

Re: SimonC69

by SimonC69, 08-Dec-16 08:16 AM GMT

Well, that all seems like years ago...

Oh...

It was!

What happened?

Long story short, Life happened and amongst other things I spent all of summer 2016 with no camera so that made the quest somewhat tricky.

However, I did receive a surprise early christmas present from my wife this week:



Secondhand camera (very low shutter count though) but brand spanking new Sigma glass <droooooooooo!>

So, suffice to say, my quest is well and truly back on (albeit harder by a year!)

Itineraries are being worked out, targets identified etc. Roll on spring and some obliging skippers and hairstreaks.

I hope this is me back for the duration now, but never count your chickens and all that.....

Re: SimonC69

by Wurzel, 08-Dec-16 10:12 PM GMT

Good to see you back Simon 😊 If I can help out just send me a PM. I bet you can't wait to train that lens on a butterfly 🦋🌿

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: SimonC69

by SimonC69, 09-Dec-16 08:26 AM GMT

Yeah you bet I've got an itchy trigger finger! This (or its 150mm cousin) has been my dream glass for such a long time!

I'll definitely be in touch for some info (looking through an old itinerary I started drawing up at the end of 2015 a lot of the targets say "ask wurzel" under the site section)

Cheers

Re: SimonC69

by David M, 09-Dec-16 08:46 PM GMT

Looks pretty impressive. I look forward to seeing the results when our winged friends reappear next spring!

Re: SimonC69

by SimonC69, 10-Dec-16 10:14 AM GMT

Thanks David

In the right hands the sigma can deliver mightily impressive results. It's yet to be seen what it will do in my hands however. Fingers crossed. One thing is for certain, it will mean I'm out looking for subjects at every given opportunity.

Re: SimonC69

by SimonC69, 14-Dec-16 01:22 PM GMT

Well. I've "christened" my new lens a lot earlier than I expected 😊

I can't remember ever seeing a Brimstone in December. Seen plenty of Peacocks, Red Admirals, Small Torts (and the odd Painted Lady) over the years but never a Brimstone.



Still a lot to learn about this lens, but the early signs are encouraging

I did also see a possible Peacock, but that was too distant to ID with any certainty

Re: SimonC69

by David M, 14-Dec-16 01:41 PM GMT

Glad you got to try out your new gear, Simon, but this mild spell is not good news. I wish it would go cold again...and soon, otherwise we're going to have these critters waking unseasonably early and expending vital energy well before the right time of year for them to do so.

Re: SimonC69

by SimonC69, 14-Dec-16 01:49 PM GMT

I know, it's a worry. if it was a Peacock or Small tort it wouldn't be quite so worrying, but Brimstones? 😞
I thought a couple of weeks ago that we were going to have a decent winter at last.