

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 25-Mar-16 09:23 PM GMT

Hi Katrina,

Many thanks for the compliment on the Snake image.
Good to hear from you.

Trevor.

Start of the Season

by Katrina, 13-Apr-16 05:23 PM GMT

8 days ago I saw my first butterflies of the year – 2 Brimstones seen from the car.

Yesterday I went to Mill Hill where I met people including Colin who has seen Grizzled Skippers – I saw one when I arrived but no further.

Today after seeing Neil's Orange-Tip photos I went out and saw one. I went back to Mill Hill and had 2 sighting of Grizzled Skippers but possibly the same one. I also saw this caterpillar I was hoping someone could identify for me.





Re: Katrina

by trevor, 13-Apr-16 05:39 PM GMT

Hi Katrina,
Well done with the Orange Tip. My local site for them has yet to produce.
I went to Mill Hill this morning and found plenty of Small Tortoiseshells, but little else.
Lovely images in your diary, hope to see more.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-Apr-16 05:53 PM GMT

I must have just missed you, I went just after lunch. There were a lot of Peacocks at that time including a group of five chasing each other, a couple of Tortoiseshells and Brimstones.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 13-Apr-16 10:29 PM GMT

Class Orange-tip shots Katrina 🍷 My usual place hasn't thrown up any yet but soon hopefully...

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 13-Apr-16 11:25 PM GMT

Wonderful stuff, Katrina. This species has been slow to get started so far this year but I expect they'll pick up momentum during the next few days.

With any luck most of us should be seeing them by the middle of next week.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 14-Apr-16 01:39 PM GMT

Lovely shot's Katrina of the Orange Tips, 🍷 none our way yet 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 14-Apr-16 10:09 PM GMT

I agree some lovely Orange Tip photos Katrina, I'm looking forward to seeing some, I didn't find many last year.

Might see you out & about during the spring.

All the best

James

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 14-Apr-16 10:17 PM GMT

Lovely Orange-tips Katrina, still looking for my first one this year, only a matter of time now.

I'm not sure but I'm tempted to say your caterpillar is a Grass Eggar *Lasiocampa trifolii*

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Apr-16 11:08 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, David and Goldie.

Looking forward to bumping in to you at some point James.

Thanks for the possible ID Bugboy some one else suggested that to me as a possible ID.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 21-Apr-16 10:17 PM GMT

Yesterday I went to Mill Hill early. I eventually found a Grizzled Skipper warming up. Several Peacocks around but it was surprisingly quiet considering the sun.



Re: Katrina

by badgerbob, 22-Apr-16 05:12 PM GMT

Hi Katrina. Hope you are well. I think your larva is a young Oak Eggar. These are quite common on the Sussex Downland. The Grass Eggar is thought to be extinct in West Sussex so it is very unlikely!! I've seen several Oak Eggar larva feeding on Bramble, they are enormous when fully grown. The adult moths are often seen flying fast during the day. Hope this helps.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 22-Apr-16 07:27 PM GMT

Thanks Bob, very helpful.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 22-Apr-16 10:17 PM GMT

The Grizzlie shot is a beautifully composed image Katrina – I can never seem to get that type of view, perhaps I need to take a step back next time I find one 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 23-Apr-16 04:03 PM GMT

That's a great shot of a Grizzled Skipper Katrina 🍷 Goldie 😊

A Butterflying day out

by Katrina, 07-May-16 08:13 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel and Goldie, it helped that the Grizzly was very obliging.

This morning me and my sister went to Chantry Hill at dawn. We didn't manage to find any roosting butterflies but saw a short-eared owl from the car park.

We then had a quick stop at Pulborough Brooks and saw one Orange-tip, some Brimstones, and a blue damselfly.

Onwards then to Heyshott where I saw my first Dingy Skippers of the year, my first Dukes and my first Green Hairstreak. Also seen were one Orange-tip and one Small Tortoiseshell in the lane, several Brimstones, one Red Admiral and Grizzled Skippers. On the way back while stopped at a temporary traffic light in Pulborough I saw my first Holly Blues of the year.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 07-May-16 08:49 PM GMT

That Duke of Burgundy on the Hawthorn is a sensational image.

Well found/done.
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 07-May-16 10:10 PM GMT

Why can't I ever find them posing like that 🍷🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 08-May-16 05:24 PM GMT

You've posted some great images recently Katrina but I just have to tell you how much I admire the owl shot. It was certainly worth getting up early for and I imagine you had to be mighty fast to grab that shot 🍷🍷

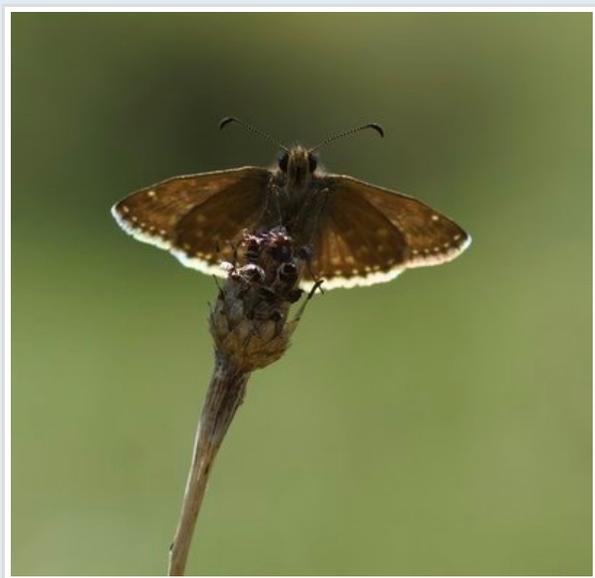
Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 08-May-16 09:33 PM GMT

Thank you Trevor and Wurzel.

Than you Pauline I was certainly pleased to see it as we went back to the car park. The owl stayed for a while hunting in the field next to the car park but I only have the macro lens for my camera so it was a case of taking a lot of photos and hoping for the best.

Today my sister and I went to Abbots Wood to see the Pearls. It was my first time there and we eventually saw some vey active Pearls. The wood was beautiful though with many, many bluebells. We saw a Hairy Dragonfly and a Broad-bodied Chaser, many Orange-tips and Brimstones, a few Red Admirals, Peacocks and a Green-Veined White. We then went on to another site I haven't been to before – Friston Gallops. We saw quite a few Dingy Skippers, Grizzled Skippers, Red Admirals, Peacocks, five Small Coppers and I think a Green Carpet Moth. We also saw a Hobby. I went to photograph a Peacock which took off, I was perplexed that I didn't manage to see where it had gone to when my sister pointed out it had landed on the back of my hat!





Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 09-May-16 07:10 PM GMT

Looks like you had a cracking day at Abbot's Wood and Friston Gallops Katrina. You're also doing very well with the birds of prey! You know you're becoming famous when the butterflies start wanting their pictures taken with you. 😊

Best wishes

James

Abbot's Wood Again

by Katrina, 09-May-16 08:39 PM GMT

My sister and I returned to Abbots Wood this morning. When we arrived some Pearls were warming up on the path. Later a Green Hairstreak came to join them and proved to be the star of the day moving from the path onto the bluebells. We later wandered around looking for other areas with Pearls and were very pleased to see Bugboy who took us to another area. On arrival there we met Trevor and 2 other gentlemen who showed us a mating pair. Thanks to all. Other butterflies seen included Orange-Tips, Peacocks, Red Admirals, Brimstones and a Speckled Wood.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 09-May-16 09:30 PM GMT

Nice to bump into you again Katrina 😊, that picture of the Pearls sitting next to each other is gorgeous!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 09-May-16 10:00 PM GMT

Thank you Bugboy, looking forward to you report.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 09-May-16 10:14 PM GMT

Love the grounded pair of PBFs shot, Katrina. Going early gives you a chance to 'capture' them before they've filled their energy tanks ready for a day of whizzing around like motorised darts!

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 10-May-16 09:08 AM GMT

I envy you your Pearl's Katrina, 🍀🍀 I went to Warton yesterday didn't see one although they've been seen (too hot and windy) Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 10-May-16 09:49 PM GMT

Lovely shot Katrina and a very interesting Greenstreak – more of a 'one spotter' than proper streak 🍀😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 23-May-16 05:00 PM GMT

Today I went to Heyshott for a couple of hours. Lots of Dukes and Green Hairstreaks around. Also plentiful Dingy Skippers with some Grizzled Skippers, Small Heaths and Brimstones. I then went on to Kithurst where I saw approx 10 Small Blues, one Duke, some Dingy Skippers and two Red Admirals.



Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 25-May-16 10:07 PM GMT

This evening I went out to Chantry Hill and saw only one Small Heath and the butterfly in the photos. I think it is a Brown Argus but am not sure. I then went for a quick look at Kithurst and found one Small Blue.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 25-May-16 11:16 PM GMT

Great shot of the Greenstreak with just a hint of the upper side 😊 I reckon that looks like a Brown Argus as the spots don't make a nice 'curve', and you I haven't seen once since October in 2015 so my BA ID is a little rusty 😊 Great shots! 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 25-May-16 11:23 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel. I was thinking BA on the basis of the double dot but it's hard to be confident. Nice to have confirmation. 😊😊

Mill Hill Magic Dusk

by Katrina, 29-May-16 12:06 AM GMT

This evening I went to Mill Hill to try and find some roosting Grizzled Skippers. There were a lot of roosting blues about, at least 20 – a mixture of Common and Adonis . I found 2 Grizzled Skippers and a few Small Heaths.





Re: Katrina

by trevor, 29-May-16 07:21 AM GMT

Lovely tranquil scene from Mill Hill.
A total contrast to my visit there in the morning !.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-May-16 09:48 AM GMT

Ah yes, but you managed to get the open wing Adonis shot which I was too late for Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by essexbuzzard, 29-May-16 09:30 PM GMT

Missed you by two days—we were there Thursday! Doesn't Mill Hill look glorious with all that horseshoe vetch at the moment?

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-May-16 09:34 PM GMT

Yes, yellow everywhere.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 30-May-16 09:25 PM GMT

That Small Heath is a stunner, I love how you've picked out the detail of the hairs, looks like he's got a woolly coat on!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 31-May-16 09:13 PM GMT

Thank you Bugboy, I was pleased to find him roosting on a flower as I was leaving. He probably needs his coat the way the temperature seems to be changing.

Malling Down and Iping Common

by Katrina, 10-Jun-16 10:22 PM GMT

On Saturday I had a short trip to Malling Down inbetween a hairdressing appointment and lunch with a friend. I saw Cardinal Beetles ,Dingy Skippers, Small Heaths, a Green-Veined White, an Orange-tip and a pair of Common Blues.
On Wednesday I went late afternoon to Iping Common for an hour hoping to see the Silver-Studded Blues. It was intensely hot and sadly I didn't find any but there were plenty of dragonflies around.



Re: Katrina

by Gary.N, 10-Jun-16 11:16 PM GMT

Lovely Shot of the Blues Katrina. 😊😊😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 11-Jun-16 07:53 AM GMT

Thank you Gary. The grass is a bit more in focus than the butterflies unfortunately, but on the other hand the male was a bit worn so looked better from the front than the shots after he swivelled into the more standard position.

Iping Common

by Katrina, 13-Jun-16 06:15 PM GMT

I went to Iping and Stedham Common early today. I saw only one white moth then retreated first to my car and then to Pulborough Brooks due to bad weather. At Pulborough Brooks I saw baby newts in the pond by the visitor centre. I returned later in the morning to Iping. A short period of white clouds, brought out eight male Silver-studded Blues. I had a look at Stedham Common but by then there was intermittent drizzle and dark grey skies again and I saw no butterflies.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 13-Jun-16 10:18 PM GMT

Cracking Silver-stud Katrina 😊 Hopefully the weather will pick up and then we can really enjoy them, they're at their best on balmy evenings with the smell of Gorse drifting across the Heather 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 15-Jun-16 07:09 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, yes lets hope for better weather!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 15-Jun-16 07:19 PM GMT

Mid morning I went to Chantry Hill and then spent half an hour at Kithurst. The weather was mixed sunshine and showers with a blustery wind. At Chantry I saw 13 Small Heaths, 5 Common Blues including a mating pair, 4 Large Skippers, 4 Brown Argus and a Meadow Brown. Also thanks to a couple I met who pointed me in the right direction one Painted Lady. There was also a Burnet Companion moth and a Cinnabar moth. At Kithurst I saw 3 Small Blues, some Small Heaths, a Meadow Brown, a Common Blue and a Small Tortoiseshell.





Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 15-Jun-16 07:42 PM GMT

Thats a beautifully composed Small Tort shot 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 17-Jun-16 10:31 PM GMT

Indeed cracking composition as Bugboy says – there's something about it, I think it's the way you're drawn in looking at it being almost being symmetrical but then the Small Tort jars that and then that's all you can see – brill 🙄👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Jun-16 08:01 PM GMT

Thank you Bugboy and Wurzel. I have to confess it was more a well cropped photo than composed.

Wet Wednesday Wishes

by Katrina, 22-Jun-16 12:41 PM GMT

I went to Chantry this morning getting up too late for dawn. The weather forecast was not promising and the actual weather somewhat worse. The permanent mist reminded me of a holiday in Shetland a few years ago. The one thing that was in abundance was wildflowers. There were also many small brown/white moths. I found myself wishing for a single butterfly and eventually found a Small Heath followed by a yellow moth (yellow shell I think) a Large Skipper and 2 Meadow Browns.







Black Hairstreaks

by Katrina, 26-Jun-16 10:15 PM GMT

My sister and I went to Monks Wood to try and see Black Hairstreaks for the first time. We had a brilliant time. There was plenty of mud and flies but also plenty of interesting wildlife. Initially we found numerous bees and hoverflies. We found a variety of habitats including 2 fields and a ride. We saw Meadow Browns, Ringlets, Large Skippers, Speckled Woods a Blackneck moth and a deer. We then found seven Black Hairstreaks flying well above head height. We also met Rosalyn and Phil who extremely kindly found a female at perfect height for us. Thank you so much it will be a highlight of my butterfly year! Later my sister found a female egg laying at head height. On the way back to the car we also saw a probable Holly Blue, a Small Tortoiseshell and a Red Admiral. Then just as I was looking in my bag for the car key my sister found another Black Hairstreak nectaring in the car park less than 2m from the car. We then looked a bit closer round the car park and found a Marbled White which was my first of the year.







Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 26-Jun-16 10:21 PM GMT

Great stuff Karina – a species I've still to encounter 🍷 Spot on ID of the Yellow Shell too 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 26-Jun-16 10:30 PM GMT

Lucky Girl !! A couple of Black Hairstreaks and lovely photo's to come home with.
Like Wurzel I've never seen one. 🍷 😊

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 26-Jun-16 10:36 PM GMT

Your pictures are too much temptation for me. Think I'm gonna have to have another go at Black Hairstreaks at Monks wood next week (this time I'll remember the insect repellent!) but as has become the norm this year it looks like the best day of the week is one I'm working!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 26-Jun-16 10:50 PM GMT

Thank you for the ID confirmation Wurzel.

Thanks Trevor, I am feeling we were lucky.

Bugboy, I think it's definitely worth another go. We think we saw at least 11 Black Hairstreaks although mainly they were flitting up high and landing either out of sight or behind lots of branches.

Re: Katrina

by peterc, 27-Jun-16 07:35 AM GMT

Well done on finding the Black Hairstreaks at Monks Wood, Katrina. I was thinking of going there myself yesterday but instead went to nearby Brampton Wood where the species is also found. 10-12 people were there looking for it between about 1230 and 1430 hours but only the odd one was seen high up by two people.

I had seen it at Glapthorn Cow Pastures about 5 years ago but that was one of my lucky days 😊

ATB

Peter

Re: Katrina

by Rosalyn, 28-Jun-16 08:42 AM GMT

It was nice to meet you both. We try not to let anyone to go away disappointed and Phil does seem to have the knack of spotting them hiding in the low branches. I think they are used to him and come to say hello 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 02-Jul-16 11:01 AM GMT

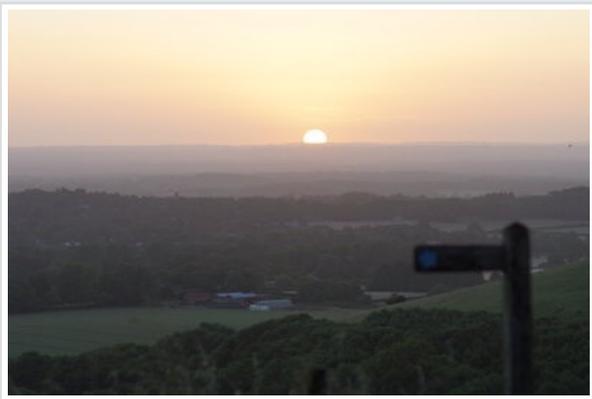
Thanks Peter, we considered Brampton Wood but went for Monks Wood in the end . We were there from about 9am until 3pm in the end (as ever staying longer than planned).

Many thanks again Rosalyn, it was extraordinarily kind of you and Phil.

Nearly Dawn Warming Worn DGF

by Katrina, 02-Jul-16 11:16 AM GMT

This morning I went to Chantry hoping to see roosting Marbled Whites. I had difficulty finding any roosting butterflies but later a lot of Meadow Browns appeared followed by Large Skippers, Ringlets, a few Small Heaths, a worn DGF, a second DGF and then 2 active Marbled Whites and a Small Tortoiseshell.





Botany Bay

by Katrina, 06-Jul-16 11:16 PM GMT

Today I went to Botany Bay a little later than planned. I arrived at 12. I found my first Emperor of the year at 2.27pm at the High point. Later, at 3.17 I found another near the triangle. It was somewhat worse for wear but kept disappearing and reappearing until about 4 when I left. Also seen were Silver-Washed Fritillaries, Large Skippers, Meadow Browns, Ringlets, a Red Admiral, a Large White, a Comma and a Purple Hairstreak high in a tree.

It was a pleasure to see Trevor again, and meet Millerd, Francis and Robin amongst others.

Following Trevor's previous post re bait the first Emperor was on Neil's bait although probably not a statistically significant observation as I think Trevor only had one whereas Neil had several areas baited.





Avoiding Rush Hour

by Katrina, 06-Jul-16 11:28 PM GMT

I decided to stop off at Chantry on the way home to sit out rush hour and found some Marbled Whites and my first Small Skipper of they year.





Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 06-Jul-16 11:37 PM GMT

Great shots of His Nibbs Katrina 😊 I was always led to believe that they were a morning sighting so you finding them in the afternoon has made me think tht perhaps I need to spend even longer out looking for them 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Jul-16 11:43 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, I was relieved I got away with the lie in this morning.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 06-Jul-16 11:46 PM GMT

Well done finding those Emperors, Katrina. I watched Neil lay down the bait up at the high point and it's a pity I couldn't have stayed longer by the look of things! 😊 Good to meet you too – and put a name to a face.

Dave

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 07-Jul-16 04:22 PM GMT

Hi Katrina,
I'm over the moon that you had an audience with the Emperor.....
..... But you should have come today!

Lovely to meet you again,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 07-Jul-16 07:10 PM GMT

Lovely Emperors Katrina 😊👍

Wurzel wrote:

Great shots of His Nibbs Katrina 😊 I was always led to believe that they were a morning sighting so you finding them in the afternoon has made me think tht perhaps I need to spend even longer out looking for them 😊

Don't forget Wurzel, they don't read the books we get our information from 😊!

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 08-Jul-16 10:17 AM GMT

Great scenic shots again Katrina and well done with the PE.

Re: Katrina

by Francis Kelly, 08-Jul-16 12:49 PM GMT

Dear Katrina
Good to meet you at Chiddingfold. Thanks for finding the Emperor.
Francis Kelly

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 08-Jul-16 01:05 PM GMT

Hi! Katrina, lovely Emperors, 🍀🍀 Of course i'm very jealous 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 08-Jul-16 10:14 PM GMT

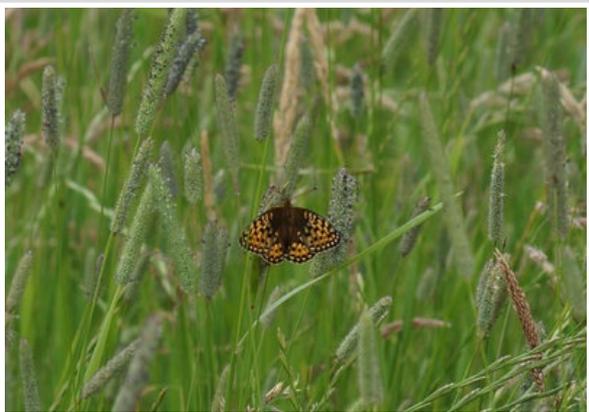
Thanks Pauline, still awaiting the full purple shot like yours and losing track of Trevor's ones but in some ways I like having that to still aim for. Really enjoyed your Purple Hairstreak photos.
Good to meet you too Francis. I am sure you would have found it anyway.
Thank you Goldie, it was sheer undeserved luck I found them.

Up North

by Katrina, 15-Jul-16 11:15 PM GMT

I have been on holiday for the past week up in Scotland. Rather cloudy weather and not much sun. I visited Insh Marshes several times and found many Ringlets and Chimney Sweeper Moths, a couple of Meadow Browns, a Common Blue and a Small Heath. Later in a bit of sun I found about 10 Northern Brown Argus, 2 Dark Green Fritillaries and a SPF. I also found a newt, a lizard and a frog. One trip round the Lochindorb area produced about 8 Large Heaths, in a different area to last year, and a trip to Grantown on Spey produced one Dark Green Fritillary and lots of Ringlets and Chimney Sweeper moths





by Jamie Burston, 15-Jul-16 11:30 PM GMT

The purple background works amazingly, so beautiful! Brilliant scale detail.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 16-Jul-16 07:35 PM GMT

Thank you Jamie. There is a lot of purple up there at the moment with bell heather and thyme in flower.

Re: Katrina

by NickMorgan, 17-Jul-16 12:19 PM GMT

Glad to hear that you saw some butterflies up here despite our weather!! It has been like this for that last two years!!! 😞

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 17-Jul-16 07:21 PM GMT

Oh dear, if it is any consolation it feels like there has been much less sun than usual on the south coast this summer.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 18-Jul-16 11:30 PM GMT

Those NBAs are little gems beautifully captured Katrina 😊🌍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 19-Jul-16 07:02 AM GMT

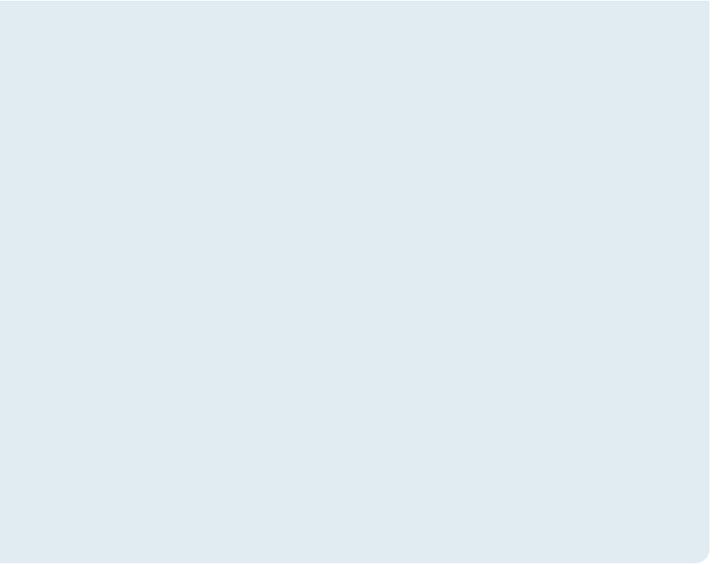
Thank you Wurzel, they are one of my favourite butterflies.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 20-Jul-16 11:04 PM GMT

I saw one very friendly Red Admiral at Victoria Gardens today.





Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Jul-16 08:46 PM GMT

This afternoon I walked round Pulborough Brooks with a friend . We saw many Meadow Browns and Red admirals. We also saw some skippers, Gatekeepers, Several Peacocks, two Commas, a Speckled Wood and a Painted Lady. We went onto Chantry where I saw my first Chalkhill Blues of the year, one Silver-spotted Skipper (also my first of the year), a few Marbled Whites, Dark Green Fritillaries, a few small/ essex skippers , Red Admirals and lots of Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers.



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 27-Jul-16 10:55 PM GMT

Lovely Silver spot Katrina 😊🍷 I hope they buck the trend of 2016 and have a great year. Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Jul-16 11:06 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, I hope so too.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 28-Jul-16 10:42 PM GMT

Lovely shot of the SSS Katrina 🍷 I hope to see some in Kent next week if I'm lucky Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 29-Jul-16 03:48 PM GMT

Smashing shot of the male SSS Katrina. Was it taken quite late in the day? I am just wondering how you got so close as I am finding it nigh on impossible 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 29-Jul-16 08:08 PM GMT

Hi Pauline, photo was taken at 5.40 pm. Weather was swinging from sunny to cloudy and cold. Shame about the red bits on it which I suspect may be mites.

31.07.16

by Katrina, 31-Jul-16 11:57 AM GMT

I went to Chantry Hill early this morning. I saw about 40 Chalkhill Blues, a similar number of Meadow Browns, some Gatekeepers, some skippers, two faded Dark Green Fritillaries, three whites, one Brown Argus, one Silver spotted skipper (with no mites this time!), one Marbled White, four Red Admirals with one ab. bialbata and a moth I was hoping someone would identify for me







Re: Katrina

by trevor, 31-Jul-16 06:13 PM GMT

I really like the Silver Spotted Skipper, Haven't seen one yet.
Are you going to join the Brownies soon? 😊 .

All the best,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Nick Tanner, 31-Jul-16 06:59 PM GMT

hello Katrina,

your moth is a Dusky Sallow, not rare but still beautiful!

Nick

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 31-Jul-16 07:13 PM GMT

Thank you Trevor. No immediate plans to join the Brownie spotters, is that where you have been today?
Thank you for the ID Nick, I don't know much about moths but I found this one posing nicely! 😊

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 31-Jul-16 09:43 PM GMT

No I haven't been to Steyning yet, busy elsewhere today. 10 mins. at Eartham is all I could spare this morning.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 31-Jul-16 10:36 PM GMT

More lovely shots Katrina, the first Chalkhill is really eye catching 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 03-Aug-16 05:02 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel.

This afternoon I went for a short trip to Windover Hill. Conditions were somewhat trying with a stiff breeze. There were a lot of Chalkhill Blues (I didn't count but think more than one hundred) and a good number of Meadow Browns. I very quickly saw one Grayling nectaring but only manage a few poor photos. That was the only one I found . Also seen were Gatekeepers, two Silver-spotted Skippers and a Red Admiral.



Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Aug-16 06:34 PM GMT

I visited Steyning Rifle Range this morning. I was fortunate to meet Jim who found several Brown Hairstreaks in trees but none came down for us. Later it was a pleasure to meet and catch up with many of the butterfly regulars. Also seen were Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Walls , Brimstones, Red Admirals and a Peacock.



Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 06-Aug-16 07:42 PM GMT

Gorgeous shot of the Wall Katriona - way better than anything I have ever achieved and falls into the category of 'photos I wish I'd taken' 🍷

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-Aug-16 08:06 AM GMT

Thank you Pauline! I was lucky it stayed still for me. 😊

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 07-Aug-16 10:29 AM GMT

Superb Wall Katriona, I think they'll be the death of me, takes me hours of chasing just to get a record shot!

Re: Katrina

by badgerbob, 07-Aug-16 01:28 PM GMT

Yes Katrina. Very nice Wall Brown. As everyone knows they are not generally easy!!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 07-Aug-16 08:24 PM GMT

Thank you Bugboy, I was admiring your HBFs, a species I haven't been to see yet.
Thank you Bob, I have recently been looking at and loving the photos on your website.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 07-Aug-16 10:43 PM GMT

I agree with the others Katrina that is a cracking Wall image 😊 The underside is brill – all those patterns, it really deserves a better name 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 08-Aug-16 10:20 PM GMT

I haven't yet seen any second brood Walls, Katrina, so that one you've captured is most welcome.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Aug-16 09:47 PM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, I don't mind the name it's short and snappy.
Thank you David, enjoyed your brostreaks I've yet to see one down from a tree this year.

Re: Katrina

by MikeOxon, 15-Aug-16 12:41 PM GMT

Wurzel wrote:

..... it really deserves a better name

Perhaps Wurzel would prefer "Golden Marbled Butterfly, with Black Eyes", taken from Pete's splendid http://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/vernacular_names.php

The only problem I foresee is that, if you try to call someone over to see this GMBwithBE, it will have flown before you get it all out 😊

Lovely shot, Katrina.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 15-Aug-16 08:26 PM GMT

Thank you and good point about the short name Mike 😊

Mist and Dew

by Katrina, 17-Aug-16 09:12 PM GMT

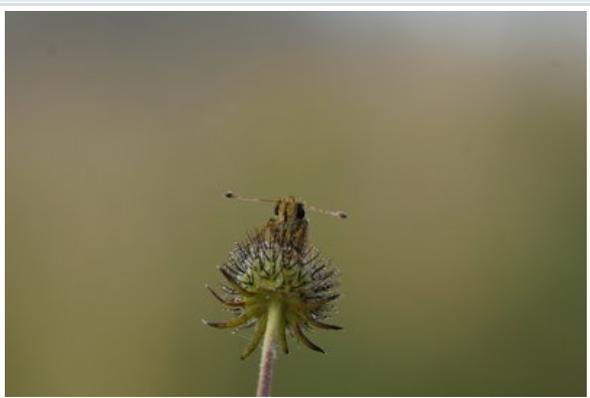
This morning I went to Chantry early. I could only stay for an hour. There was reduced visibility due to a blanket of mist. I found a dew covered Brown Argus, Meadow Brown and Silver-spotted skipper.



Extra photo

by Katrina, 17-Aug-16 10:01 PM GMT

Extra photo added



Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 17-Aug-16 10:16 PM GMT

Absolutely cracking shots Katrina, little bejewelled beauties 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 18-Aug-16 11:28 PM GMT

Many thanks Wurzel, they are certainly pretty little butterflies.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 21-Aug-16 10:04 PM GMT

I must start thinking about being out in the field before the dew has evaporated!

Lovely shots, Katrina. The insects looks denuded yet abnormally natural at the same time when covered in moisture.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Aug-16 02:32 PM GMT

Thank you David, I swing from thinking they look beautiful with dew and thinking they look a bit sad.

Brown Argus Morning

by Katrina, 27-Aug-16 02:53 PM GMT

I went to Chantry Hill later than planned this morning. Meadow Browns kept flying past and into the grass. Later I saw Small Heaths then found some Brown Argus and Common Blues and an occasional Chalkhill Blue. I also found a caterpillar I was hoping someone could identify for me. I was also intrigued to see an arrow on the path pointing in to some trampled long grass but followed it and didn't spot anything.

On the way home I briefly stopped at Anchor Bottom then Beeding Cement Works. In the lane to Anchor Bottom I found a Comma, Small Tortoiseshell and Painted Lady. There I found 2 Clouded Yellows, many Brown Argus , a few Common Blues a well as Meadow Browns and Small Heaths. At Beeding Cement Works (the briefest of stops walking round the everlasting pea three times) , a Common Blue flew off the everlasting pea and a Meadow Brown was nearby.









Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Aug-16 03:12 PM GMT

My sister pointed this article out to me re Large Blues

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-37203171>

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 27-Aug-16 06:57 PM GMT

Lovely Clouded Yellow image (I had some success with them yesterday). The Painted Lady too is a cracker. You are sure that was a Common Blue the flew up at the cement works !?. 😊

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Pauline, 27-Aug-16 07:01 PM GMT

Trevor got there before me Katrina! Those last 2 shots are great, but y'know what, I keep coming back to that Brown Argus because it is so different and so artistic. Really like it 😊😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Aug-16 08:36 PM GMT

Thank you Trevor, absolutely sure was not a LTB, I knew it was the wrong colour blue but chased it down to see the spots on the underwing when it landed just in case.
Thank you Pauline, I was lucky the Brown Argus stayed still for me.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 27-Aug-16 09:22 PM GMT

That is a lovely female Clouded Yellow, Katrina. Exactly the shot I dream of getting, but never have. Brilliant. 😊👍

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 27-Aug-16 09:51 PM GMT

Thank you Millerd, the image was taken from a distance and heavily cropped as they were hot and supercharged by the time I arrived.

Mill Hill

by Katrina, 31-Aug-16 06:33 PM GMT

I had two trips to Mill Hill today, one for an hour before taking my car in for service and MOT and as it was so nice I went back immediately after. On the first trip I found Adonis Blues, Chalkhill Blues and Common Blues as well as Small Heaths, Meadow Browns and 2 Clouded Yellows. There was a lot of dew around and it was quite slippery.

When I came back I also found some whites and one Red Admiral. I decided I really should try and work out my whites so took some photos. The first in flight is GVW and I think the second is a Small White but would be grateful for confirmation. I also had fun watching a caterpillar, particularly when a bee landed on its flower. I would be grateful if anyone can ID the caterpillar. (will put in a separate post)

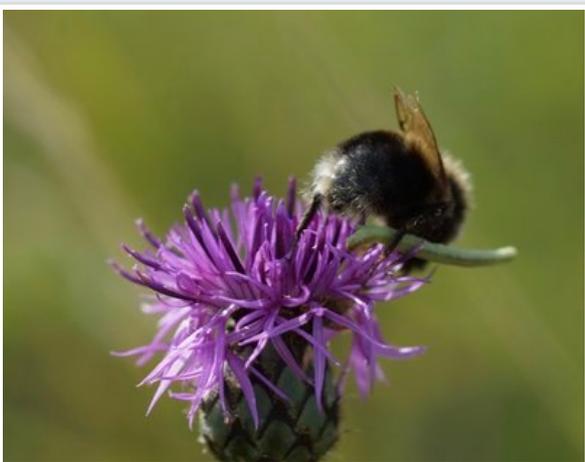
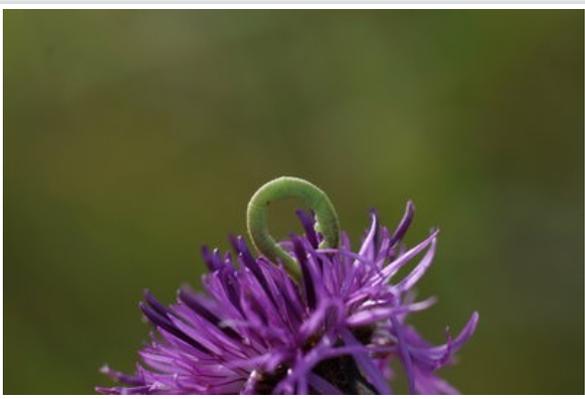




Caterpillar and Bee

by Katrina, 31-Aug-16 06:45 PM GMT

The caterpillar seemed to mainly stay in a loop and then did a snake impression a couple of times. A bee then landed and it looks as though was on top of it briefly but all was well in the end. Wish I had been videoing at that point rather than taking photos – would have been good to see a slo-mo.







Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 01-Sep-16 05:01 PM GMT

Catching up on posts Katrina, I love the Clouded Yellow shot 🍷

Your still finding loads of Butterflies Katrina and taking lovely shots of them 😊 nothing at all here it feels more like November Butterfly wise. Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 01-Sep-16 09:42 PM GMT

Thank you Goldie, summer came late for us down south. I suspect won't be finding butterflies for much longer so am trying to make the most of it!

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 01-Sep-16 09:53 PM GMT

More great bejewelled beauties 🍷 😊 Interesting behaviour that you witnessed between the bee and cat, looks like the cat won though, there was something similar on the TV the other night - 'super croc vs giant snake':lol:
Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 02-Sep-16 06:53 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel, it was like a mini amphitheatre although I think it was more bee landing, caterpillar trying to repel bee and failing as bee ignored caterpillar and then decided to hide on the side of the flower instead until bee left of own accord.

Evening at Anchor Bottom

by Katrina, 04-Sep-16 08:27 PM GMT

I went out for an hour this evening to Anchor Bottom. I found like others before me that there were a lot of Autumn Lady's Tresses. It was too late to find many butterflies with Meadow Browns the only kind still flying. I found about 4 other butterflies including this one hiding which I think is an Adonis Blue and a different Adonis Blue ab. I would be grateful if anyone knows the name for this one.



Re: Katrina

by millerd, 04-Sep-16 08:46 PM GMT

I think that is ab. *Krodeli* - and a very fine example as well! 😊

Dave

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Sep-16 08:54 PM GMT

Thank you Dave, I wondered but when I looked in the Russwurm book (which I got for Christmas and used for the first time today) the ab krodeli didn't appear to have any spots at all on the upper wing margins. I don't know enough about it to know if that is important or not.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Sep-16 09:26 PM GMT

Although on this website the description says all spots missing apart from discoidals so it would definitely fit and I am going with ab Krodeli. 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 04-Sep-16 10:11 PM GMT

Stunning ab Katrina 😊👍 I think Dave named it correctly 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 04-Sep-16 10:36 PM GMT

Many thanks Wurzel and Dave for the ID

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 04-Sep-16 11:04 PM GMT

Just spotted your Autumn Lady's Tresses. Nature has arranged them very artistically. Lovely image as usual.

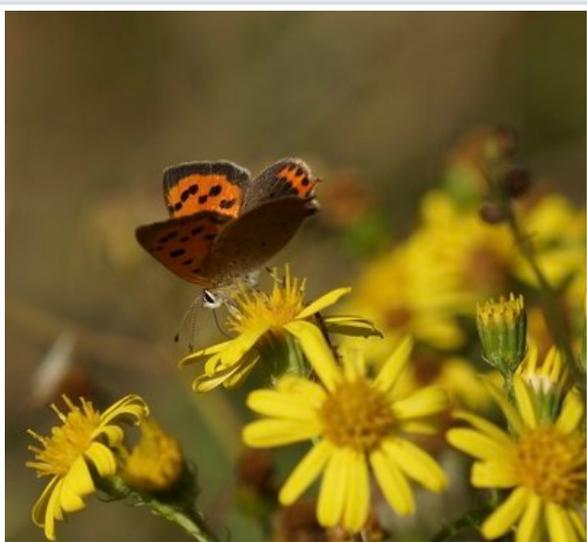
Trevor.

Cissbury Ring

by Katrina, 11-Sep-16 08:43 PM GMT

I went up to Cissbury ring this afternoon with some friends. I saw 4 Red Admirals, some Meadow Browns and Small Heaths, 4 Small Coppers including one blue badge, and one Common Blue





Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 12-Sep-16 08:01 PM GMT

Lovely Coppers Katrina, we had a splendid day looking for Small Coppers on Cissbury ring during late August in 2013. Your report and photos are a nice reminder of a memorable day. The views are pretty nice up there too as I recall.

Best Wishes

James

Re: Katrina

by Hoggers, 13-Sep-16 04:28 PM GMT

Yet more Coppers! They are suddenly taking over the website! I'm in seventh heaven!

Beautiful photos, Katrina – I love photos that show the butterfly in its environment

Congratulations and best wishes,

Hoggers.

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 13-Sep-16 05:15 PM GMT

Great photo's Katrina, and a good find with the blue badge 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 13-Sep-16 08:50 PM GMT

Thank you James, the views were lovely too.

Thank you Hoggers, Coppers have been in short supply this year, I had been thinking if I didn't find them at Cissbury I might have to come to Dungeness.

Thank you Goldie, I was lucky indeed to find it.

Good Fun Bad Photos

by Katrina, 14-Sep-16 04:02 PM GMT

After seeing the report of a LTB I thought I might go looking today. Then while having breakfast this morning I spotted Trevor's invite to Tide Mills and decision made. I arrived and bumped into James who was just leaving but decided to stay when he saw me and then Trevor. We very quickly spotted a LTB but it was very active and only settled for seconds and flew off never to be seen again. After a good deal of searching no others were found. We were joined by my friend Mike who had cycled up. Also seen were Clouded Yellows, Small Heaths, Whites, Common Blues and a Red Admiral. Now if only I could train the kestrel to find LTBs ...





Re: Katrina

by trevor, 14-Sep-16 04:20 PM GMT

Hi Katrina,

We normally complement each others work on here, but I honestly say your LTB image is as bad as mine !. 😊
I think the three of us had a great day.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 14-Sep-16 04:37 PM GMT

Yes, a definite record shot, still waiting to see your and James's. Thank you for inviting me!

Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 14-Sep-16 05:00 PM GMT

At least you can see his face on your photo Katrina! Mines more of a 'head down – bottoms up' shot. At least we all got a photo, he didn't hang around for long. I just posted my photo in the 'September Sightings' page.

It was great to meet up with you and Trevor, and see a 2016 LTB of course – we must do it more often. 😊

Where are my manners, you Trevor 'and Mike' of course.

Hummingbird Hawkmoth Happiness

by Katrina, 16-Sep-16 09:08 PM GMT

This evening I was pleasantly surprised to see my first Hummingbird Hawkmoth on a Buddleia on the edge of a car park. I only had my mobile with me so photo is not great but had great views as it was nectaring and flying around.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 16-Sep-16 09:54 PM GMT

That's a pretty good image for a mobile phone, even the proboscis is visible.
30c on Wednesday, 15c today !.

Trevor.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 16-Sep-16 10:01 PM GMT

Thank you Trevor, I was pleased I managed something nearly recognisable in view of the poor light and distance (cropped image). 😊 The proboscis looks as long as the body !

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 17-Sep-16 08:04 PM GMT

Congrats on the LTB Katrina 🍀 And that is a cracking view of the Hummingbird Hawk moth 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 17-Sep-16 09:29 PM GMT

I've seen these insects many times, but you're right, their proboscis is huge! I'd never really noticed that before.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 18-Sep-16 07:50 PM GMT

Today I visited High and Over for the first time to see the third brood Walls. Trevor kindly showed me around and it was a pleasure to meet Bob. I saw Walls, Red Admirals, Whites, a Meadow Brown and Speckled Woods. Trevor and I then went on to Tide Mills where we also met Bugboy and John. We saw Clouded Yellows, Common Blues, Whites and Small Heaths. We didn't find any LTBs today but did see a weasel run across the path just in front of us.

Another good day in good company.



Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 18-Sep-16 08:14 PM GMT

Excellent Cloudy shot Katrina and nice to bump into you again today 😊. Your closing words to me were very nearly true!

Re: Katrina

by trevor, 18-Sep-16 08:27 PM GMT

You kept that Cloudie image quiet, superb shot !. We'll never know if that first sighting at Tide Mills was an LTB or not. Good to see some familiar UKB'ers out and about.

Thanks for a great day,
Trevor.

Aldrington Canal and Beeding

by Katrina, 21-Sep-16 08:04 PM GMT

Early afternoon I visited Aldrington Canal. It was a pleasure to meet Lindsay. I stayed for about three quarters of an hour and saw Clouded Yellows, 2 Painted Ladies, Whites and a Red Admiral. I then went on to Beeding Cement Works briefly and saw 6 Red Admirals.





Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 23-Sep-16 10:19 PM GMT

Lovely shots of the Clouded Yellow and Painted Lady Katrina, especially the second Painted Lady, a different angle that shows the subtlety 🤔🌿

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by Goldie M, 23-Sep-16 11:22 PM GMT

That's a lovely Clouded Yellow shot Katrina 🌿 wish they'd come North 😊 Goldie 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 24-Sep-16 09:22 AM GMT

Thank you Wurzel, the Painted lady shot looks like it's about to fly off into the sunset.
Thank you Goldie, I hope you get to see one.

Re: Katrina

by millerd, 24-Sep-16 08:37 PM GMT

A really nice female Cloudie, Katrina. 😊🌿 A very "clean" looking butterfly (if you see what I mean... 😊)

Dave

Tide Mills

by Katrina, 28-Sep-16 07:27 PM GMT

I went to Tide Mills this morning. I saw Bugboy's Shrike which was easy to find as it had its own entourage. It was very obliging. Butterflies were less so I saw one fresh looking Red Admiral, one fresh looking Clouded Yellow and 3 whites.





Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-Sep-16 07:32 PM GMT

A better photo than mine was posted on the UK Dragonflies and Damselflies site today

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/561222590593478/>

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 28-Sep-16 07:42 PM GMT

Cripes he's still there, I'm surprised there's anything left to eat the rate he was going through stuff a week ago!

Also I do like he's being tagged as 'Bugboys Shrike' 😊

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 28-Sep-16 08:22 PM GMT

Well, it was rather good of you to find a rare bird for people to look at in between searching for LTBs! 😊

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 28-Sep-16 10:57 PM GMT

Great shots of the RBS and an even lusher shot of the Cloudy Katrina 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by bugboy, 28-Sep-16 10:59 PM GMT

Katrina wrote:

Well, it was rather good of you to find a rare bird for people to look at in between searching for LTBs! 😊

All in a days work 😊

Cute Koala and Butterfly video

by Katrina, 03-Oct-16 08:32 PM GMT

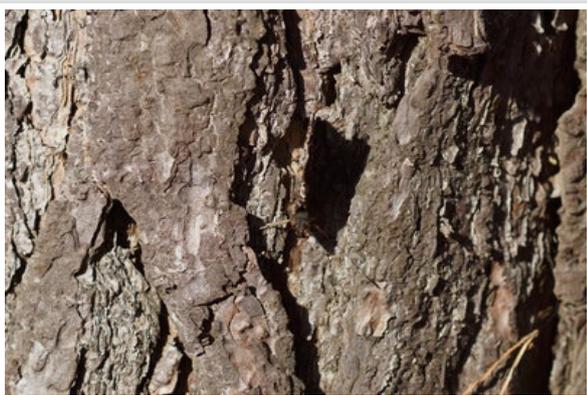
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Red Admiral Stedham Commin

by Katrina, 02-Nov-16 05:33 PM GMT

I went to Stedham Common for a short time this lunchtime. I found one Red Admiral and was impressed by its camouflage.





Bonus photo

by Katrina, 02-Nov-16 06:05 PM GMT

Using the light adjust.



Re: Katrina

by Butterflysaurus rex, 05-Nov-16 01:26 PM GMT

Really good examples of the Red Admirals wonderful camouflage at work there Katrina. They 'along with the Clouded Yellows' have really made for an enjoyable end to the year.

ATB

James

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 05-Nov-16 05:06 PM GMT

Thank you James, they certainly have improved the year!

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 05-Nov-16 05:56 PM GMT

That is impressive camouflage 😊 You must have had eagle eyes to see that! 🤩😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: Katrina

by David M, 05-Nov-16 09:05 PM GMT

Love that last image, Katrina.

Take away the antennae and absolutely **no-one** would know there's a butterfly lurking.

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 06-Nov-16 01:56 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel but I have to confess I saw it first open winged on the ground and then flying among the trees rather than spotting it camouflaged. Thanks David, I was impressed that it knew to land in a dip in the trunk beneath an overhanging bit of bark. It sometimes looked like bark and sometimes like a bracket fungus.

Heyshott

by Katrina, 23-Nov-16 04:54 PM GMT

Today I joined Garry Philpott and the Murray Downland Trust volunteers to clear scrub at Heyshott for the benefit of Duke of Burgundys. It is a bit of a climb but worth it for the views, company and butterflies.



by Katrina, 30-Nov-16 05:55 PM GMT

It was a day of sun and ice at Heyshott. I arrived at tea break time to join Mike, John, Garry, Nick and Gregg. We continues scrub clearance.



Re: Katrina

by trevor, 30-Nov-16 06:52 PM GMT

Well done for braving the cold.

Re: Katrina

by David M, 30-Nov-16 08:22 PM GMT

Tea break time? Looks more like dawn. What time of day were these images taken, Katrina?

It was obviously pretty cold irrespective of the time of day!

Re: Katrina

by Katrina, 30-Nov-16 09:38 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor but wasn't too cold as sunny.

David, photos were taken about 11 - not sure why they look so dark, were taken on a mobile.

Re: Katrina

by Wurzel, 01-Dec-16 01:40 PM GMT

Excellent - keep up the great work Katrina 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

