

### **Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 29-Jul-16 01:41 PM GMT

Bonjour les gars. this is your Brexit buster Charles speaking !!

It is very warm here in Carcassonne. Plenty of butterflies.... the Two tailed Pashas are out earlier than last year...

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/>

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Chris Jackson, 29-Jul-16 05:56 PM GMT

Hello Charles,

Bonjour mon ami.

I'm not used to Flickr. I don't seem to be able to view any photos. Does one have to subscribe ?

It is probably hotter here in Marseilles than in Carcassonne, with températures up to 34°C +. The only BFs flying here are hot scrub BFs: Tree Grayling and Striped Grayling.

Chris

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 30-Jul-16 01:32 PM GMT

hi Chris... i need to make the photos public... should be ready in 5 minutes 😊

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 30-Jul-16 01:56 PM GMT

OK the photos should be accessible now...

it is about 36° here in Carcassonne today



### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 01-Aug-16 01:41 PM GMT

plenty of Papillons around. No Emperors yet...

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 01-Aug-16 02:27 PM GMT

if you are looking for a pleasant family apartment in the Aude with excellent butterfly walks on your doorstep then this might be of interest:

<http://www.gite-camerone.com/>

Monsieur Vienot is a splendid chap and has done a wonderful job upgrading the Gite in the middle of Pomas. He says that a week for a family will be in the region of 550 euros.

there is a swimming pool and secure parking.

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 02-Aug-16 01:41 PM GMT

there are now 87 pics to enjoy:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/>

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Chris Jackson, 02-Aug-16 01:51 PM GMT

An interesting selection of *insolite* photos, Charles.

The steak and *frites* is most tempting.

Chris

### **Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 04-Aug-16 01:36 PM GMT

**Chris Jackson wrote:**

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Chris

Merci Christophe 😊

i hope you are well in Marseille. the cockles with curry sauce were very tasty 😊

PS have you tried the new 51 Pastis with fruit flavors ?

**Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 06-Aug-16 01:30 PM GMT

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/>

nearly 200 pics for you to enjoy 😊

**Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Chris Jackson, 06-Aug-16 06:16 PM GMT

Thank you for your latest mozaic of photos, Charles.  
I have never seen 3 Long-tailed Blues together, calm, at the same time, perhaps it is because they are puddling.  
In dry conditions, they just battle all the time.  
Those squid and chips have got my taste buds going.  
Keep up the good work.  
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**Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 08-Aug-16 01:32 PM GMT

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the blues were congregating on some river algae... plenty of water nearby; you can see some more here:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/>

264 pics so far 😊

**Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by David M, 12-Aug-16 10:10 PM GMT

Don't know which I prefer, Charles – the butterfly or the gourmet meal images! 😊

**Re: Aude Hols 2016**

by Charles Nicol, 16-Aug-16 01:19 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

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328 pics in the group now 😊

still no confirmed Emperor sightings... a few possibles

also no hairstreaks this year...

or Queen of Spain... yesterday i went to the location where i saw last year's single QoS... no dice 😊

just over 2 weeks to go, so will keep mes yeux épluchés

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Chris Jackson, 17-Aug-16 06:15 PM GMT

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I have totted up your butterfly sightings and if I'm not mistaken, you have 25 rhopalocera and 2 heterocera:

Rhopalocera: atalanta, didyma, reducta, semele, jasius, phlaeas, fagi, phoebe, cinxia, megera, crocea, machaon, pamphilus, athalia, icarus, boeticus, argiolus, pirithous, circe, fidia, acteon, paphia, marshalli, podalirius, aegeria

Heterocera : Humming-bird Hawkmoth + another

Mouthwatering gastronomic présentations. Allez la cuisine française 😊 .

Good work, Charles

Chris

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 18-Aug-16 02:06 PM GMT

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Good work, Charles

Chris

Merci beaucoup for your comprehensive analyse of my flickr pics Chris !

i was wondering if this was maybe a Queen of Spain ?

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/28959992712/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/29065398145/>



it is rather cloudy today so am not expecting many papillons 🤖

All the best

Charles



### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Chris Jackson, 18-Aug-16 06:59 PM GMT

#### Charles Nicol wrote:

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/28959992712/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/29065398145/>



Hello Charles,

For your 'Queen of Spain', pending a more authoritative opinion, I would put my money on Weaver's Fritillary female. 😊

Mais qu'est-ce que j'en sais moi, mon pôte?

Chris

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by David M, 18-Aug-16 11:11 PM GMT

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## Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 19-Aug-16 01:44 PM GMT

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Merci Chris & David.... that is even better... a lifetime first 😊😊

## Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 20-Aug-16 01:24 PM GMT

Aujourd'hui it is cloudy & rainy... not Papillon weather.

yesterday i saw this interesting ouiseau near Verzeille... any idées ?

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/28484583424>



## Re: Aude Hols 2016

by David M, 21-Aug-16 09:50 PM GMT

That direct link took me straight to an image of a male Chaffinch, Charles.

Is that the bird in question?

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 22-Aug-16 02:06 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

That direct link took me straight to an image of a male Chaffinch, Charles.

Is that the bird in question?

thanks David

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/28487516023/>

it looked more colourful than our English chaffinches... but i am sure you are right...

i have updated the Aude Hols flickr group.

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/>

this morning i completed a long loop around Preixan. At the high points there were good numbers of Pashas zooming around. the other notable observation was NOT A SINGLE OAK EGGAR 😊😊

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 24-Aug-16 01:41 PM GMT

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Spot the Vulcain...

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/28912256670/in/pool-2938567@N24/>

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 27-Aug-16 01:13 PM GMT

511 pictures for you to enjoy....

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/pool/>

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Charles Nicol, 31-Aug-16 04:31 PM GMT

nearly at the fin 🐟🐟

i finally found some Lesser Purple Emperors.... they were gorging themselves on rotten apples 🍏

see the updated pics:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/2938567@N24/pool/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/captaincatkin/29075880710/in/pool-2938567@N24/>

still no hairstreaks ...

### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by David M, 01-Sep-16 10:20 PM GMT

As ever, I've enjoyed browsing through your images, Charles. You always seem to go to Aude in late summer though. I often wonder how much more you'd see if you visited in early July?

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by Charles Nicol, 02-Sep-16 08:11 AM GMT

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hehehe i have to go when work allows 🐟🐟

am back now



last pictures have been added...

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### Re: Aude Hols 2016

by Chris Jackson, 05-Sep-16 06:38 PM GMT

Thank you Charles for the last images of your gourmet butterflying trip to the Aude, in France.  
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If I need a guide for the region, I know who to consult. 😊  
Peut être guide gastronomique régional une fois à la retraite, hein ?  
Chris

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by Charles Nicol, 06-Sep-16 01:26 PM GMT

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Chris

i am glad you enjoyed my pics 😊

it was hard work doing all that research into restaurant meals... but someone had to do it 😊  
\*in the Times today it says that the key to a flourishing old age is to eat lots of Rosemary...