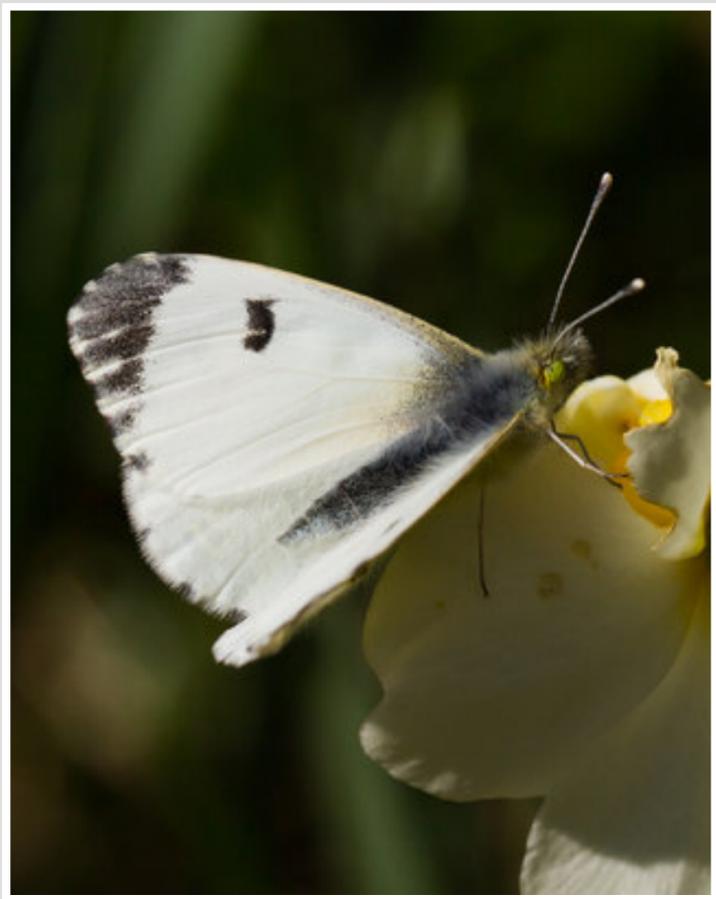


Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 18-Apr-14 09:00 PM GMT

2014

Finally the new season is underway up here. Wall to wall blue sky, and following the Commas, Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells which have been braving things for a while, today bought the first Orange Tips (2 males and 2 females) and Green-veined Whites. So to celebrate....



Canon 7D AE mode 1/800 f9.0 iso125 exp comp -1/3 EF100mm Macro

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-Apr-14 05:39 PM GMT

A trip out for our local rubi provided a couple of decent images, the white spotting being a bit off white in a couple of them this year, no idea why. Also a rather pleasant bird encounter, excuse the poor quality, using a macro lens for bird photos is a bit hopeless 😊

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Re: Reverdin

by Rogerdodge, 21-Apr-14 05:48 PM GMT

Paul

Impressed with both the GH and the Ring Ouzel. How close did you get? I used to see them on Exmoor, but they seem to have gone now – sad. Good to see your season has got off to a good start.

I spent the weekend at Marsland and had some excellent PBF encounters.

See you soon.

Roger

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-Apr-14 06:10 PM GMT

That was from about 30 feet away.... never had one let me that close before.... think I dragged myself across every moorland thistle on my way though 😊

PBFs a bit of a way off for me yet. Hope U both well

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 26-Apr-14 07:14 PM GMT

More Green Hairstreaks today... 2 reasons.. firstly I love them, secondly, there's not much else to see here at the moment. 😊😞

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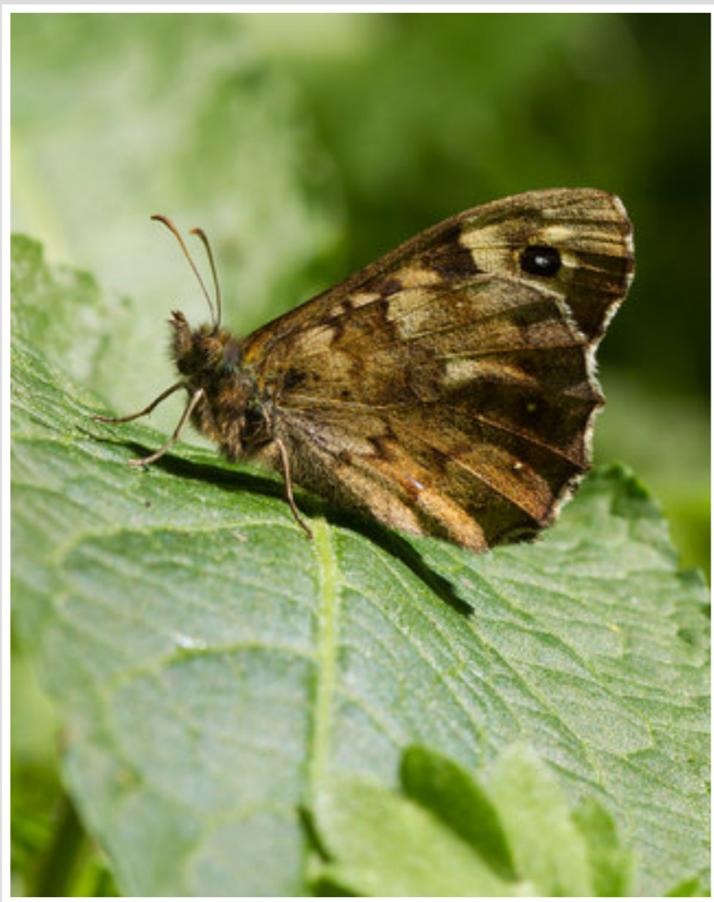
Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 20-May-14 09:56 PM GMT

Just wandered round the garden at dusk, and ended up gazing into the leaves of our two 20 foot Elms, Sapporo Gold, I planted some approx. 7 years ago. Whilst wondering which moth catty was creating all those ragged leaves, my eyes settled on first one, then a second slug like silhouette – low enough down to confirm White-letter Hairstreak has arrived, and all on it's own, no help from me (promise 😊) – If I can see two, how many more might there be... I just hope they survive the feeding birds. Sort of thing I had hoped for, and indeed planted the trees for... yay!

First Small Copper of the year for me last week.... and on my wild patch..... yay again!

Lastly, a couple of shots of the sort of mundane stuff you are all bored with now this year....



Re: Reverdin

by Rogerdodge, 21-May-14 04:57 AM GMT

Paul

Brilliant news about the White-letter Hairstreak.

Is it worth while rearing one, protected from predators, in a sleeve?

Just a thought.

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-May-14 10:16 PM GMT

Hi Roger

I now see three ! I will just let nature take it's course.... I really would love this to become a regular habitat for them, but if it's going to, it needs to be naturally viable.... imagine sitting back with a cold one in the garden, contemplating WLH's going about their life with the thought they arrived 'cos I provided the trees. 😊

Here's a pic from tonight....



Isn't that camouflage just brilliant !

Incidentally, Sapporo Gold seems to flower very early here, compared to Wych Elm. Mine have been flowering for 4 years now but the last 3 years, all the flowers destroyed by frost... this year has been so mild they were maintained to point of seed. I hope this won't mean the larvae will be wiped out in future years by more normal weather. I have put 2 Wych Elm by their side, as bought as "Bonzai's" at a very local Garden Centre.... They are now 10 foot and growing, but not yet at flowering maturity.

Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 21-May-14 10:34 PM GMT

It's a brilliant thing you've done, Paul. And fantastic pictures of the cats, too. The pupae are difficult to find but with a cold thing, a pair of binoculars and a nice sunny evening you should be able to scan every twig and leaf ...

Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-May-14 10:50 PM GMT

Cheers Guy, I will be unable to resist looking!!!..... the remains of many of the flowers, husk like now, are really really WLH pupa like, and it will be like looking for a needle in a haystack.... just reminds you how wonderfully the pupa mimics the host.

Oh, and one very lucky WLH larvae to have found you, wasn't he/ she. One more butterfly to grace our planet hopefully 😊

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 22-May-14 09:25 PM GMT

fourth WLH catty now visible, I know it is number 4 'cos it's on the other tree!

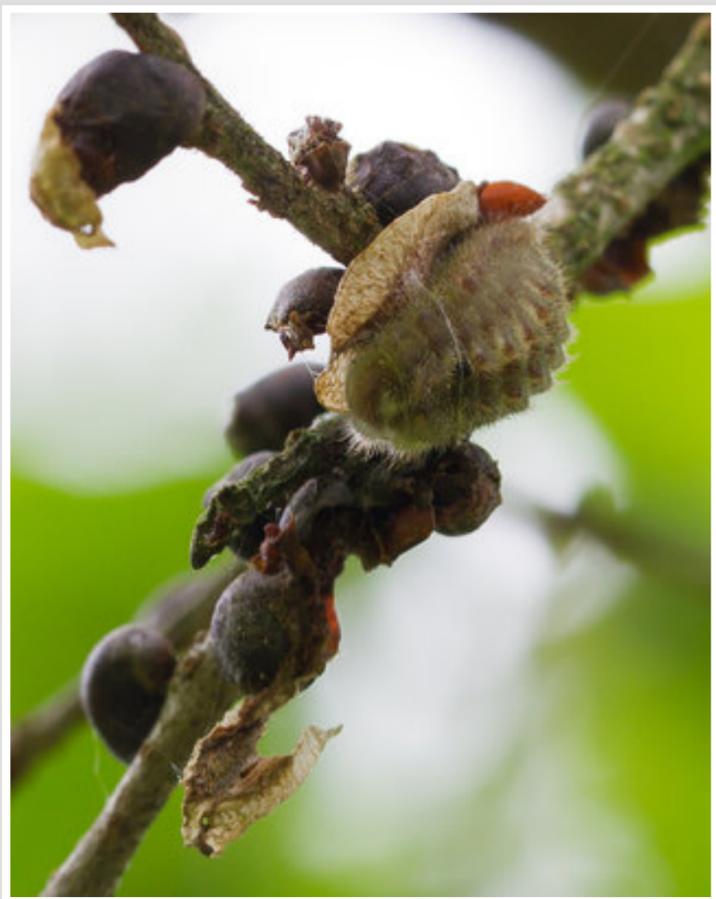
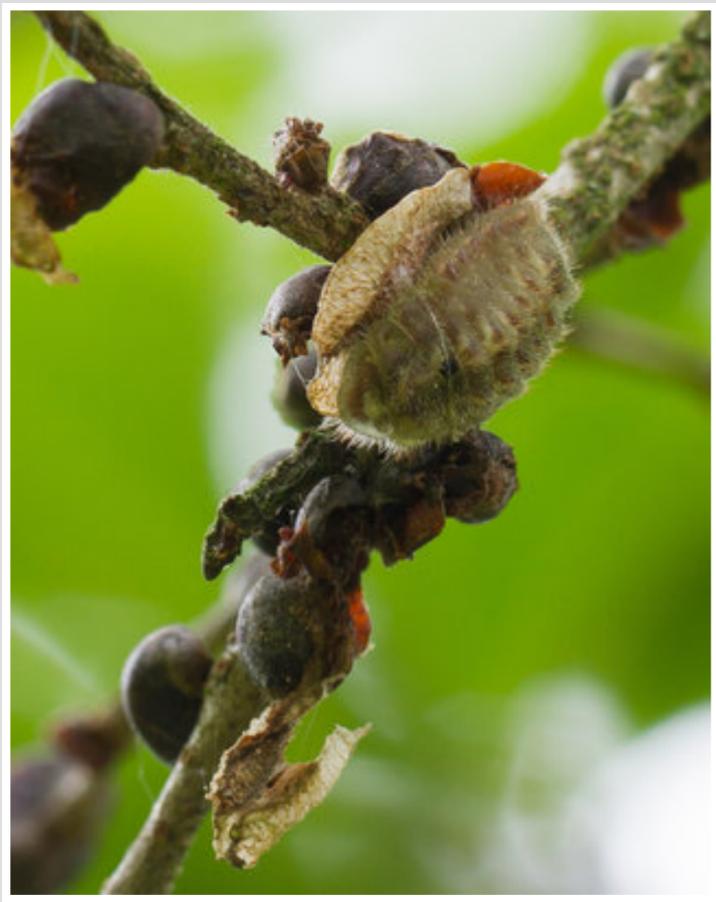
One of the others has positioned itself on the upperside of a small leaf, looking like it has loosely pulled in an overhanging leaf, and is turning colour to pupate. So it's not aimed for the old flowerbud husks I thought it might. Will try to photo it tomorrow, too dark this eve.

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 03-Jun-14 11:48 AM GMT

Hmmm... all disappeared, including the one about to pupate.... I suspected they had been swept up by birds, but today, on scouring the branches yet again, I found this.....

(Blooming difficult to photograph, so forgive the shortcomings!!! 😊)



So all is NOT lost... yay!

Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 03-Jun-14 01:48 PM GMT

I think those are superb photos, Paul! And I agree, yay!

Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 03-Jun-14 09:41 PM GMT

Thanks 😊 but do you think the little black spot looks a bit ominous where the silk thread passes over... ? parasitized 😞 ???
I suppose I'll find out eventually

Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 03-Jun-14 10:08 PM GMT

I see what you mean. It does look as if something gave it an injection – but there might be some other explanation. It should pupate properly within a few days, then you might get a better look (or if it doesn't, then sadly it has succumbed).

It's stressful, this wild early stage watching! Most of our wards are inevitably doomed ... 😞 It has to be thus.

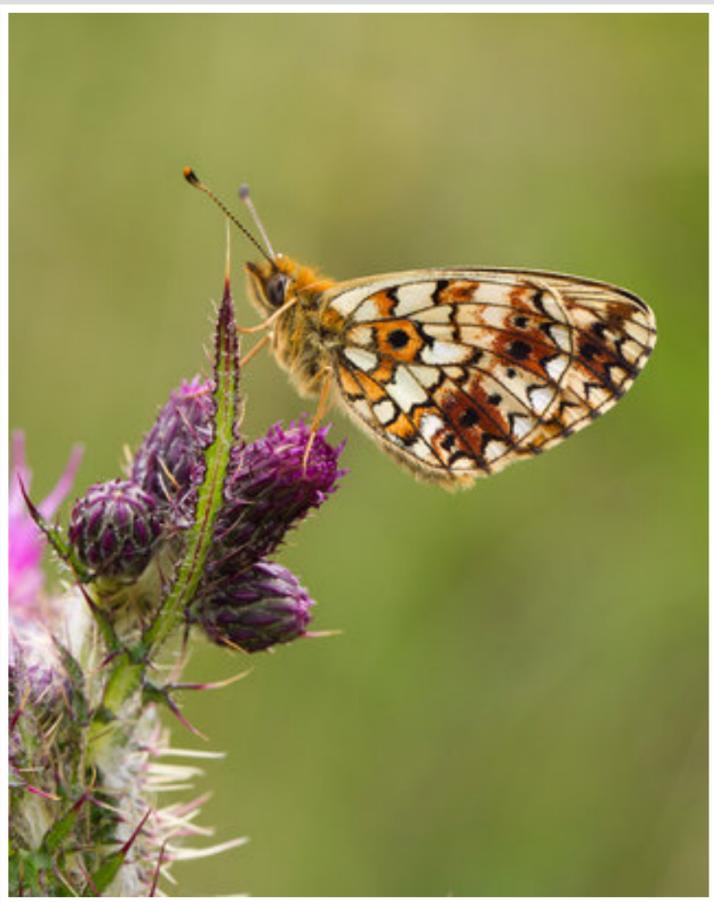
Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 21-Jun-14 09:55 PM GMT

Took a trip to the North Yorkshire Large Heath colony today, with reasonable results, fresh butterflies, maybe 10 or so in all, on a warm, still, partly cloudy day. I think by it's behaviour, the Small Pearl was emergent.





Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 13-Jul-14 12:18 AM GMT

Just out of interest... scotica subspecies of *tullia*...

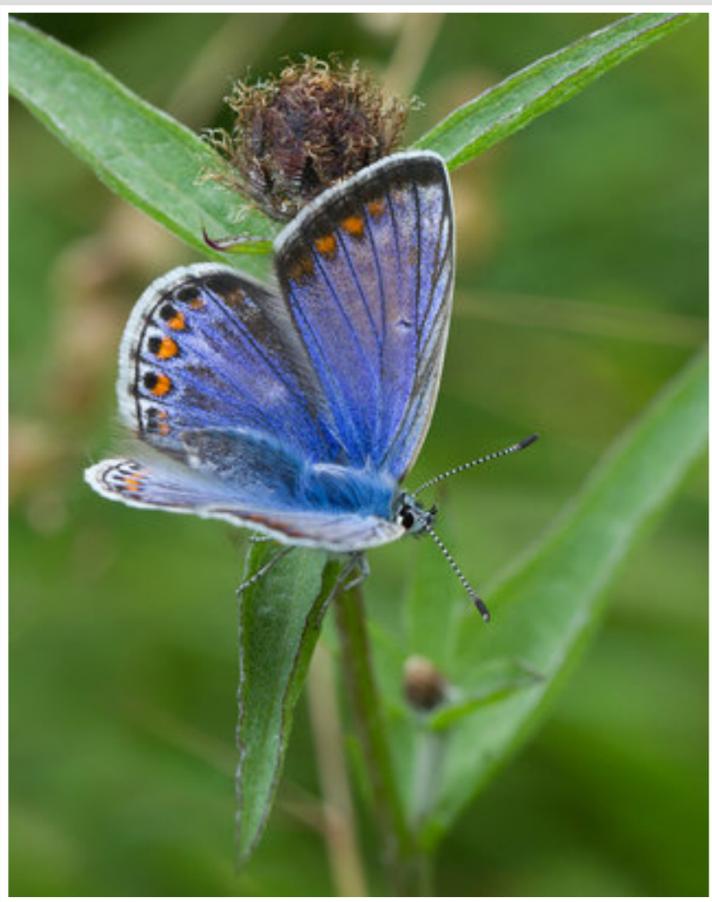


had to endure "trench foot" to get these shots, in the vicinity of Loch Garten 😊

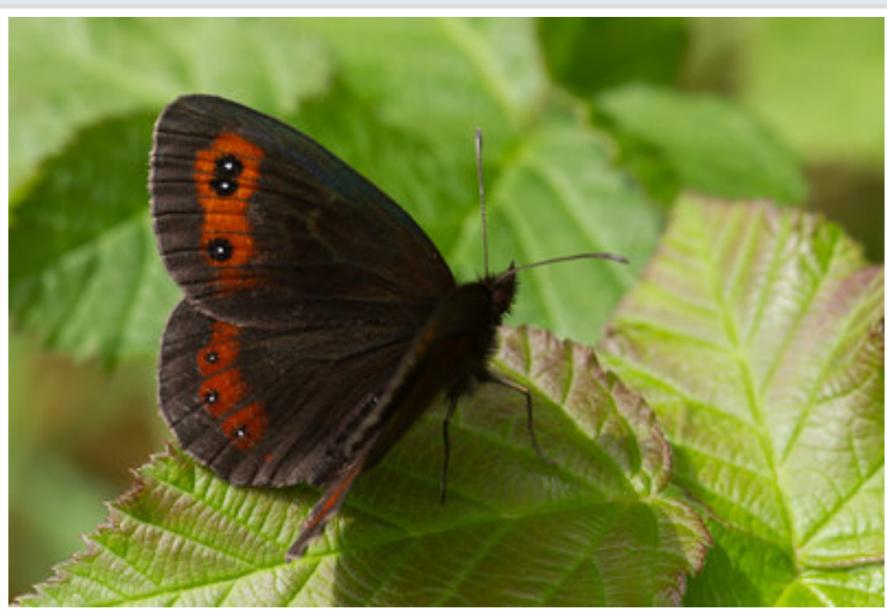
Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 20-Jul-14 10:51 PM GMT

Saw some rather pretty things today at one of Northern England's last natural outposts of *aethiops* – I have been trying for a while to get a half decent shot of an *icarus* without much luck, but these two today were exceptional (individuals, not shots 🙄)... any comments on the amount of white on the male? – they are scales, not wear!! 😊



and *aethiops* are present in small numbers at the moment..



Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 25-Oct-14 02:23 PM GMT

I am trying to re-do a website of butterfly pictures, mainly for myself and a few friends, but it is here <http://ptkbutterflies.wix.com/photo-art> if anyone wishes to see. It is very unfinished, but will act as a rolling project. Please feel free to ignore 😊😊

Re: Reverdin

by peterc, 25-Oct-14 05:25 PM GMT

Some fantastic images on your website Reverdin. I can see that it will always be an ongoing project for you particularly if you want to add the known aberrations of each species. Good luck with it

Peter

Re: Reverdin

by Padfield, 26-Oct-14 07:05 PM GMT

I'd forgotten what a brilliant photographer you were, Paul! A stunning new site – I must add it to my links pages asap.

Guy

Re: Reverdin

by Reverdin, 26-Oct-14 11:16 PM GMT

Hi chaps.. many thanks for the feedback, I appreciate it very much indeed.....

er.. Guy, I've just emailed you another link before I saw you replied here, sorry, thought you might not have seen this bit... sorry again 🙄
what's the etiquette in adding site links?... I would love to put links on mine to yours Guy, and Roger's, and maybe Matt's... do I just do it, or should I be asking???.... and Guy, are you sure you want to link to my rather more humble attempt... hahahaha 😊