

Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 05-Jan-15 02:25 AM GMT

Garden visitors:



Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 10-May-15 03:58 AM GMT

White-letter Hairstreak larva in the process of pupation:



Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 08-Jun-15 03:12 AM GMT

Banded Demoiselle in the evening light.



Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 29-Jul-15 05:56 AM GMT

The vanessids are back!



Re: Matsukaze

by David M, 29-Jul-15 06:16 AM GMT

It's a great time, isn't it?

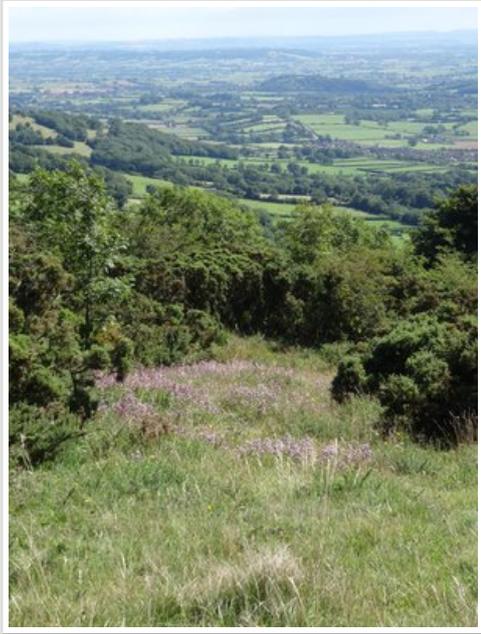
We have approximately 10 days to enjoy the company of these butterflies in relative abundance, along with second broods of several other species.

I always think this is the best time of the year if you want to see the greatest variety of butterflies at a single site.

Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 16-Aug-15 06:19 AM GMT

Mendips – Westbury Beacon, Stoke Camp and Draycott Sleights



Westbury Beacon



Chalkhill Blue male – slightly aberrant underside?



Chalkhill Blue female looking to oviposit



mud-puddling



Female Kestrel



Meadow Brown



Dark Green Fritillary



Dragonflies basking

Re: Matsukaze

by David M, 16-Aug-15 07:08 AM GMT

Wow! That DGF looks in decent nick for the time of year!

Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 17-Aug-15 04:32 AM GMT

Indeed, I wasn't expecting the fritillaries. A lot of species this year seem to be running late – Peacock numbers have been low for a few weeks and are just creeping up, I've seen my first new-brood Brimstones this weekend, and even the Chalkhills are a little bit behind schedule, still being fresh for the most part.

Re: Matsukaze

by Wurzel, 17-Aug-15 06:08 AM GMT

That is a surprisingly fresh looking DGF 😲 I thought I was doing well finding some in great nick on the last day of July 🍀

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 17-Dec-15 01:24 AM GMT

Provence, July 2015:



Silver-washed Fritillary



Great Sooty Satyr



Blue-spot Hairstreak



Dusky Heath



Scarce Swallowtail disturbed by Marbled Fritillary



Southern White Admiral

Re: Matsukaze

by David M, 17-Dec-15 01:29 AM GMT

Aah! Dusky Heath. In spite of my frequent trips to France I've only ever seen one, which is a shame as it is a lovely insect.

Nice open-winged Great Sooty Satyr too!

Re: Matsukaze

by Matsukaze, 17-Dec-15 01:38 AM GMT

Both lovely butterflies – the Dusky Heath has to be my favourite in the genus. It is reasonably widespread in the area I visit, in barren scrubby/rocky places, although I don't remember ever seeing more than one at once. Great Sooty Satyr is a butterfly of considerable character, but not very prone to sitting still. If I remember rightly, the one I photographed here was being bothered by a hairstreak at the time – they do not normally have their wings open when nectaring.

Re: Matsukaze

by Wurzel, 19-Dec-15 06:06 AM GMT

Lovely shots Matsukaze, I really like the habitat shows as well 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel