

## Re: celery

by celery, 07-Feb-15 01:06 AM GMT

Hi folks,

These images are of Florida butterflies taken on occasional trips between 2010 and 2014. These were winter vacations – usually taken late November – after the summer rainy season with it's accompanying threat of hurricanes and extremely high humidity has passed. Luckily, in central and southern Florida winter temperatures are comfortable, sunshine is abundant and many of the butterflies fly year-round.

So far I've seen about 55 of the 100 plus species that Florida has. To see some of the others I'd need to travel further north or at a different time of year – there are also quite a few I've simply not yet happened upon. Anyone thinking of taking a trip might like to consider the huge variety of other wildlife Florida has to offer – hundreds of species of dragonflies, copious quantities of bees and wasps, lots of reptiles, many species of birds and one particularly famous mouse. 😊

All the photos were taken in the wild with a simple bridge camera (*FZ-38* or *FZ-200* in later years), handheld and without flash. Many more to come – if I get my act together properly. Hope you like 'em and I'm happy to answer any questions. Cheers.

1. [album:269b9ntv]20102[/album:269b9ntv] 2. [album:269b9ntv]20101[/album:269b9ntv] 3. [album:269b9ntv]20099[/album:269b9ntv] 4. [album:269b9ntv]20098[/album:269b9ntv]

1. Monk Skipper – *Asbolis capucinus* – Mounds Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
2. Common Buckeye – *Junonia coenia* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 17th November, 2013
3. Dainty Sulphur – *Nathalis iole* – Okeeheliee Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
4. Cassius Blue – *Leptotes cassius* – Secret Woods Regional Park, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – 15th November, 2013

## Re: celery

by David M, 07-Feb-15 02:09 AM GMT

That Common Buckeye's a real beauty.

## Re: celery

by bugboy, 07-Feb-15 02:46 AM GMT

Nice piccies.

I was flicking through your flickr and boy, do you have a big back catalogue of superb pictures. Might have to free up one evening to have a proper look through 😊

## Re: celery

by Wurzel, 07-Feb-15 07:12 AM GMT

I agree with David Celery – that Buckeye is an awesome butterfly 😊🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

## Re: celery

by celery, 07-Feb-15 09:54 AM GMT

Thanks all – it's nice to contributing again 😊

Here's a few more while I'm still feeling with a vim...

5. [album:2jmtk0hb]20119[/album:2jmtk0hb] 6. [album:2jmtk0hb]20120[/album:2jmtk0hb] 7. [album:2jmtk0hb]20121[/album:2jmtk0hb] 8. [album:2jmtk0hb]20122[/album:2jmtk0hb]

5. Dorantes Longtail – *Urbanus dorantes* – Pine Island Ridge area at Tree Tops Regional Park, Davie, Florida – 17th November, 2014
6. Atala – *Eumaeus atala* – Okeeheliee Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
7. Palamedes Swallowtail – *Papilio palamedes* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
8. Queen – *Danaus gilippus* – Okeeheliee Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014

## Re: celery

by celery, 10-Feb-15 09:03 AM GMT

Ploughing onwards... once I've sorted these I should be able to add a few pics to the 'Favourite shots of 2014' UK species threads.

9. [album:v2sc30ci]20142[/album:v2sc30ci] 10. [album:v2sc30ci]20143[/album:v2sc30ci] 11. [album:v2sc30ci]20144[/album:v2sc30ci] 12. [album:v2sc30ci]20145[/album:v2sc30ci]

9. Zebra – *Heliconius charitonius* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 20th November, 2014
10. Whirlabout – *Polites vibex* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
11. Fulvous Hairstreak – *Electrostrymon angelia* – Sunken Gardens, St. Petersburg, Florida – 12th November, 2014
12. Dun Skipper – *Euphyes vestris* – John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Key Largo, Florida – 19th November, 2013

## Re: celery

by celery, 11-Feb-15 09:08 AM GMT

Burning the midnight oil, waiting for the cricket to start. Another batch...

13. [album:21ljwske]20148[/album:21ljwske] 14. [album:21ljwske]20149[/album:21ljwske] 15. [album:21ljwske]20150[/album:21ljwske] 16. [album:21ljwske]20151[/album:21ljwske]

13. Tropical Checkered-skipper – *Pyrgus oileus* – Okeehelée Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
14. Statira Sulphur – *Phoebis statira* – Secret Woods Regional Park, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – 17th November, 2014
15. Giant Swallowtail – *Papilio cresphontes* – Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, Florida – 29th November, 2012
16. Carolina Satyr – *Hermeuptychia sosybius* – Circle B Bar Reserve, Lakeland, Florida – 13th November, 2014

## Re: celery

by celery, 13-Feb-15 01:06 AM GMT

Some skippers. Often the hardest to identify as there are over 50 species that occur in Florida – though many are spring to autumn species that only inhabit the more northerly temperate regions of the Panhandle and north-central Florida... which makes it a bit easier for winter-sun-loving softies like me. 😊

17. [album:1wvzyude]20152[/album:1wvzyude] 18. [album:1wvzyude]20153[/album:1wvzyude] 19. [album:1wvzyude]20154[/album:1wvzyude] 20. [album:1wvzyude]20155[/album:1wvzyude]

17. Clouded Skipper – *Lerema accius* – Pine Island Ridge area at Tree Tops Regional Park, Davie, Florida – 17th November, 2014
18. Least Skipper – *Ancyloxypha numitor* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
19. Three-spotted Skipper – *Cybaeus tripunctus* – Fern Forest Regional Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 14th November, 2013
20. Hammock Skipper – *Polygonus leo* – Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, Florida – 29th November, 2012

## Re: celery

by Padfield, 13-Feb-15 04:15 AM GMT

Just to say I'm really enjoying these Florida shots, Celery!

Guy

## Re: celery

by celery, 13-Feb-15 09:49 AM GMT

Thanks Guy 😊

It occurs to me that it might have been more useful if I'd organised these posts by location. That way I could've given an overview of the best sites I've found to visit – their size, habitat(s), location and condition – and some information on what species people might expect to see there. Ho hum... maybe if there's any interest I'll do that when I've finished the cataloguing of species.

Onward. Some of the larger, more 'showy' species are featured here, but please note – though some of these species are often found in butterfly parks – all of these pictures are of butterflies in the wild.

21. [album:2gggq32f]20156[/album:2gggq32f] 22. [album:2gggq32f]20157[/album:2gggq32f] 23. [album:2gggq32f]20158[/album:2gggq32f] 24. [album:2gggq32f]20159[/album:2gggq32f]

21. Julia – *Dryas iulia* – Fairchild Botanical Gardens, Coral Gables, Florida – 22nd November, 2012
22. Malachite – *Siproeta stelenes* – Pine Island Ridge area at Tree Tops Regional Park, Davie, Florida – 17th November, 2014
23. Monarch – *Danaus plexippus* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 20th November, 2014
24. Mangrove Buckeye – *Junonia evarete* – J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island, Florida – 20th November, 2010

## Re: celery

by celery, 16-Feb-15 10:23 PM GMT

Some more skippers...

25. [album:23d0urf7]20178[/album:23d0urf7] 26. [album:23d0urf7]20179[/album:23d0urf7] 27. [album:23d0urf7]20180[/album:23d0urf7] 28. [album:23d0urf7]20181[/album:23d0urf7]

25. Ocala Skipper – *Panoquina panquin* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
26. Mangrove Skipper – *Phocides pigmalion* – J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island, Florida – 20th November, 2010
27. Fiery Skipper – *Hylephila phyleus* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
28. Long-tailed Skipper – *Urbanus proteus* – Okeehelée Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014

...and some swallowtails

29. [album:23d0urf7]20182[/album:23d0urf7] 30. [album:23d0urf7]20183[/album:23d0urf7] 31. [album:23d0urf7]20184[/album:23d0urf7] 15(b). [album:23d0urf7]20185[/album:23d0urf7]

29. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail – *Papilio glaucus* – Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
30. Polydamas Swallowtail – *Battus polydamas* – Okeehelée Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
31. Pipevine Swallowtail – *Battus philenor* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 20th November, 2014
- 15(b). Giant Swallowtail – *Papilio cresphontes* – Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, Florida – 29th November, 2012

## Re: celery

by celery, 17-Feb-15 09:57 PM GMT

Sulphurs and whites.

32. [album:19yefc24]20186[/album:19yefc24] 33. [album:19yefc24]20187[/album:19yefc24] 34. [album:19yefc24]20188[/album:19yefc24] 35. [album:19yefc24]20189[/album:19yefc24]

32. Orange-barréd Sulphur – *Phoebis philea* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 17th November, 2013
33. Great Southern White – *Ascia monuste* – Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida – 17th November, 2013
34. Barréd Yellow – *Eurema daira* – Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, Bonita Springs, Florida – 17th November, 2013
35. Cloudless Sulphur – *Phoebis sennae* – Fairchild Botanical Gardens, Coral Gables, Florida – 21st November, 2013

## Re: celery

by celery, 19-Feb-15 12:14 AM GMT

Some blues and hairstreaks.

The Mallow Scrub-hairstreak is a terrible photo. It's also one of the very first shots of a butterfly I ever took in Florida. Arrived at motel in the dark. Got up early the next morning and went to a local cafe for breakfast. Walked back past a vacant lot which was *teeming* with butterflies. Nipped in to fetch my camera and started snapping away. 45 minutes and a dozen species later I called it quits. One of these species was the Mallow... **I've never seen one again.** It turns out it's quite a rare species. I even went back to the same vacant lot a couple of years later... but it had been recently sprayed for weeds (and probably also mosquitoes) – dying vegetation and zero butterflies... colony dispersed or lost.

The Red-banded Hairstreak is a terrible photo too. All the Florida nature books tell you this is a common and widespread species. Saw one in 2010... **I've never seen one again.** This one was at a distance off an elevated boardwalk in a marshy area famed for its rattlesnakes and cottonmouths. I'm not *that* dedicated.

36. [album:b2r773un]20192[/album:b2r773un] 37. [album:b2r773un]20193[/album:b2r773un] 6(b). [album:b2r773un]20194[/album:b2r773un] 38. [album:b2r773un]20195[/album:b2r773un]

36. Ceraunus Blue – *Hemiargus ceraunus* – Sanibel Island, Florida – 23rd November, 2012
37. Mallow Scrub-hairstreak – *Strymon istapa* – Pompano Beach, Florida – 14th November, 2010
- 6(b). Atala – *Eumaeus atala* – Pine Island Ridge area at Tree Tops Regional Park, Davie, Florida – 17th November, 2014
38. Red-banded Hairstreak – *Calycopis cecrops* – Corkscrew Swamp, Naples Florida – 21st November, 2010

## Re: celery

by celery, 19-Feb-15 09:30 AM GMT

Four more of the larger, more tropical species.

39. [album:3sbl2ubf]20198[/album:3sbl2ubf] 40. [album:3sbl2ubf]20199[/album:3sbl2ubf] 41. [album:3sbl2ubf]20200[/album:3sbl2ubf] 42. [album:3sbl2ubf]20201[/album:3sbl2ubf]

39. Gulf Fritillary – *Agraulis vanillae* – Secret Woods Regional Park, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – 15th November, 2013
40. Soldier – *Danaus eresimus* – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Naples, Florida – 16th November, 2013
41. Ruddy Daggerwing – *Marpesia petreus* – Fern Forest Regional Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 20th November, 2012
42. White Peacock – *Anartia jatrophae* – Frenchman's Forest Natural Area, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – 27th November, 2012

## Re: celery

by celery, 20-Feb-15 12:14 AM GMT

Nearing the end. Two skippers and two crescents.

43. [album:v5aid7jp]20203[/album:v5aid7jp] 44. [album:v5aid7jp]20204[/album:v5aid7jp] 45. [album:v5aid7jp]20205[/album:v5aid7jp] 46. [album:v5aid7jp]20206[/album:v5aid7jp]

43. Brazilian Skipper – *Calpodés ethlius* – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Naples, Florida – 16th November, 2013
44. Sachem – *Atalopedes campestris* – Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida – 14th November, 2014
45. Pearl Crescent – *Phyciodes tharos* – Okeehelée Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
46. Phaon Crescent – *Phyciodes phaon* – Fern Forest Regional Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 14th November, 2013

## Re: celery

by celery, 24-Feb-15 12:53 AM GMT

Some dodgy photos amongst this batch but at least it brings me up to a round fifty species.

47. [album:d1pxukxy]20211[/album:d1pxukxy] 48. [album:d1pxukxy]20212[/album:d1pxukxy] 49. [album:d1pxukxy]20213[/album:d1pxukxy] 50. [album:d1pxukxy]20214[/album:d1pxukxy]

47. Horace's Duskywing – *Erynnis horatius* – Fairchild Botanical Gardens, Coral Gables, Florida – 22nd November, 2010
48. Variegated Fritillary – *Euptoieta claudia* – Okeehelée Park, West Palm Beach, Florida – 15th November, 2014
49. Viceroy – *Limnitis archippus* – Fern Forest Regional Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 14th November, 2013
50. Eufala Skipper – *Lerodea eufala* – Fern Forest Regional Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 14th November, 2013

## Re: celery

by David M, 24-Feb-15 04:44 AM GMT

You've had one hell of a time, Celery. Thanks for sharing such a range of species that cannot be found naturally in Europe.

## Re: celery

by celery, 25-Feb-15 08:51 AM GMT

Thanks David 😊 I have had a good time. *Too* good in certain ways – my fondness for a tropical cocktail (or seven) means that there is hardly ever any early morning expeditions. And, of course, the sun goes down very early in winter even in Florida (around 4.45pm in late November) meaning I'm often just getting going as the daylight starts to dwindle. 😞

I generally see around forty different species per week-long holiday, but I reckon a more **dedicated** observer could overtake my overall species total in a single trip.

cheers, celery 😊

## Re: celery

by celery, 25-Feb-15 09:22 AM GMT

Just a couple left to polish off this run-through of species. One couldn't be more familiar and the other I can only guess at the exact species.

Red Admiral and Painted Lady are the two British native species that also occur in Florida (dis-counting the odd stray Monarch we get) – both of which are, of course, widespread migratory species.

White Checkered-skipper and Common Checkered-skipper aren't at all easy to differentiate in the field. Ideally you need laboratory conditions in which to study the genitalia under a microscope – not *really* my cup of tea 😊 so it's an either/or ID in this instance.

51. [album:3ej46crm]20215[/album:3ej46crm] 52. [album:3ej46crm]20216[/album:3ej46crm]

51. Red Admiral – *Vanessa atalanta* – Tradewinds Park, Coconut Creek, Florida – 14th November, 2010

52. White Checkered-skipper – *Pyrgus albescens* or Common Checkered-skipper – *Pyrgus communis* – Pompano Beach, Florida – 14th November, 2010

## Re: celery

by NickMorgan, 25-Feb-15 09:48 PM GMT

Wow, now you have got me very excited. What fantastic pictures and a great variety of butterflies. We are hoping to go to Florida next summer for our family holiday. It is a kind of bribe for my son to do well in his exams next year!! Both kids want to go to the USA and he loves the idea of driving around looking at American cars and, I think, pretending he is in Grand Theft Auto!!

Of course, I am hoping that it will be good for butterflies for me!! I know it will be really hot in July and probably the butterflies will be very active. I really need to find out more about the place and consider where would be best to base ourselves.

## Re: celery

by celery, 26-Feb-15 12:54 AM GMT

Hi Nick – glad to have whet your appetite. 😊

Here's a few snippets of information that may be of some use to you.

– July is a good month to see butterflies in Florida – 4th July is when NABA (the US equivalent of Butterfly Conservation) does its annual counts. Big counts are centred in Gainesville at the University (north-central Florida), Corkscrew Swamp (south-west) and Okechee Park (south-east). So wherever you base yourself you're likely to see lots of stuff. Okechee Park regularly has the highest counts – it's also a very compact area – on a bad day you'll see 30+ species in a couple of hours.

– Loads of good sites around the areas popular with holidaymakers such as Tampa/Clearwater and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale. Less so around Orlando but it is centrally located so if you don't mind doing the odd day trip there will be plenty to keep you satisfied.

– July is hot, *very* hot, it's also humid, has high rainfall (typically a two-hour thunderstorm on most afternoons) and the mosquitoes, sand fleas and biting midges can be a real pain. On the plus side the hotels are cheaper and (aside from the Brits) the place is less full of tourists.

– American tourists aren't really interested in insects. Even if they like wildlife they're much more likely to be off dolphin/manatee-spotting or poking sticks at alligators. There are quite a lot of birders – but this means there is also an abundance of nature reserves with well-marked trails ideal for exploring by lepidopterists. Most times you may well find you have the place to just you and your kin – no queuing three-deep for a glimpse of a grounded Purple Emperor. 😊

– You should check out the websites of the various Florida chapters of NABA. Some have great information about what sites are best to visit in their locale and some of the rarer species you may encounter. I'd also recommend a book called 'Butterflies through Binoculars: Florida' by Jeffrey Glassberg *et al*. It has information on the species and a large section dedicated to the best sites – categorised into geographic regions. It is a bit old (published in 2000) so some of the info is slightly out-of-date, but it's a great starter book from which to explore further.

Hope you find this useful, happy to answer any specific questions, if and when you decide to take your trip.

cheers, celery 😊

## Re: celery

by NickMorgan, 26-Feb-15 08:40 PM GMT

Wow, thank you for so much useful information. That is exactly the sort of things that I wanted to find out, but it is often so difficult to get information like that. The Tourist Offices want to send you to theme parks and beaches, etc. I managed to pick up a second-hand copy of *Butterflies through Binoculars* a couple of weeks ago and I see the enormous number of species found in Florida. I have been wondering where the best place would be to

base ourselves, given that the kids will want to see the touristy things, in order to give myself a good choice of places to head to to look for butterflies. You have given me a lot to Google! The research into a trip abroad is sometimes as exciting as the holiday itself. Now I only hope my son applies himself at school so I don't have to go back on my word!!  
Thanks again for your help. 😊

## Re: celery

by celery, 27-Feb-15 10:15 AM GMT

Cheers Nick – you could try the carrot of theme parks, attractions and beaches for your son to achieve good exam results... but should he do poorly he gets the stick of being dragged around some of Florida's swampy hammocks, slash-pine forests and palmetto scrub with you as a punishment! 😊

Off-topic I know, but here's a few of Florida's damsels and dragons just for the fun of it...



*Band-winged Dragonlet (Erythrodiplax umbrata)*



*Blue Dasher (Pachydiplax longipennis)*



*Eastern Amberwing (Perithemis tenera)*



*Halloween Pennant (Celithemis eponina)*



*Rambur's Forktail (Ischnura ramburii)*



*Red Saddlebags (Tramea onusta)*



*Scarlet Skimmer (Crocothemis servilia)*





*Variable Dancer (Argia fumipennis)*

### Re: celery

by celery, 28-Feb-15 09:18 AM GMT

I'm conscious that this diary is starting to sound like a bit of an advert for the Florida Tourist Board – so allow me to change the location for a bit...

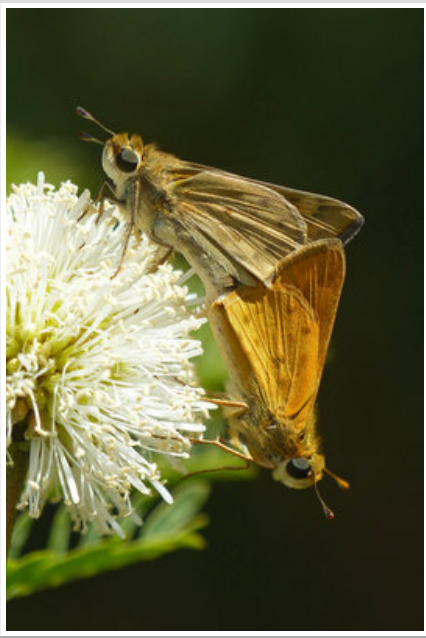
...here's a few butterflies of Barbados 😊



*Violet-banded Skipper (Nyctelius nyctelius)*



*Hanno Blue (Hemiargus hanno)*



*Fiery Skipper (Hylephila phyleus)*



*Silver-banded Hairstreak (Chlorostymon simaethis)*



*Little Yellow (Eurema lisa)*

**Re: celery**

by NickMorgan, 02-Mar-15 02:42 AM GMT

Lovely pictures. I understand that Barbados is one of the less-good Caribbean islands for butterflies.

**Re: celery**

by celery, 02-Mar-15 09:54 AM GMT



Yep, you're right Nick.

Barbados is small, flat and geographically-isolated. I certainly wouldn't recommend it as a destination solely for butterfly-spotting. Chuck in a bit of cricket, some scuba-diving, a modicum of lazing on the beach and an awful lot of drinking rum and it works out just great though 😊

What little information there is on Bajan lepidoptera mainly focuses on the larger showy species like Orions, Mimics, Monarchs and various Swallowtails – and most of the images if you google are the ones on their stamps. 😊 However, what I saw were mainly the smaller species – skippers, blues and hairstreaks – the larger species were flying through so quickly that they weren't easy to photograph.

A final batch...



*Dark Longtail (Urbanus obscurus)*



*Hanno Blue (Hemiargus hanno)*



*Long-tailed Skipper (Urbanus proteus)*



*Silver-banded Hairstreak (Chlorostymon simaethis)*



*Tropical Buckeye (Junonia genoveva)*

### **Re: celery**

by celery, 05-Mar-15 09:16 AM GMT

Anyone for spiders?

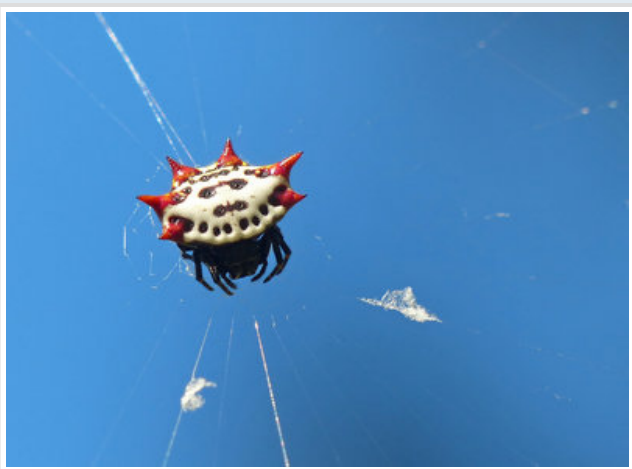
Generally I'm OK with the eight-legged freaks providing they

a) are not bigger than a hand span

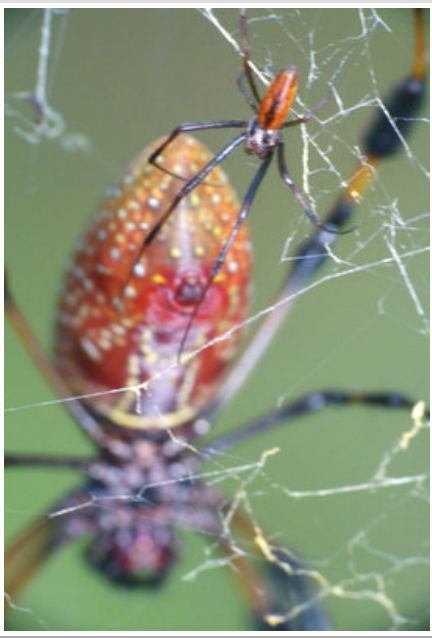
b) are not of the jumping and/or spitting variety

c) do not feature the word *widow* in their common name

which unfortunately rules out about 95% of the species in Florida 😊



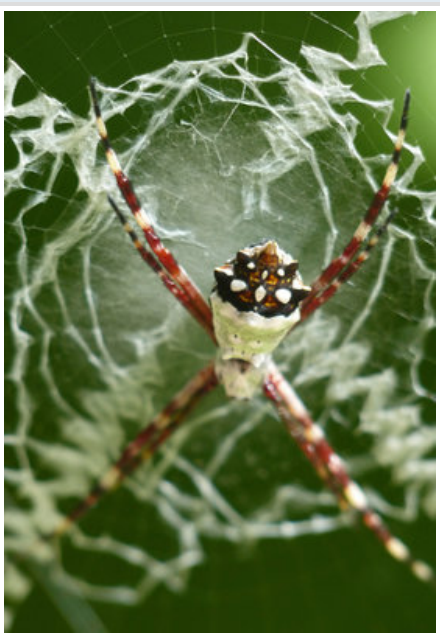
*Crab-like Spiny Orb Weaver (Gasteracantha cancriformis)*



*Golden Silk Orbweaver (Nephila clavipes) - male and female*



*Green Lynx Spider (Peucetia viridans) - with egg sac*



*Silver Argiope (Argiope argentata)*



*Venusta Orchard Spider (Leucauge venusta)*



*Whitebanded Fishing Spider (Dolomedes albineus)*

### Re: celery

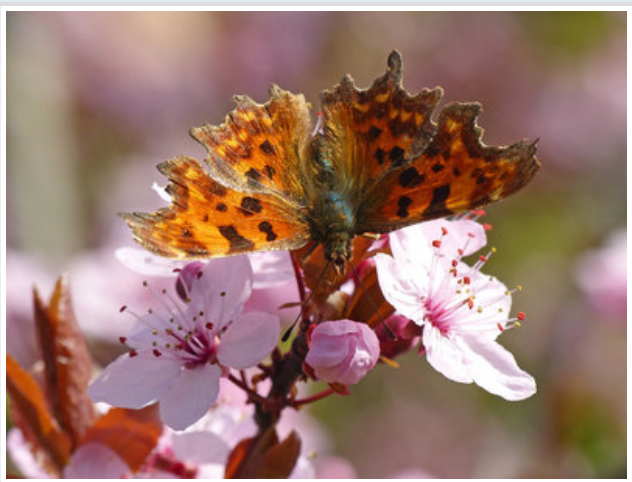
by celery, 24-Mar-15 02:03 AM GMT

A lovely day in Notts. yesterday 😊 - which granted me the chance to see the fourth species in my garden so far this year...

February 9th - Small Tortoiseshell

March 6th - Brimstone, Red Admiral

March 22nd - Comma



*Comma - Polygonia c-album - Flintham, Notts. - 22nd March, 2015*

### Re: celery

by celery, 15-Apr-15 09:24 PM GMT

Lots of quantity but no real variety in my garden at the moment. The only new butterfly species to add to the four above is...



April 6th – Peacock



Peacock – *Inachis io* – Flintham, Notts. – 10th April, 2015

Still waiting for the first Orange Tips and Holly Blues to show up. Some other critters are stirring though...



Drone-fly – *Eristalis tenax* – Flintham, Notts. – 13th March, 2015



Harlequin Ladybird – *Harmonia axyridis* – Flintham, Notts. – 10th February, 2014





Hairy-footed Flower Bee – *Anthophora plumipes* – Flintham, Notts. – 22nd March, 2015



Large Bee-fly – *Bombylius major* – Flintham, Notts. – 9th April, 2015

cheers 😊

## Re: celery

by celery, 16-Apr-15 09:31 AM GMT

Well... no sooner had I posted that last entry when I saw my next garden species...

April 15th – Orange Tip

I'd popped out into the garden to liberate the latest batch of Small Tortoiseshells that have been over-wintering in my potting shed/garage and are now seeking their freedom (a bonanza of 15 individuals today!), when I saw a lovely fresh male Orange Tip flutter slowly by the window as if to make a liar of me and my previous post. He didn't want to stop for a photo – so instead here's a few shots I've taken this year of native UK plants in my garden (though I confess that half of these are ones I've brought in, as opposed to being naturally occurring.)



Marsh-Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)



Wood Violet (*Viola odorata*)



Willow catkins (*Salix sp.*)



Snakeshead Fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*)

**Re: celery**

by Goldie M, 17-Apr-15 03:47 AM GMT

Love the flower photos Celery, sorry the Orange Tip didn't settle for you but at least you saw one 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: celery**

by celery, 22-Apr-15 12:55 AM GMT

Thanks Goldie 😊 ...still waiting for those Orange Tips to settle but at least I found something else sheltering in the geranium foliage...

April 21st - Small White



*Small White – Pieris rapae – Flintham, Notts. – 21st April, 2015*

A bit later than everywhere else perhaps, but hey-ho I ain't complainin' 😊

### **Re: celery**

by celery, 24-Apr-15 10:16 PM GMT

First 'Blue' in the garden today...



*Noodle – Russian Blue*

Actually, it was...

April 24th – Holly Blue

...but I didn't get a picture of it so you'll have to make do with my Russian Blue instead. 😊

### **Re: celery**

by celery, 27-Apr-15 11:34 PM GMT

Spent a nice couple of hours walking at Charnwood Lodge Nature Reserve, near Coalville, Leics. yesterday (Sunday 26th April). Intermittent cloud, but the sunny moments brought out a profusion of Green Hairstreaks amongst the bilberries.

Some lovely individuals with well-marked brown-edged, spotted 'streaks' on both fore and hind-wing undersides – and others with an even bolder line of white spots on just the hind-wing underside.



*well-marked on both wings*



*bold white-spotted 'streak' on the underside hind wing*



*Billberry flowers*





*super close-up of a super furry animal*

cheers 😊

**Re: celery**

by Goldie M, 27-Apr-15 11:52 PM GMT

Great Hair Streak photos celery, I've yet to photograph them this year, hope fully I will soon, love the close up shot Goldie 😊

**Re: celery**

by trevor, 28-Apr-15 12:19 AM GMT

Hi Celery,

Beautiful Green Hairstreaks, I was hoping to see some today, alas none, but I did find some Pearl Bordered Fritillaries, so I came home happy.

Best wishes,  
TREVOR.

**Re: celery**

by Neil Freeman, 28-Apr-15 03:59 AM GMT

Hi Celery,

Great Green Hairstreak photos. It seems that they are out everywhere except Warwickshire so far, mind you it seemed that way last year as well.

Cheers,

Neil

**Re: celery**

by David M, 28-Apr-15 05:40 AM GMT

Nice images, Celery. I must catch up on this species very soon (particularly given that it's practically on my doorstep).