

Re: M_galathea

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6th July 2014: Fermyn Wood, Northants:

Arriving under the dark skies, of what I think was the rather uncommon Undulatus Asperatus cloud formation, the day picked up around 11am in Titchmarsh Wood with a male Purple Emperor up in an oak. It wasn't long before he flew down to investigate Kinga's purple bag.

Most of the woodland butterflies one would expect to see at this time of year were flying including: Silver-washed fritillary, Ringlet, White Admiral and Purple Hairstreak. Green-veined whites and a Comma were seen taking advantage of horse poo. There were a few other nymphalids around: Red admiral and Small Tortoiseshell (which looked particularly lovely nectaring on Lesser Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)). One of the Commas in Souther Wood was quite heavily marked (pictured).

In total we perhaps saw around ten Purple Emperors, and it was good to get to see so many up close on the ground.





Alex