

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Apr-15 05:39 AM GMT

Yesterday I went out for my first proper butterflying of the year and saw some orange-tips, a green-veined white and some speckled woods.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 21-Apr-15 06:10 AM GMT

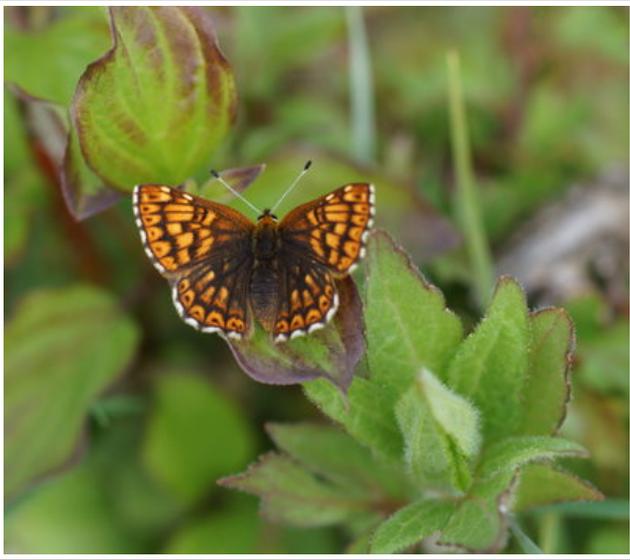
Hi Katrina,
Well done with the Orange Tips , a species that's giving me a hard time this season.
I've seen a few on the wing but that's all.

Best wishes,
TREVOR.

Heyshott

by Katrina, 05-May-15 05:54 AM GMT

Today I went to Heyshott to see my first Dukes of the year and then stopped off at Mill Hill on the way back for roosting butterflies.



by David M, 05-May-15 05:58 AM GMT

Great camouflage on that latter Dingy shot!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 05-May-15 06:07 AM GMT

Yes, I only spotted them as one of them moved a wing!

Kithurst

by Katrina, 07-May-15 05:33 AM GMT

This afternoon I went to Kithurst Hill in rather grey and windy weather. I found only one dingy skipper.



Re: Katrina

by kevlng, 07-May-15 11:24 PM GMT

Katrina,

Nice photos of the Dingys.

Just goes to show that you don't always need calm & Sunny conditions to see something. Fortune favours the brave 😊

Regards Kev

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 07-May-15 11:37 PM GMT

Hi Katrina, I agree with Kev on all accounts. Great roosting Dingies and I'm sooo envious of your Otter (even if it was just a tail!) 🐾🐾

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 08-May-15 04:32 AM GMT

Nice photos of the Dingy's Katrina, just read their out at Warton Craig in the lake District can't wait to see them Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 08-May-15 07:04 AM GMT

I love it when Dingies pull that pose Katrina, great shot 😊🐾

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Neil Freeman, 09-May-15 03:23 AM GMT

Hi Katrina,

I love the 'double Dingy' shot from Mill Hill, a great pose 😊

Cheers,

Neil.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-May-15 05:36 AM GMT

Thank you for your encouraging comments on the Dingy photos!

Today I went back to Heyshott and saw some more Dukes. On the way back I stopped at Kithurst and saw my first Small Copper and Small Blues of the year.

**Re: Katrina**

by David M, 13-May-15 05:37 AM GMT

All these Duke images are making me envious!

I'm glad you managed to find them, Katrina. They're one of spring's most precious species.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 13-May-15 06:41 AM GMT

I know what you mean David - I've visited my 'Duke site' three times now and nowt 😞 Cracking closed wing shot Katrina 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Malling Down

by Katrina, 16-May-15 11:47 PM GMT

I went to Malling Down today and saw my first Adonis Blue, Common Blue and Wall Brown of the year. Other butterflies seen were Brown Argus, Green Hairstreaks, Brimstones, Dingy Skippers and Red Admirals



Re: Katrina

by Willow, 17-May-15 06:17 AM GMT

A really lovely selection of photographs Katrina...that's a stunning **Adonis Blue**.

Regards,

Bill 😊

"When in doubt – venture out"

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 18-May-15 04:58 AM GMT

Wow, definately mating season in your neck of the woods 😄 great shots!

Re: Katrina

by David M, 18-May-15 06:17 AM GMT

Aaah! Adonis Blue!

Summer is surely just round the corner.

Excellent image, Katrina.

Re: Katrina

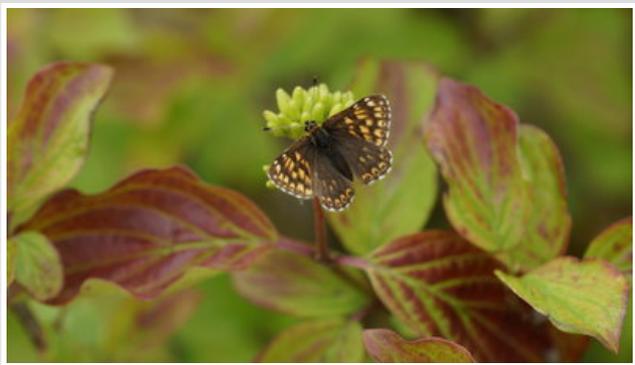
by Goldie M, 18-May-15 08:17 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, you've certainly got the weather where you live, what a great selection. Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 23-May-15 03:12 AM GMT

Today I went back to Heyshott. Weather a bit grey again. I saw some Dukes but I didn't manage to spot any Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries .





Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 23-May-15 03:17 AM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, the Butterflies look so delicate Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-May-15 06:15 AM GMT

Thank you Goldie.

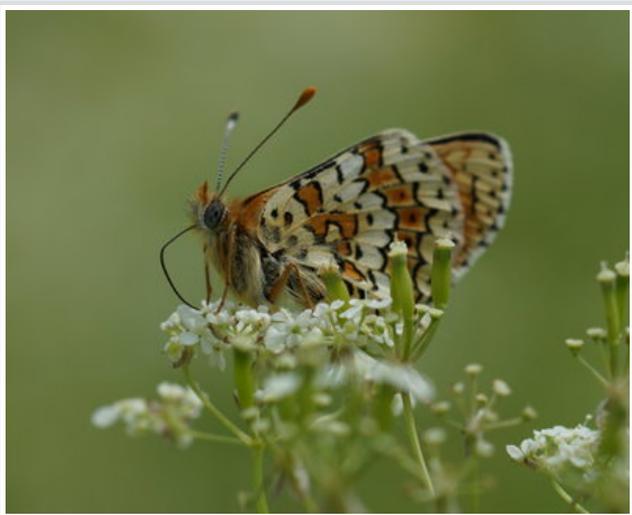
Yesterday late afternoon I visited Mill Hill – plenty of Adonis Blues, Common Blues and Dingy Skippers about. Also some Small Heath, Walls, Grizzled Skippers and Brimstones.

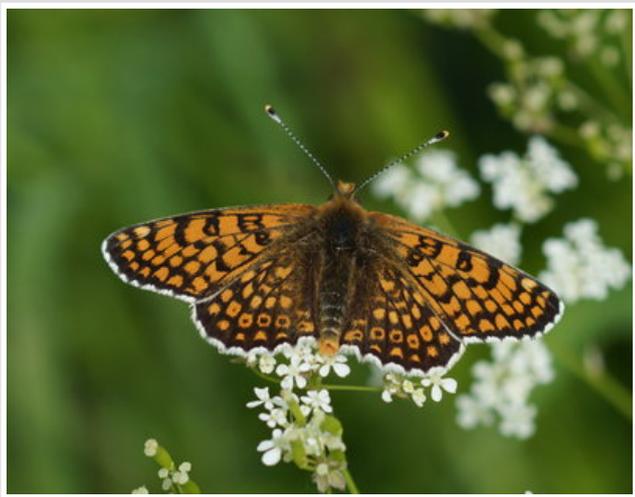


Hutchinson's Bank

by Katrina, 02-Jun-15 04:18 AM GMT

I went to Hutchinson's Bank today. I arrived just before one and after driving through clouds and sunshine it decided to rain just before I arrived. Fortunately it was just a passing shower and I quickly spotted a man with a camera and tripod (Graham) who had found two Glanvilles. He was photographing one on the fence and kindly pointed out a roosting one on a flower to me. Many thanks to Graham as it was the only one I saw today. Thanks also to MrSp0ck who showed me round the site. Other butterflies seen were Common Blues, Small Heaths, a Speckled Wood and a Dingy Skipper.





Re: Katrina

by MrSp0ck, 02-Jun-15 05:56 AM GMT

Katrina

Im glad you saw one Glanville today, the weather was not good for butterfly spotting, we only saw one more Glanville this afternoon, The one you photographed looks quite fresh so it looks like they are still emerging in that lower paddock.

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by Katrina, 04-Jun-15 03:35 AM GMT

I walked between Chantry and Kithurst Hill today. At Chantry I saw Brown Argus, Common Blues, a pair of Small Heaths, Dingy Skippers, a Peacock, Brimstones and some worn Green Hairstreaks in the grass. I also saw 3 Wall Browns. In between I saw some Red Admirals and Green-Veined Whites. At Kithurst I saw Common Blues, about 6 Small Blues, a few Dingy Skippers, Brimstones and my first Holly Blue of the year (looking a bit worn). On the way back at Chantry I saw 2 Painted Ladies – again my first of the year.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 04-Jun-15 04:53 AM GMT

Lovely Glanville pictures Katrina, glad you got one there. You've got to pick your day carefully with these fussy little blighters! 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Jun-15 05:14 AM GMT

Thanks bugboy, I consider myself lucky for seeing one in the circumstances! 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 04-Jun-15 06:28 AM GMT

Lovely Glanville shots Katrina 😊 If only they weren't so far away from me 🇮🇪

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 05-Jun-15 05:58 AM GMT

"Wurzel" wrote:

Lovely Glanville shots Katrina 😊 If only they weren't so far away from me

Hutchinson's Bank can't be that far from you, Wurzel?

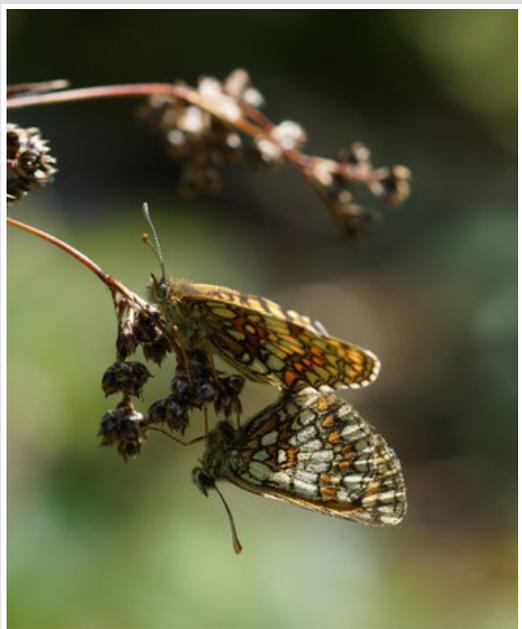
There's still time.

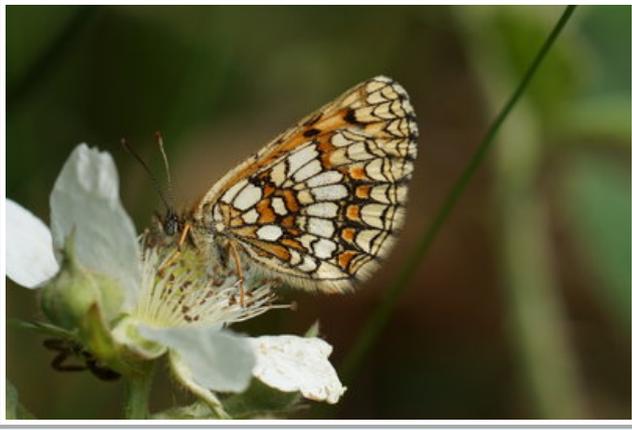
Hello to the Heath Fritillaries

by Katrina, 07-Jun-15 01:59 AM GMT

Thank you Wurzel – I feel the same way about your Marsh Fritillaries.

Enticed by Marc Heath's photo and armed with Dave Brown's instructions both posted on this website (thanks to both) I headed off to see my first Heath Fritillary at East Blean Wood. I collected my sister from Canterbury West Station on the way. The instructions are excellent and we very quickly saw a lot of Heath Fritillaries. I am not sure how many, but it was, on occasion, possible to stand in one spot and have sight of five at a time. A very enjoyable day.





Re: Katrina

by Maximus, 07-Jun-15 07:23 AM GMT

Lovely Heath Fritillary shots Katrina, they seem to be a bit earlier this year.

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 07-Jun-15 02:41 PM GMT

Some great shots there Katrina and sounds like you had a fabulous day. I have only ever been there once and I must admit when I saw Marc's photo I, too, was tempted 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 09-Jun-15 06:51 AM GMT

Thank you Maximus and Pauline. Pauline if you do go watch out for the anthills, a lot of ants and anthills about!

Re: Katrina

by Willow, 09-Jun-15 10:37 PM GMT

Wonderful images of **Heath Fritillary** Katrina, gives me a lovely incentive to go see them again on Exmoor in the next few weeks 😊

Bill 😊

"When in doubt - venture out"

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 11-Jun-15 05:50 AM GMT

Today I went to Iping Common to see the Silver-studded Blues. I found one male and then bumped into Roy, who I had met also one year ago, in the same place. Together we managed to find one female and a further 6 males. Last year we saw many more and all centred on heather. Today we were surprised they were mainly in an area of mixed grass, vegetation and heather.

Later I went to Kithurst Meadow and saw my first Meadow Brown of the year. There were also numerous fresh Common Blues, some Small Heaths, 2 Small Blues, 2 Brimstones and 2 Red Admirals.

I finished at Mill Hill looking for roosting blues.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 11-Jun-15 06:41 AM GMT

I love the final Silver-stud image - puts it into context 🍷 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Pete Eeles, 11-Jun-15 07:01 AM GMT

"Wurzel" wrote:

I love the final Silver-stud image - puts it into context 🍷 😊

Me too - and for the same reason 😊

Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 11-Jun-15 07:11 AM GMT

"Pete Eeles" wrote:

"Wurzel" wrote:

I love the final Silver-stud image – puts it into context 🍷 😊

Me too – and for the same reason 😊

Cheers,

– Pete

Me Three – and ditto! 😊

Re: Katrina

by Willrow, 13-Jun-15 06:56 PM GMT

Me four and ditto ditto...but this just can't go on 😊

Regards,

Bill 😊

"When in doubt – venture out"

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Jun-15 09:24 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel for your kind comments – ditto Pete, Bugboy and Willrow! 😊
Here is the uncropped photo which seemed amenable to cropping in a few ways.



More SSBs

by Katrina, 20-Jun-15 10:26 PM GMT

This morning I first went to Chantry Hill hoping to see roosting butterflies but only found a Painted Lady. I went on to Iping Common. Arriving there about 7.15 I wondered if I would be too late for roosting butterflies having found nothing at Chantry. I however found 39 (36 males and 3 females). I also found one dead one with a fly. The fly was clearly interested in the dead butterfly and was still there on the butterfly on my way back. I wondered if anyone knew what was going on with it. I also saw a Green Woodpecker.







Re: Katrina

by Willow, 22-Jun-15 01:14 AM GMT

Just love your habitat images Katrina, one image can portray such a great deal!

Bill 😊

"When in doubt - venture out"

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Jun-15 06:58 AM GMT

Thank you Bill. I have been enjoying your Large Heath photos - a species still on my list to see.

I went to Botany Bay today hoping for Purple Emperors. None seen but I had a lot of fun following 2 Wood Whites around. I met several nice people on the way. I also saw about six White Admirals, 3 Silver-Washed Fritillaries, a few Brimstones and Speckled Woods, some Skippers and lots of Ringlets.





Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 30-Jun-15 07:31 PM GMT

Great shots of the Wood Whites Katrina. I must get myself over that way soon because as you've pointed out, in the absence of PE there is always something else to see 😊

Re: Katrina

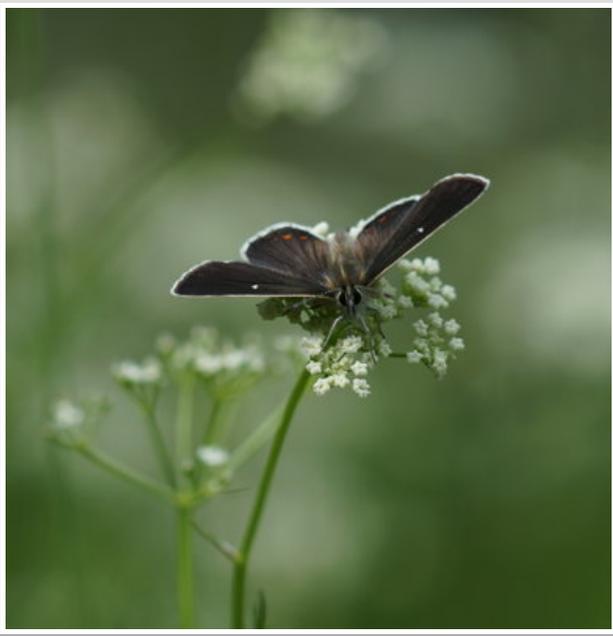
by Susie, 01-Jul-15 12:39 AM GMT

Great stuff.

Insh Marshes 1st July

by Katrina, 04-Jul-15 12:34 AM GMT

I went with my sister to Insh Marshes on 1st July. We saw one Orange Tip, several Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries, numerous Small Heath and Northern Brown Argus and one Common Blue. We also bumped into some local butterfly enthusiasts who gave up some helpful advice about finding Large Heaths and a dragonfly my sister was hoping to find.





2nd July 2015

by Katrina, 04-Jul-15 01:21 AM GMT

Yesterday we went to Lochindorb to see Large Heaths. We saw a lot of Small Heaths and three Large Heaths (form Scotia) one that looked newly emerged. We also saw Golden Plovers, Toads, Red Grouse and a hare.

We then went to a two ponds near Loch Garten and saw White Faced Darters in the first and Four-Spotted Chaser in the second. Also many Large Red Damselflies.

In the evening we went for a walk in Rothiemurchus and saw one Small Heath.



Large Heath Lochindorb



Large Heath Lochindorb



White-faced Darter near Loch Garten



Small Heath and Damselfly Rothiemurchus



Small Heath Rothiemurchus



Small Heath Rothiemurchus

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 04-Jul-15 03:58 AM GMT

Lovely photos Katrina, I didn't have such good luck with my LH's we couldn't get close enough it was so boggy, but at least i got some far a way shots of them. Love yours though 🍷🍷 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 04-Jul-15 04:53 AM GMT

Fab shots Katrina, I'm especially jealous of the Large Heaths and NBAs 🍷 Were teh Wood Whites that you saw hangers on form the first generation or new Second generation?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Jul-15 05:27 AM GMT

Thank you Goldie, they certainly weren't easy to photograph. I think we were lucky finding what I think was a fairly newly emerged one which was more obliging. Also was helpful to have my sister who was good at spotting them!
Thank you Wurzel, I think they were still first generation Wood Whites.

Wet Feet Dawn

by Katrina, 04-Jul-15 05:37 PM GMT

Yesterday I went with my sister at just after dawn to Insh Marshes hoping to find roosting Northern Brown Argus. It had been raining the night before, the weather was sunny but there was pockets of mist. We couldn't resist stopping at Ruthven Barracks to take a picture on the way. We didn't find any Northern Brown Argus but my sister spotted 2 Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries which were somewhat covered in dew. Near them we quickly spotted two others. Later we found a Bee Hawkmoth, one Common Blue and two Small Heaths. We returned later to the SPFs to see them wake up.



Ruthven Barracks



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries at Insh Marshes





Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Jul-15 05:45 PM GMT

Extra photos







Re: Katrina

by William, 04-Jul-15 06:12 PM GMT

Superb shots of the Fritillaries waking up, Katrina, and the roosting Bee Hawk (Narrow-Bordered I think) is a real find 😊

BWs,

William

Re: Katrina

by Willow, 04-Jul-15 06:30 PM GMT

Your report and images gives a great sense of actually being there, much enjoyed Katrina 😊

BW's

Bill 😊

"When in doubt - venture out"

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 04-Jul-15 07:18 PM GMT

Beautiful Photos , I love the ones where the frit's are covered in dew 🍃😊 wish I'd taken it Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Jul-15 11:57 PM GMT

Thank you William, luckily we had been told that some Bee Hawk-moths had been spotted otherwise I might have passed it by.

Thank you Willow and Goldie

I am adding a bonus photo from that day.



More of the Same

by Katrina, 07-Jul-15 12:31 AM GMT

Yesterday I went back to Insh Marshes and saw 8 Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and 3 Northern Brown Argus as well as Small Heaths.





Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 07-Jul-15 01:13 AM GMT

Just seen these Katrina – lovely dewy Pearls, some very atmospheric shots, and great NBA 🍷

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 07-Jul-15 10:59 PM GMT

Lovely shots Katrina, I love the expression of the BF on the third photo 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 08-Jul-15 06:30 AM GMT

Stunning shots Katrina, something really special, oozing atmosphere and possibly the most photos of my "I wish I'd taken that" category in a single post:mrgreen: 🍷 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 08-Jul-15 06:46 AM GMT

Just caught up with your PD, those early morning shots are beautiful 😊 If I didn't love my bed so much I'd try to get some similar ones myself 😊!

Re: Katrina

by Maximus, 08-Jul-15 08:08 AM GMT

Beautiful images Katrina 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 10-Jul-15 06:13 AM GMT

Thank you Pauline, Goldie, Wurzel, Bugboy and Maximus. I think I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

Today was a good day for seeing butterflies but not for photographing them. I started a bit late at Botany Bay . I think I saw two purple emperors on the ground but the first was in vegetation and it later came down to the same place and the second one just briefly touched down. I went to Chantry Hill on the way back briefly but all the butterflies were flying supercharged. I saw Dark Green Fritillaries, one Red Admiral, one Painted Lady and one Small Tortoiseshell as well as skippers, Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns.

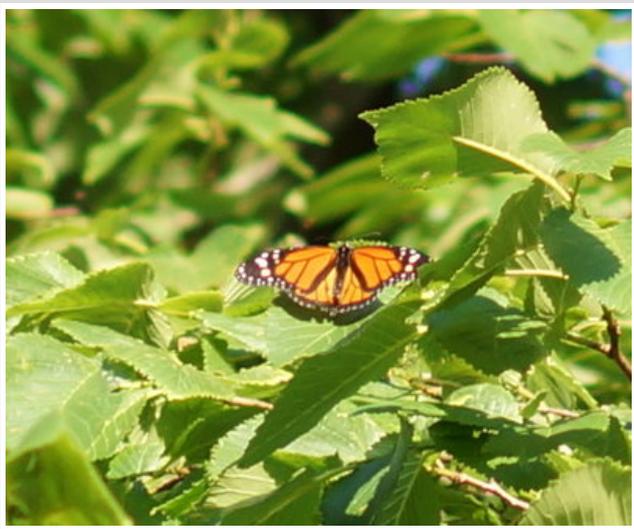
I then went to the Pavilion Gardens in the early evening. I eventually saw the Monarch thanks to Leigh and Tim. It was high in a tree and moved position a few times.



White Admiral Botany Bay



Monarch Pavilion Gardens





Re: Katrina

by trevor, 10-Jul-15 06:43 AM GMT

Hi Katrina,
Good to see you again today. So you got to see the Monarch !.

Best wishes,
TREVOR.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 10-Jul-15 06:49 AM GMT

Wow! I leave the UK for a week and a half and Monarchs arrive in my absence!!

Ruthven Barracks

by Katrina, 10-Jul-15 04:09 PM GMT

I thought I would post a better photo of Ruthven Barracks taken by my sister at the same time as mine. She has just won the Strathspey Heralds readers' photo of the week competition with it.



Monarch Morning

by Katrina, 10-Jul-15 09:52 PM GMT

The Monarch was still in the Pavilion Gardens, Brighton, this morning. I think its first appearance was about 9.15. Also seen were White-letter Hairstreaks. What a fabulous morning! I started by bumping into B. Rex who quickly pointed out a White-letter hairstreak. Then soon a man in a hat spotted the Monarch. The Monarch was around for a short time allowing photos then disappeared and was refound across the road. I saw plenty of other enthusiasts during the morning including meeting Pauline for the second time in two days. There was a man from Littlehampton with a bicycle who later refound the Monarch and was very good at spotting WLHs, and quite a few others keen to see the butterfly. Later Neil Hulme and Dan Danahar arrived and Dan refound the Monarch at the Victoria Fountain and we followed it back to the Pavilion Gardens. There were quite a few bemused onlookers. I think one of my lasting memories will be the sight of Neil and Dan running down the lawn in front of the Pavilion in pursuit of the Monarch. I finished the morning by having a look at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition in the museum in the Pavilion Gardens.



Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 11-Jul-15 12:46 AM GMT

It certainly was a fabulous morning, wasn't it Katrina? 😊 (Thank you I eventually picked up your messages). I guess this is something that we will all remember – the sight of that magnificent butterfly gliding around the gardens and allowing close up shots before it warmed up and became a bit skittish. You got some great shots of it. I notice from my photos that it sustained some damage later that it didn't have before I left at mid-day – I hope you also got some WLH that you are pleased with too?

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 11-Jul-15 02:23 AM GMT

Hi Pauline, the WLH photos were ok but not great. I will need to check the photos more closely re damage. I know it had two chunks out of one wing even last night. It was certainly an adventurous butterfly crossing some of the busiest roads in Brighton. I hope it won't find the gardens too busy with tourists/ people for its liking at the weekend – fingers crossed it stays a little longer.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 12-Jul-15 01:54 AM GMT

At least you got a Monarch Butterfly Katrina, I wouldn't care if some one had let them off in the park 😊 It 's still a Monarch Butterfly and very rare and exciting, also, at least you saw the White Letter Hairstreaks ,I've yet to see them, so put them in your posts 😊
Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 12-Jul-15 07:13 AM GMT

Hi Goldie I really enjoyed seeing the Monarch (or Monarchs as it turned out). I don't know enough about these things to know with what certainty it can be known if they were released or natural arrivals but either way it was great to see it close up and then swooping around.

I wonder if they will migrate up to Scotland where they could be Monarchs of the Glen, or perhaps Norfolk and be Monarchs of the Fen.

I have posted soe WLHs for you. Not sure what the brown thing under the central thistle head is.





Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 12-Jul-15 07:42 AM GMT

Lovely WLH katrina, seems to be lots around being nice and posing for people at the moment, including me 😊

That little brown thing is a Froghopper, the nymphs of which make cuckoo spit in the spring 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 12-Jul-15 07:55 AM GMT

Thank you for solving the mystery Bugboy. I didn't notice it until I was cropping the photos.

Re: Katrina

by Butterfliesaurus rex, 12-Jul-15 07:22 PM GMT

Great to see you caught up with some White-letter Hairstreaks Katrina, and a lovely female in very nice condition too. The one we both saw in Brighton was way past his best.

All the Best

James

Re: Katrina

by Willow, 12-Jul-15 10:55 PM GMT

Those W-I H are being so kind for you Katrina, unlike the little b*gg**s that gave me a torrid time at Fermyn Woods on Friday...I'm still suffering from 'acute frustration syndrome' 😊

Lovely pics 😊

BW's

Bill 😊

"When in doubt - venture out"

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-Jul-15 12:04 AM GMT

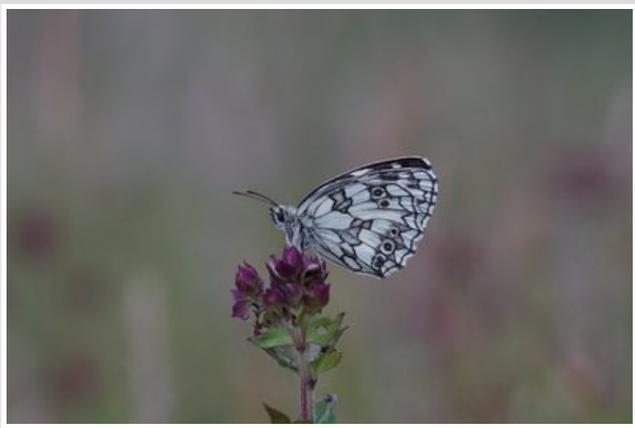
Thank you , it didnt feel like the WLHs were behaving I kept just getting them lined up for the photo and then they would move round!

This Morning

by Katrina, 13-Jul-15 12:20 AM GMT

I had seen reports on the Sussex Butterfly Website of large number of DGFs at Chantry Hill. Last time I went they were flying so fast I just got a few

orange blurs. I went again today in the grey and intermittent rain to try and get a photo. There were a lot of Meadow Browns, after a while I found some Marbled Whites, I then found just the one DGF - hooray! (I was quite pleased considering the weather although I was hopeful as so many had been seen earlier in the week) I also saw Skippers and a few Ringlets and Small Heaths. I think the streaks in one of my skipper shots may be raindrops. I am not very skilled at counting but I think there may have been 100 Marbled Whites and many more Meadow Browns. I also found a caterpillar I was hoping someone could identify for me.





Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 13-Jul-15 12:51 AM GMT

Loving the raindrops on the DGF and Skipper Katrina – worth getting out there in the rain to get something a bit different. I THINK (tho' I'm nervous about ID's now 😬) that your cat is a fairly well developed Peacock – but I await to be corrected on that 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-Jul-15 12:57 AM GMT

Thank you for the ID Pauline, definitely worth getting out and nice and many more butterflies seen than anticipated.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 13-Jul-15 07:37 PM GMT

Good ID pauline, that is indeed a Peacock cat you have there Katrina 😊

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 13-Jul-15 10:50 PM GMT

caught up with your posts once again Katrina, thanks for the WLH shots 😊, they've just made me more determined to find them 😊
Hope I mange a Dark Green Frit this week are'll give up to the season Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by William, 14-Jul-15 12:04 AM GMT

Lovely Dark Green Fritillary, Katrina 😊 – I sympathise about the speed with which they move, I've never managed a decent photo!

BWs,

William

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 14-Jul-15 06:33 AM GMT

Cracking shots of the DGF and I really like the rain drops in the Skipper shot 😊🌧️

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Willow, 18-Jul-15 05:00 AM GMT

Have to agree, that **Dark Green Fritillary** is a lovely specimen, well captured Katrina.

BW's

Bill 😊

"When in doubt – venture out"

Chantry Again

by Katrina, 19-Jul-15 05:27 AM GMT

This morning I took off early again to see if I could get any more photos of DGFs. It was somewhat sunnier. I saw Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns, Skippers and Gatekeepers. I saw one white butterfly – Small (I think). I concentrated on the area I saw the DGF last week then went for a wander and found a Chalkhill Blue (I think – still finding it hard identifying some butterflies with wings closed) When I came back I found quite a few DGFs where I had originally been looking. They looked as though they were just warming up – still with wings open but everytime I got anywhere near one it flew a metre along the bank so I ended up feeling a little shunned by them. It may have been because the sun was directly behind me so it was quite hard to approach without casting a shadow. I think there were about 23 spread out on the same bank but they did look a little worse for wear.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 19-Jul-15 05:57 AM GMT

Lovely female Chalkhill Katrina, but teh Hedge Brown is what's making me 🤔😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-Jul-15 06:26 AM GMT

Thank you Wurzel!

Re: Katrina

by Neil Freeman, 19-Jul-15 06:17 PM GMT

Hi Katrina, some lovely photos in your diary recently 😊 I am especially jealous of the WLH as, like others, I rarely see them low down.

Cheers,
Neil.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 23-Jul-15 01:18 AM GMT

Thank you Neil, there were quite a lot round the Pavilion Gardens when I was looking for the Monarch.

Windover Hill

by Katrina, 23-Jul-15 01:34 AM GMT

Today I went to Windover Hill in the middle of the day. I saw plenty of Chalkhill Blues on the walk up. There was a blustery wind and active butterflies which didn't make good conditions for photography. It was very good to meet Dave Potter for the first time who told me he had seen a Silver-spotted Skipper. I stayed and located another one. I then went onto the slope and found two forester moths and four or five Graylings including a mating pair. The last one I found seemed to have a heavy infestation of mites? Also seen were plenty of Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Dark Green Fritillaries, one of which brushed my shoulder on its flight past, skippers, a few Small Coppers and a single Marbled White and a single Red Admiral.







Re: Katrina

by Maximus, 23-Jul-15 08:42 AM GMT

Nice Grayling shots Katrina and great that you found the mating pair 😊 That last Grayling does have quite a few Trombidium brevi mites attached, but I understand that they don't appear to cause any discernible problems to their host 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 24-Jul-15 05:18 AM GMT

Thank you Maximus. I am relieved to know they don't cause harm as I felt a bit sorry for the last Grayling.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 24-Jul-15 06:08 AM GMT

Lovely Graylings and Forresters Katrina, especially teh mating pair, something I've yet to see 😊🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Willow, 24-Jul-15 06:15 PM GMT

NiGood shots Katrina...and yeah! those mites look worse than they actually are...nice colour red though 😊

BW's

Bill 😊

"When in doubt - venture out"

Yesterday and Today

by Katrina, 02-Aug-15 08:35 PM GMT

Yesterday I went for a shortish trip to Steyning Rifle Range. I intended to look for Brown Hairstreaks but was unconvinced they would be out yet and spent most of my time distracted by Wall Browns. I didn't see any Brownies but saw about 10 Wall Browns, 2 Commas, 3 Holly Blues and a lot of Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns.

This morning I did an early trip to Chantry Hill. There I found a lot of roosting Skippers, some Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers and Ringlets and a few Chalkhill Blues and Common Blues. There was some mist and sun. I think most of the butterflies I saw had some mites on them.

I then went to Pulborough Brooks. It is a while since I walked all the way round and I was pleased to see the increase in meadow type areas. I saw a large number of active Gatekeepers, some Meadow Browns, a Speckled Wood, a couple of Common Blues, one very fresh looking Painted Lady, many Cinnabar Caterpillars and when I was leaving 5 Peacocks on a Buddleia.



Skipper Chantry Hill



Habitat Chantry Hill



Cobweb with Dew Chantry Hill



View from Chantry Hill

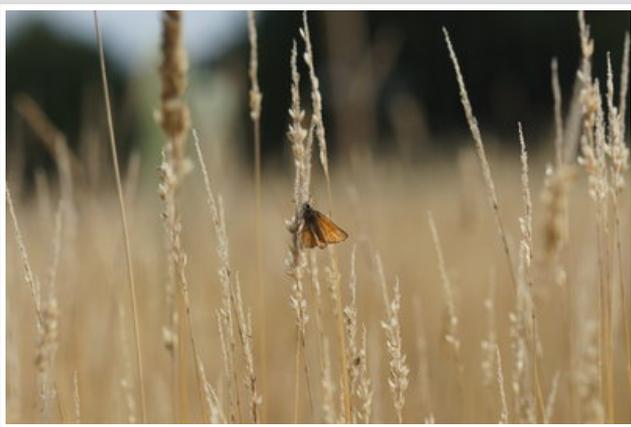
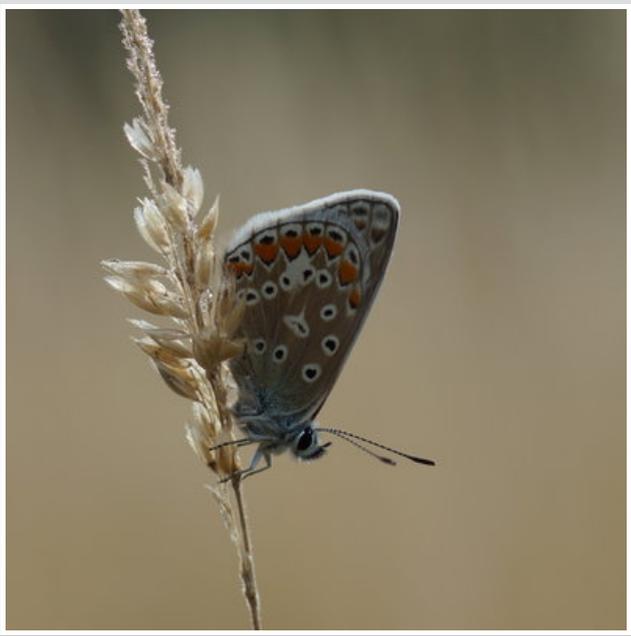


Meadow Brown Chantry Hill



Cinnabar Caterpillar Pulborough Brooks





Re: Katrina

by Mark Colvin, 03-Aug-15 12:06 AM GMT

Hi Katrina,

Its not often that I post comments but your early morning view from Chantry Hill is just beautiful.

Good hunting.

Kindest regards. Mark

Re: Katrina

by Neil Hulme, 03-Aug-15 04:26 AM GMT

"Its not often that I post comments but your early morning view from Chantry Hill is just beautiful."

I couldn't agree more. An exceptional image of an exceptionally beautiful location – one of my favourite in the UK!

BWs, Neil

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 03-Aug-15 06:15 AM GMT

Stunning Skipper shot Katrina 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 09-Aug-15 08:10 PM GMT

Thank you Mark, Neil and Wurzel. It is one of my favourite places too. Shame about the mite on the skipper.

This morning I went back to Chantry Hill but not early enough! I saw plenty of Chalk Hill Blues >100, 5 Silver-spotted Skippers, 5 Brown Argus, 3 old Dark Green Fritillaries, one Red Admiral, and lots of Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns. The butterflies were too lively for good photographs but I did get a bad photo of an aberrant Chalk Hill Blue trying interrupt a pair.



Re: Katrina

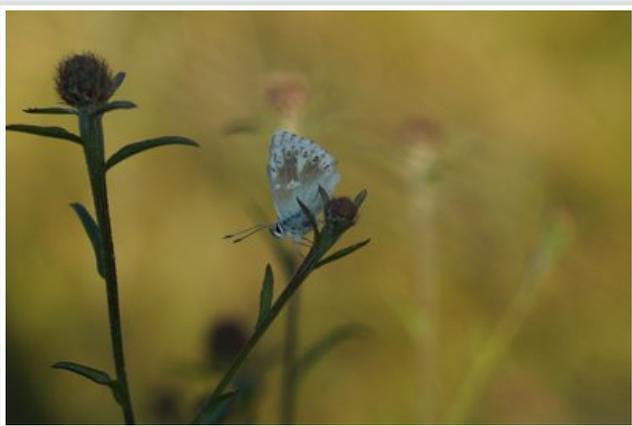
by Pauline, 10-Aug-15 01:44 AM GMT

Some great shots recently Katrina especially the early morning ones and the Skippers. The Chalkhill ab. isn't bad either 😊👍👍

This Evening

by Katrina, 10-Aug-15 06:02 AM GMT

I went back to see if I could find the Aberrant Chalk Hil Blue again. I didn't find the same one but found another one



Re: Katrina

by David M, 11-Aug-15 06:27 AM GMT

Katrina, those look like two different individuals as far as the markings go?

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 11-Aug-15 11:51 PM GMT

Love your photos Katrina, Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 12-Aug-15 05:29 AM GMT

Thank you Goldie.

Yes David different markings so a different butterfly from the morning (previous post) and afternoon. Also one normal one just because I liked it the photo

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-Oct-15 03:12 AM GMT

On Friday 16th there were 6 Red Admirals at Greenbank Garden in Glasgow.



Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-Oct-15 04:29 AM GMT

Does the first one count as an ab bialbata? Read the description and it seemed to say in some places normal but not in England, photo taken in Scotland and I don't know what sex it is.

Re: Katrina

by MrSp0ck, 19-Oct-15 04:55 AM GMT

It looks like a form ab bialbata to me, but im sure others on here will know.

All things finished here in Croydon, only a male Brimstone today at Hutchinsons Bank.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 19-Oct-15 05:25 AM GMT

"MrSp0ck" wrote:

It looks like a form ab bialbata to me, but im sure others on here will know.

Bialbata it is, although the white spot seems much smaller than usual.

Hard to come to a decision regarding gender as the abdomen looks abnormally truncated.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 19-Oct-15 10:33 PM GMT

I'd say it's definitely ab bialbata Katrina but if you look in the Species for Red Admiral ab's you'll know for sure. Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Oct-15 06:19 AM GMT

Thank you Mr Spock, David and Goldie. Useful to have confirmation.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 23-Oct-15 01:56 AM GMT

I too agree with teh ab. As for the gender – could it be a female as it seems to be curving its abdomen around under it almost as if it was egg laying? 😊

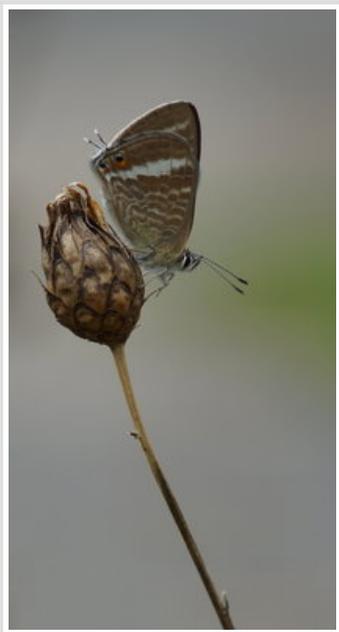
Have a goodun

Wurzel

Long-tailed Blue

by Katrina, 25-Oct-15 02:57 AM GMT

I went to Beeding today to see the Long-tailed Blue. I was very pleased it was still there.





Re: Katrina

by Paul Harfield, 25-Oct-15 06:05 AM GMT

Hi Katrina

Beautiful Long Tailed Blue pics 😊 I particularly like the third one 😊

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 25-Oct-15 03:25 PM GMT



Long-tailed Blue Again

by Katrina, 25-Oct-15 11:44 PM GMT

Thank you Trevor and Jack. Today I went back to Beeding. I slept in a little and missed the female which was still there earlier but got there as people were photographing a male. There was also a Red Admiral with a white spot in the band and a Comma.



Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 26-Oct-15 12:23 AM GMT

Great to see you on Saturday and again today Katrina. You arrived just in time to see and photograph the male! What a brilliant weekend. 😊

Who knows might see you again before the season's over.

All the best

James

Re: Katrina

by David M, 26-Oct-15 04:36 AM GMT

What a return for the final weekend of October!

Well done.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Oct-15 06:14 AM GMT

Great to see you too James. Lovely open wing shot on your diary!
Thanks David, certainly good to see the LTBs!

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 27-Oct-15 10:28 PM GMT

Lovely shot Katrina, 🍷 looks like I'll have to book a Trip down there for late Oct 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 28-Oct-15 02:56 AM GMT

Cracking shots of the LTB Katina, and the Red Admiral isn't too shabby either 🍷 😊 . Strange isn't it that scrolling down the Red Admiral looks more impressive yet I would forego seeing one for two or three years if it meant I could get just a couple of decent shots of a LTB 🤔 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 29-Oct-15 03:10 AM GMT

Lovely to meet you today Katrina, sorry there were no LTB's around, I think I might be a LTB jinx 😊 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-Oct-15 04:03 AM GMT

Great to meet you too. I am sure you are not a jinx! I have had plenty of unsuccessful searches, as, I suspect have most people. Hopefully you will see one soon.

Brighton Racecourse

by Katrina, 02-Nov-15 01:53 AM GMT

My sister came down to visit this weekend. We looked for long-tailed blues in various sites yesterday with no luck and missed the sighting at the Racecourse. Today, however, the sun shone again and we had another go. I was pleased to see many of the usual butterflyers out looking too. There was much joy as Mark found one. Later on one flew in front of me, my sister and Colin and circled back and landed on the path in front of us, again giving much pleasure.





Re: Katrina

by Butterfliesaurus rex, 02-Nov-15 02:18 AM GMT

Well done spotting that Long-tailed Blue today Katrina. 😊 You took some really nice photos too.

All the best

James

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 02-Nov-15 02:50 AM GMT

You only saw that one because I wasn't there! 😊

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 02-Nov-15 04:26 AM GMT



Re: Katrina

by badgerbob, 02-Nov-15 04:48 AM GMT

Good to see you today Katrina. Great to see some more of these beauties.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 02-Nov-15 05:53 AM GMT

Thanks James – looking forward to seeing your photos!

Thanks Trevor 😊

Thanks Bob, good to see you too and the LTBs!

Re: Katrina

by David M, 02-Nov-15 06:16 AM GMT

Wonderful! What a November day you had!

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 02-Nov-15 11:39 PM GMT

Once again lovely shots Katrina,  Goldie 😊