

Bentley Wood – 17th July 2014 – Evening

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So far this year it's Emperor 4 Mark 0 – one even landed on the car whilst I was walking the dog....

Anyhow, with it being extra warm this evening 26 deg. as I drove up the track – I thought just maybe.

Anyhow, it wasn't to be – Emperor 5 Mark 0

Trip wasn't wasted though as there were a great number of other species to see.

I also came across a full-on expert; these are easy to identify – usually a beard, waistcoat, in this case a thermometer attached to said waistcoat and the giveaway – Swarovski bins. The 'jizz' is unmissable. Oh – also, really friendly and helpful!

Anyhow, he was intently peering at the top of the oaks and talk came on to Purple Hairstreaks and he explained what to look for. 2 mins later I found a couple flitting about the top of the oaks – so I was completely made up as they're a first for me! I found at least 5 more lots on the way back to the car – one group numbered around 7 – is it normal for them to be so active in the evening?

I also went down a new path on the way back – a real feast of Peacocks, White Admiral and SWF

A great way to spend a couple of hours.

All the best, Mark.