

## kentishman

by kentishman, 07-Jul-14 11:41 PM GMT

### Beginners Luck

Hi all  
this is my first post!

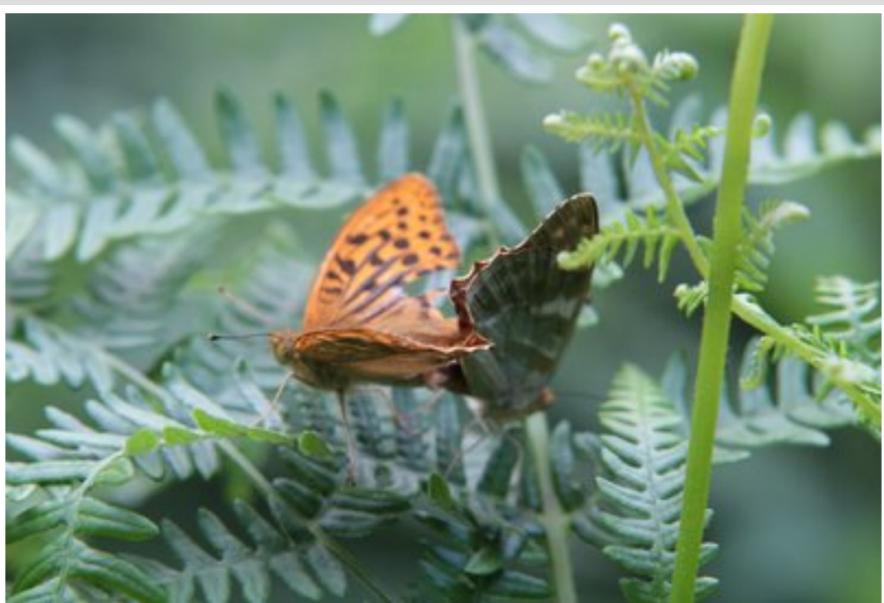
Having had the absolute pleasure of reading these amazing personal diaries for a couple of years i have decided to create my own.

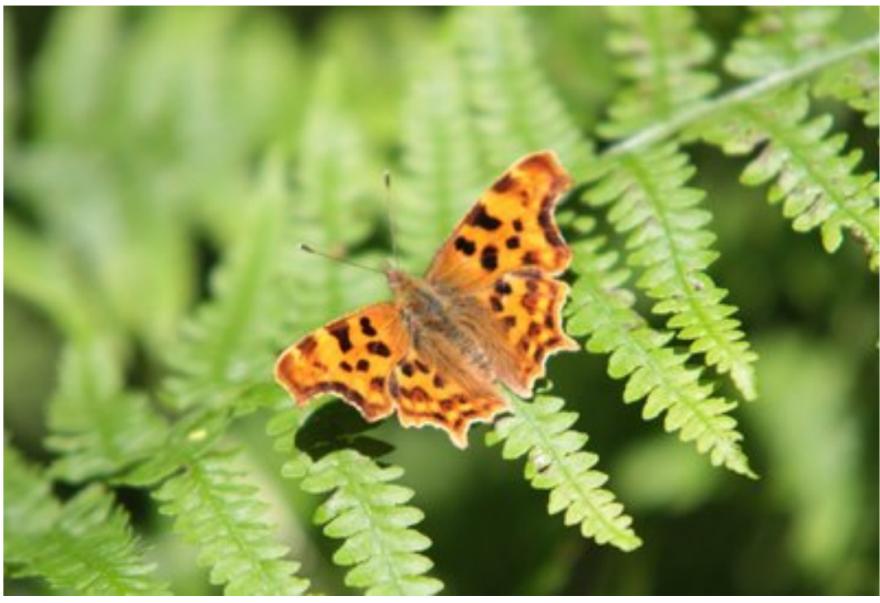
Armed with my new trusty Canon 7D i today visited Dene woods (North Tonbridge, just a 5 minute drive away) as I heard a couple of Purple Emperors had been spotted at the weekend.

No luck with the PE but I was rewarded with two Lifers – White Admiral and Silver-Wash Fritillary!!

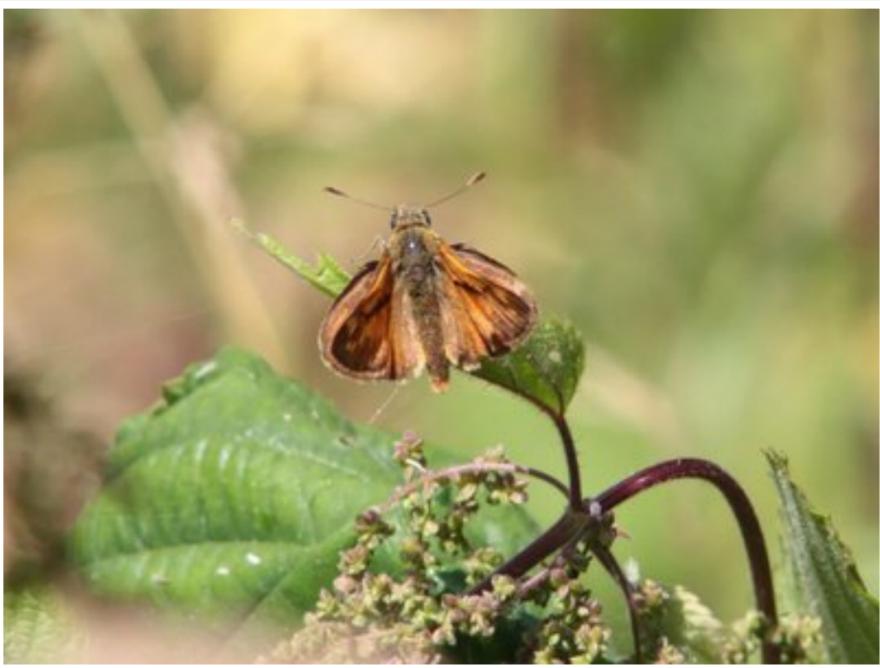
Here are some of my pics.

David (kentishman)





*Comma*



*Large Skipper*

### **Re: kentishman**

by Paul Harfield, 08-Jul-14 12:01 AM GMT

Hi Kentishman

Welcome to this friendly forum. A great start 😊 I have never seen a mating pair of Silver Washed Fritillaries before. Looking forward to more posts 😊

### **Re: kentishman**

by Mike Robinson, 08-Jul-14 07:09 AM GMT

Welcome aboard.

### **Re: kentishman**

by Neil Hulme, 08-Jul-14 07:25 AM GMT

Hi kentishman. Welcome to UKB!

If you are keen to see Purple Emperor in your area (which I suspect is gradually getting a firmer foothold in the wooded landscape spanning the Kent/E. Sussex border), you might wish to try around Eridge Rocks (Eridge Green), to the SW of Royal Tunbridge Wells. There are several sites around here which are now consistently providing sightings, despite receiving little in the way of attention from Emperor fans.

BWs, Neil

### Re: kentishman

by Pauline, 08-Jul-14 10:32 AM GMT

Welcome from me too. Great shot of the mating SWF 🍷

### Re: kentishman

by kentishman, 08-Jul-14 12:40 PM GMT

Back to Dene Park this morning for a very brief visit.

Nothing appeared to be flying at all but then the cloud broke and within a few minutes saw two female PE in the clearing just 100 yards from the car park.

The first (with damaged wing) settled very briefly and i managed just one proof shot.

The second (undamaged specimen) landed on my companion's leg but flew off up over the oak trees within seconds before i could get the camera on target.

I am amazed big these insects are and how fast these things fly!

Particularly chuffed as the enthusiasts i was with yesterday said they visit the park regularly but had not seen a PE for about 4 years.



### Re: kentishman

by Wurzel, 08-Jul-14 10:29 PM GMT

Welcome Kentishman 😊 I see the beginners luck is continuing – I had to wait three seasons for my first PE shots and 4 for my first mating pair of Silver Washed 🤔🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: kentishman

by Willow, 10-Jul-14 07:40 PM GMT

Great start with your PD David...and a warm welcome to **UK Butterflies** 😊

Bill 😊

**"When in doubt...venture out"**

### Re: kentishman

by kentishman, 12-Jul-14 03:58 PM GMT

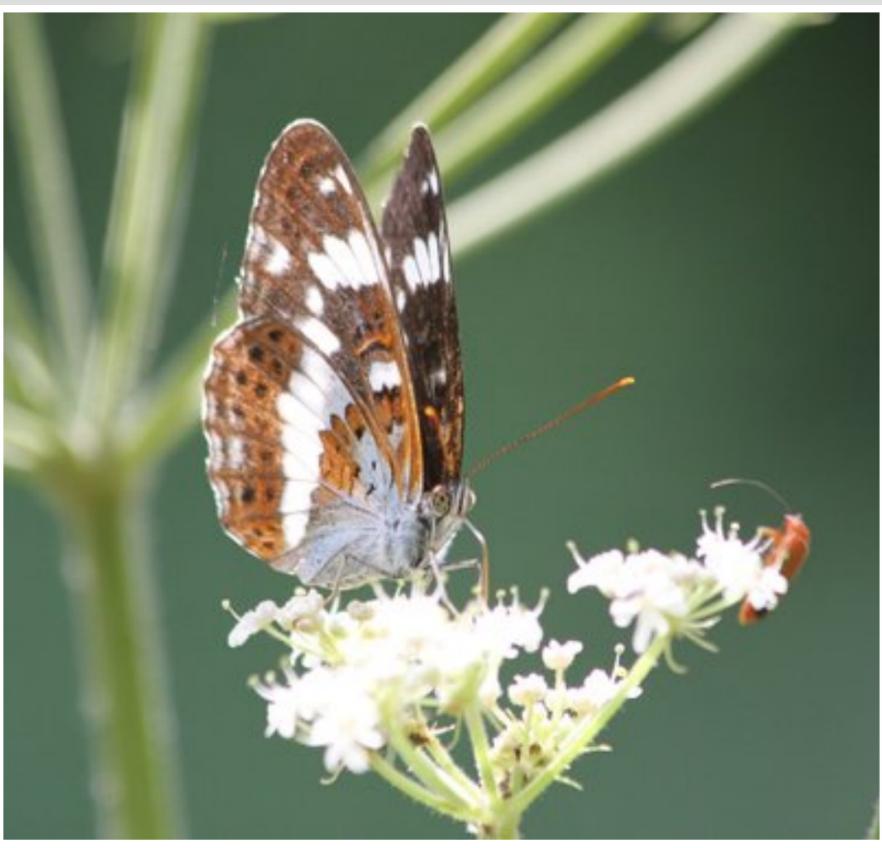
Hi y'all

Today's collection including my best White Admiral pics to date.

Can you please help me out here. is this an Essex or Small Skipper?

Cheers

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*White Admiral*



*White Admiral*





*Peacock*



*male Ringlet*

### Re: kentishman

by Mike Robinson, 13-Jul-14 08:45 AM GMT

Super White Admiral pictures.

I'm still not competent enough to confidently differentiate between Small and Essex Skippers (the males are easier, I think).

### Re: kentishman

by Pete Eeles, 13-Jul-14 09:09 AM GMT

#### "kentishman" wrote:

Can you please help me out here. is this an Essex or Small Skipper?

Looks like a male Essex; you can just about make out the sex brand of the forewing, which is parallel with the leading edge of the wing.

Cheers,

- Pete

### Re: kentishman

by Mark Colvin, 13-Jul-14 09:29 AM GMT

Hi kentishman,

Your 'male Ringlet' is in fact a male Meadow Brown.

Good hunting.

Kind regards. Mark

### Re: kentishman

by Lee Hurrell, 13-Jul-14 10:37 AM GMT

Welcome from another Kentish Man (although now in Surrey). I agree with Essex Skipper. I know Dene Park well although when I lived nearby I didn't manage to see a PE there!

Best wishes,

Lee