

Re: Web4160

by web4160, 28-May-15 02:53 AM GMT

Finally managed to spend a week out and about in the South West for the first time this year. So far have managed to visit Breakheart Quarry and Stinchcombe Hill in Gloucestershire and Walton Common, Sand Point and Dolebury Warren in Somerset. The most common butterflies seen across the 5 sites have been Brimstones and perhaps surprisingly Brown Argus which seem to be having a very good year.

Breakheart Quarry was noticeable for both Grizzled and Dingy Skippers whilst at Stinchcome which is about a mile away Adonis Blue, Common Blue and Brown Argus were numerous. The main butterflies at Walton Common were Brimstone and Brown Argus whilst at Sand Point Common Blue, Speckled Wood and Brown Argus were plentiful. Also seen were 3 Wall Browns. Finally at Dolebury Common Blue were out in numbers with occasional Brown Argus with a solitary Wall and the first Meadow Brown I have seen this year.

Other butterflies seen include Orange Tip, Small Heath, Small Green Veined and Large White and a solitary Painted Lady



Dolebury Warren



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Dolebury Warren



Sand Point



Sand Point



Walton Common



Walton Common



Stinchcombe Hill



Breakheart Quarry



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Breakheart Quarry

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by web4160, 29-May-15 12:49 AM GMT

Continued to visit Sites in South Gloucestershire today. At Prestbury Hills although it was cold 11 degrees and only intermittently sunny we managed to find 2 Duke of Burgundies, and one each of Small Blue and Green Hairstreak. The only Butterfly which was more plentiful was Small Heath.

In the afternoon on the off chance of finding a Pearl Bordered Fritillary we tried the Bathurst Estate near Cirencester. A little to our surprise having walked 50 metres from the car we saw two individuals. The sun then went in and no further butterflies were seen!



Prestbury Hills



Bathurst Estate



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by web4160, 26-Jul-15 05:55 AM GMT

Just come back from two weeks in Kefalonia. This was basically a beach holiday although there were quite a few butterflies about. A total of 17 species were seen. These were in order of frequency, Scarce Swallowtail, Painted Lady, Small White, Southern Small White, Large White, Clouded Yellow, Swallowtail, Sage Skipper, Wall Brown, Large Wall Brown, Southern Comma, Southern White Admiral, Long Tail Blue, Two Tailed Pasha, Eastern Wood White, Lang's Short Tailed Blue, and Cleopatra. Some photos below.





