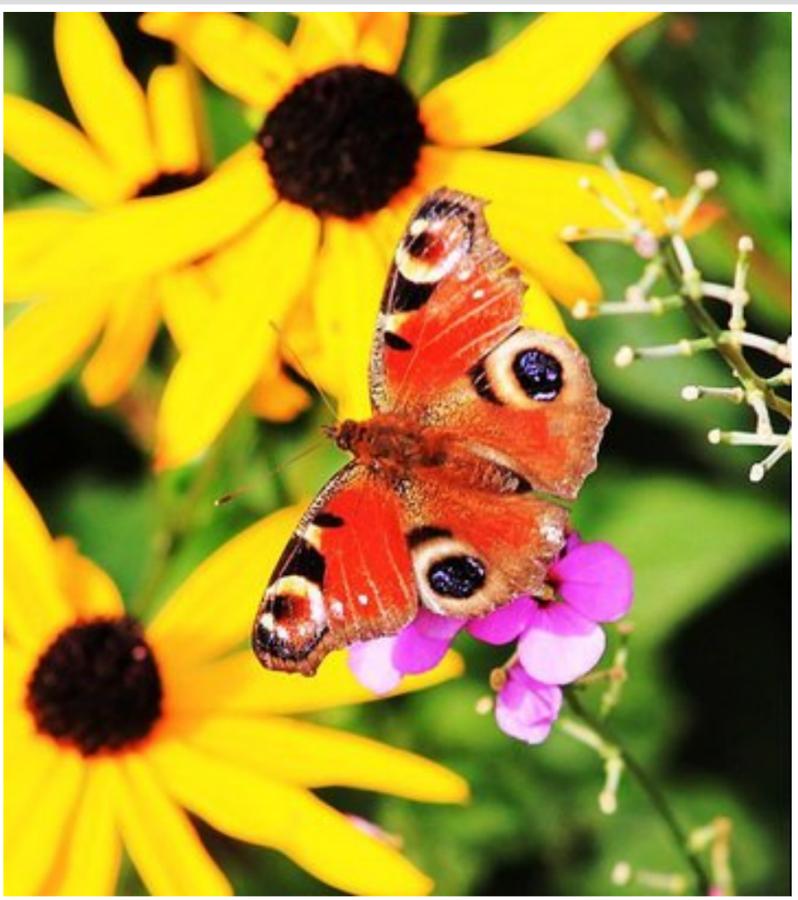
I said in my last posting I was optimistic, about seeing more BF, so I was thrilled when on Tuesday the 15th of Oct I looked out and saw movement once more in the flower beds 😊

The STS were back again not in too good a condition except for one which was a little darker than the other's and the yellow you usually see was not there it looked in decent shape though.

I was taking shot's of the the Tortoiseshell's when this Peacock arrived he was slightly faded but very active I thought all the PC had disappeared in Sept , we'd not seen a single one the whole of Sept , so I was pleased to see this one faded or not 😊

Since then although we've had lots of rain the weather's remained mild, so you never know, 😊 Goldie





Re: Goldie M

by Hoggars, 19-Oct-13 10:55 AM GMT

Goldie, the colours in your photographs just blow me away (especially on yet another wet,dull miserable day!) They're a real treat!

Thanks for letting me know the name of your gorgeous yellow flowers. I Googled "Rudebaker" and got something about a " Rude Baker" (the things a Google search can turn up can be rather alarming!) But I eventually got to "Rudbeckia" which is otherwise called "Black Eyed Susan" and it seems to be the flower you've got so I've ordered some. They really are a joy to behold at this time of year when my garden at least is looking a bit drab.

Best Wishes

Hoggars.

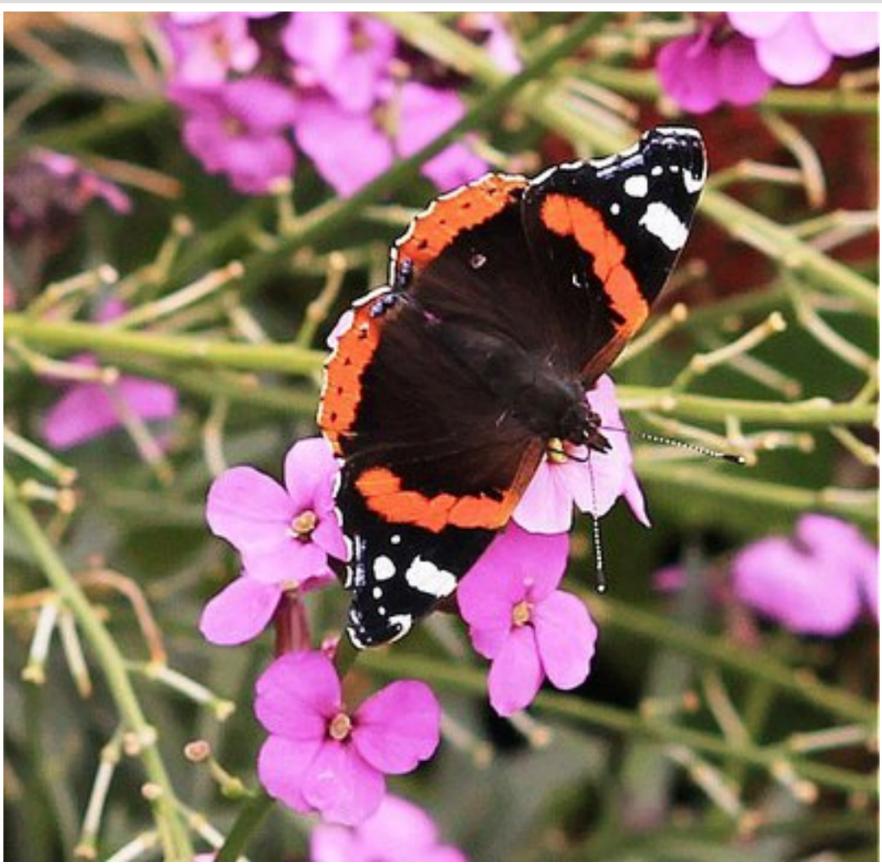
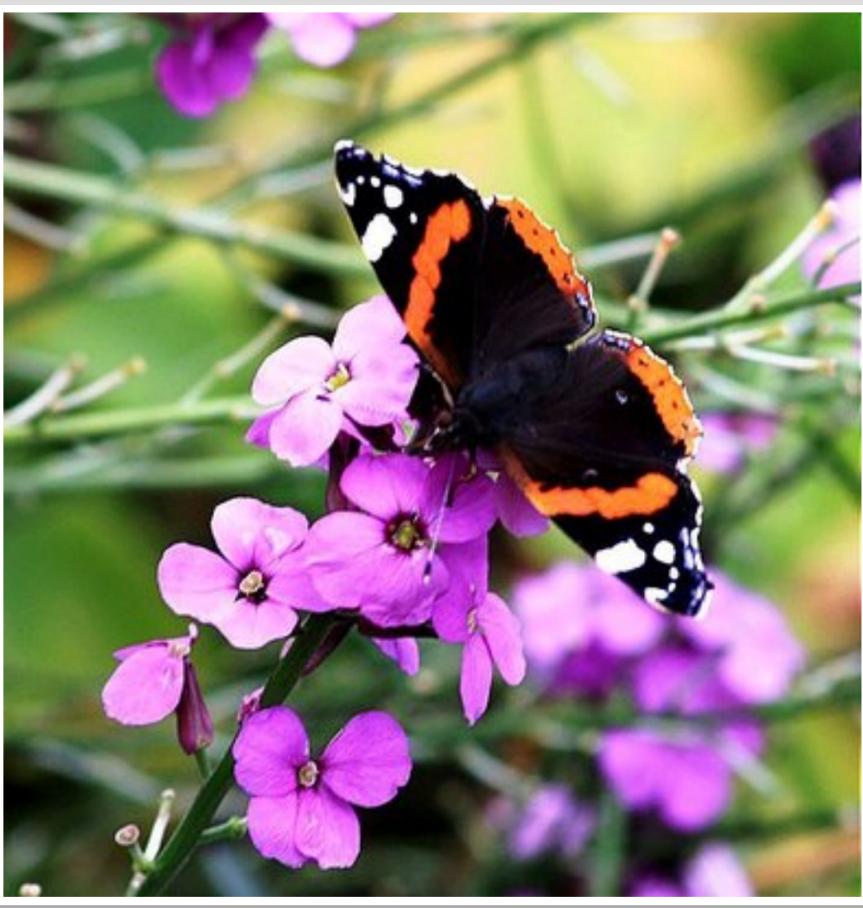
Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 19-Oct-13 03:30 PM GMT

Hi! Hogger's, thanks for the compliment on Colours, about those Rudbeckia, their great for the Garden at this time of year but the best plant I've ever had for Butterflies is my Perennial Wall Flower.

I bought it at the beginning of May and it's flowered every day since then and has had a great affect on the Butterflies the've loved it. I've just been outside now , it's rained alot but the weather is very mild and once again there was a a Red Admiral on the Wallflower.

It's a Purple colour I don't know it's name But it's definately Perennial. Other kinds of Wall flower are really just Spring flowers, ok for a couple of years then you have to grow new again from seed which is what I do and i'm planning on doing with this perennial one. Anyway I've posted a couple of photo's so you can see what it looks like and how my Red Admiral today loved it. Good luck with your new plants Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 19-Oct-13 08:41 PM GMT

Great shots of the Red Admiral Goldie 😊 You seem to be having a great run at the end of the season 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Hoggers, 20-Oct-13 11:55 AM GMT

Hi Goldie- that looks like Erysimum Bowles Mauve. I planted a lot of it this Spring and it's done very well indeed, it's still in flower now! But I'm not getting Red Admirals like you- such a shame, they've been scarce down here in Kent this year, so it's good to see your photos!

I'll let you know how I get on with the Black Eyed Susans!

Best Wishes

Hoggers

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 20-Oct-13 04:43 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzal, it's warm today but we've had lots of rain showers so if we do get another break from them maybe we could see some more, it's getting abit late now though clocks back next weekend 😞

Thanks for the name of the Wall flowers Hogger's, I'll remember that incase my seeds don't work next year 😊

I was in Kent earlier in the year and I saw only one RA and that was at Temple Ewell, I was dissapointed at the time, but I knew we usually got them in Sept up here, when they didn't appear then I got to thinking the cold Spring had got them, then in October they arrived and they've been in the garden on and off since which as been great it makes the season seem shorter if you know what I mean Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Neil Freeman, 20-Oct-13 10:07 PM GMT

Hi Goldie,

Just catching up on your diary, great shots in the last couple of posts 😊

You have reminded me that I really must get a plant or two of 'Bowles Mauve' for my garden. Also My dad used to grow Rudbeckias each year from seed that he saved from the previous year, very reliable for late summer/Autumn colour and great for butterflies as you have found.

Cheers,

Neil.

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 22-Oct-13 09:06 PM GMT

Hi! Neil, Glad you liked the photo's. I don't think the flowers will last much longer with the weather we've had lately, we have managed to get one or two walks in but no sign of any thing.

The trees are looking good though so I've been taking shots of those, I love the autum colours, I'm still hoping I may see at least one more Admiral Before they go.

It was 17c here today but the Sun didn't shine until about 1500 hrs so it was abit too late. Hope you get your plant ok next year Neil I think it's a bit late now for planting Goldie 😊

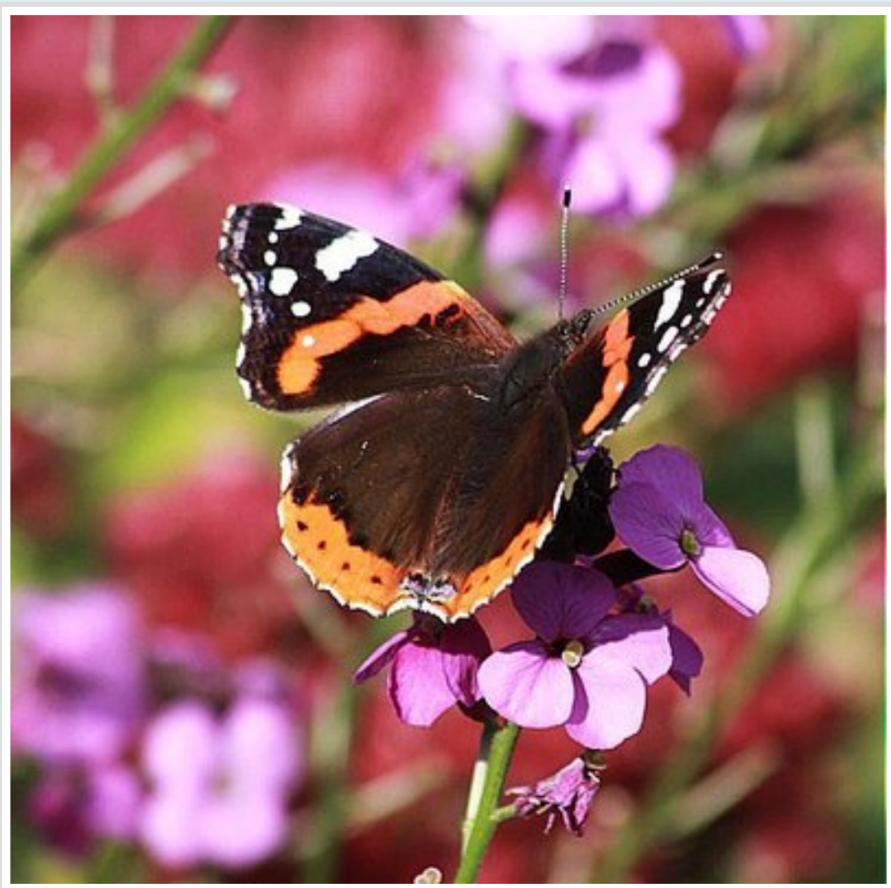
Re: Goldie M

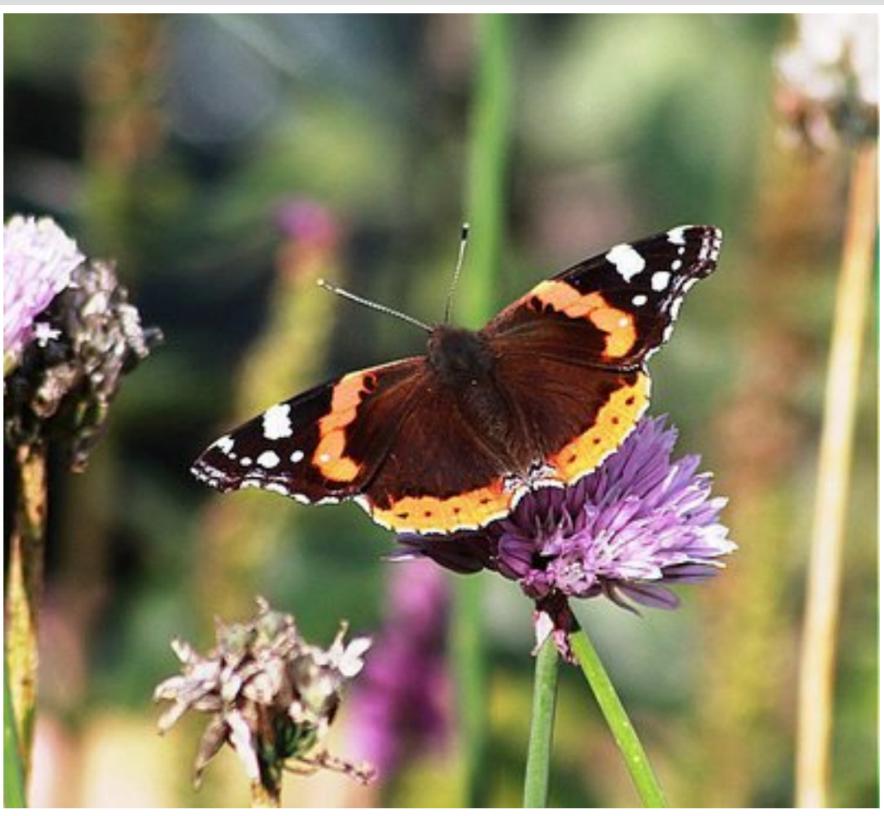
by Goldie M, 17-Nov-13 01:11 PM GMT

The weather here has been really bad lately even the birds have disapeared 😊 May be their still eating berries . 😊 But it's given a chance to go through some photo's I've taken this Summer.

Going through my photo's of RA I found this one , with a white spot , the spot seems to go into the orange marking I wondered if this is natural in some RA. Goldie 😊

I've just looked into Abberrations and I think that it's a Bialbata Goldie 😊





Re: Goldie M

by Wurzel, 17-Nov-13 04:44 PM GMT

Looks about right Goldie, great shots 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 18-Nov-13 12:35 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzal, it pays to go through your photo's and when you find some thing that's differant (Great) By the way I love your Graylings in Favourite's Goldie 😊

Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 19-Nov-13 08:58 PM GMT

When I opened my diary at first it was all about "Waste Land" , since then it's been made into a very small Country Park.

It's been taken over by the council and Forestry Com it's got a name Hall- Lee- Brook ,which I've mentioned a few times with the photo's I've taken and Posted.

Each year we seem to get more and more Butterflies there, Peacock's, STS, Green V Whites in fact all the Whites except for the Wood W of course. In Spring Orange Tips, this summer was great, butterflies were every where and one morning in July I saw my first Meadow Brown there. 22nd July.

At first I thought it was a Butterfly in trouble, it seemed to be struggling and a couple of dogs near by were coming our way so I bent down and very gently got it to go on my finger, then I realised it must just have come out of it's Chrysalis it's wings were curled and it was struggling to open them, the dogs had gone passed us by this time, it stayed on my finger for quite a while and I managed to take a photo, (Butterfly in one hand camera juggling in the other):lol: It gradually sorted out it's wings and I placed it on a large blade of grass and off it flew, to my relief. 😊

Looking back over the year it's amazing Summer etc, there are certain episodes that we can relate to and think bout and for me this is just one Goldie 😊



Re: Goldie M

by Goldie M, 26-Nov-13 09:20 PM GMT

Last Friday the weather was great cold, but Ideal for walking so we decided to go to Penn Flash, I thought it a good Idea to see what the new camera could do with Birds, (not to mention the camrea person) 😊

We went into a bird hide and way off in the distance I could see a Gray Heron so I took a photo, I don't think I'm to impressed with it's range, anyway we moved on to where the smaller birds are fed and I got a shot at a Robin which landed in front of the hide and a Blue Tit, I 'm liking these two photo's but the one of the Heron leaves alot to be desired I think.

Still practise makes perfect so they say so I'll have to try out differant things with the camera. (I couldn't resist taking the Swan) Goldie 😊



