

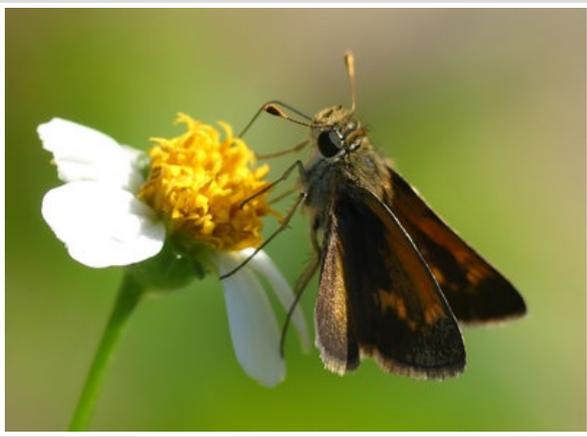
Re: celery

by celery, 20-Feb-17 05:28 PM GMT

Bit of time on my hands at the moment so here's a pictorial 2016 round-up.

Starting with *Hesperiidae*:

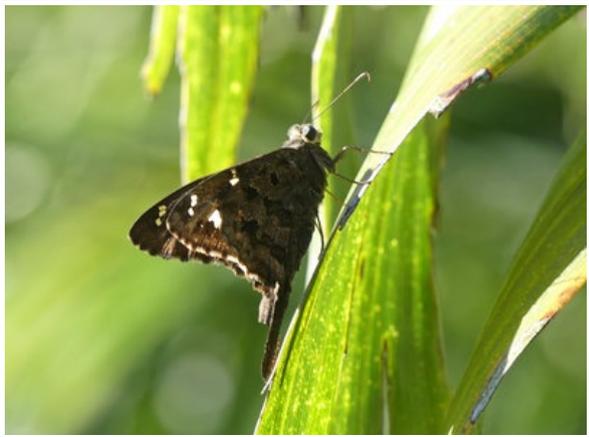
Baracoa Skipper *Polites baracoa*



Dingy Skipper *Erynnis tages*



Dorantes Longtail *Urbanus dorantes*



Fiery Skipper *Hylephila phyleus*



Re: celery

by celery, 20-Feb-17 05:36 PM GMT

Hammock Skipper *Polygonus leo*



Horace's Duskywing *Erynnis horatius*



Large Skipper *Ochlodes sylvanus*





Least Skipper *Ancyloxypha numitor*



Re: celery

by celery, 20-Feb-17 05:46 PM GMT

Long-tailed Skipper *Urbanus proteus*



Lulworth Skipper *Thymelicus acteon*



Mallow Skipper *Carcharodus alceae*



Monk Skipper *Asbolis capucinus*





Re: celery

by celery, 21-Feb-17 01:32 PM GMT

Mangrove Skipper *Phocides pigmalion*



Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper *Pyrgus armoricanus*





Ocola Skipper *Panoquina ocola*



Red-underwing Skipper *Spialia sertorius*





Re: celery

by celery, 21-Feb-17 04:43 PM GMT

Small Skipper *Thymelicus sylvestris*





Southern Broken-Dash (*Wallengrenia otho*)



Three-spotted Skipper (*Cybaeus tripunctus*)



Tropical Checkered-skipper (*Pyrgus oileus*)



...and one final one... what I'm told is a Safflower Skipper *Pyrgus carthami*... but I ain't no *Pyrgus* expert so it might be something different – feel free to chip in if you reckon I've labelled it wrong...



Re: celery

by Padfield, 21-Feb-17 06:11 PM GMT

Thoroughly enjoying your posts, Celery.

I'd have little hesitation in calling *carthami* for that last *Pyrgus* skipper.

Guy

Re: celery

by celery, 22-Feb-17 02:16 PM GMT

Thanks Guy – your kind comments and help with IDs are always greatly appreciated. 😊

Pieridae

Barred Yellow *Eurema दौरा*



Berger's Clouded Yellow *Colias alfacariensis*





Black-veined White *Aporia crataegi*



Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamni*





Re: celery

by celery, 22-Feb-17 02:36 PM GMT

Cleopatra Gonepteryx cleopatra



Clouded Yellow *Colias croceus*



Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*



Dina Yellow *Eurema dina*





Re: celery

by celery, 23-Feb-17 03:49 PM GMT

I'm posting these in batches of around 4 species – simply because if the data is lost before I post I don't want to have to re-do a large and complicated upload. This posting of multiple replies in one session means, however, that sometimes things go unseen – particularly when one's diary 'flips' over a page.

So, just in case anyone who might be interested missed them, the first four *Pieridae* species – Barred Yellow, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Black-veined White and Brimstone – appeared on the last space in page 5 of my diary. More importantly, that post also contained my **thanks** to **Guy Padfield** for his help with ID and all-round good-eggedness. 😊 Onwards...

Green-veined White *Pieris napi*



Large Orange Sulphur *Phoebis agarithe*



Large White *Pieris brassicae*



Little Yellow *Eurema lisa*



Re: celery

by celery, 23-Feb-17 03:55 PM GMT

Orange-barred Sulphur *Phoebis philea*



Wood White *Leptidea sinapis*





Re: celery

by celery, 24-Feb-17 01:54 PM GMT

Lycaenidae

Adonis Blue *Polyommatus bellargus* - I saw a lot of Adonis Blues this year!









Re: celery

by celery, 24-Feb-17 02:08 PM GMT

Atala *Eumaeus atala*



Baton Blue *Pseudophilotes baton*





Black Hairstreak *Satyrium pruni*



Re: celery

by NickMorgan, 25-Feb-17 09:02 PM GMT

Fantastic selection of pictures. I have to admit that I really struggled to separate the different Sulphurs when I was in the Caribbean.

Re: celery

by celery, 27-Feb-17 05:03 PM GMT

Hi Nick – apologies for the late reply... weekend and all that 😊

I know exactly what you mean – I have particular difficulty with Statira Sulphur *Phoebis statira* – luckily I didn't see one of them in 2016, so no worries there! 😊

Florida has around 50 types of skipper – including two *Pyrgus* that can only be reliably differentiated by close examination of the genitalia and six Duskywings that most enthusiasts just call Horace... 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 27-Feb-17 05:16 PM GMT

Brown Argus *Plebeius agestis*



Cassius Blue *Leptotes cassius*





Ceraunus Blue *Hemiargus ceraunus*



Chalkhill Blue *Polyommatus coridon*



Re: celery

by celery, 27-Feb-17 05:27 PM GMT

Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*





Geranium Bronze *Cacyreus marshalli*





Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*



Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus*



Re: celery

by celery, 01-Mar-17 03:57 PM GMT

Lang's Short-tailed Blue *Leptotes pirithous*



Martial Scrub-hairstreak *Strymon martialis*



Provençal Short-tailed Blue *Cupido alcetas*





Reverdin's Blue *Plebejus argyrognomon*





Re: celery

by celery, 01-Mar-17 04:11 PM GMT

Small Blue *Cupido minimus*



Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*



Sooty Copper *Lycaena tityrus*





Turquoise Blue *Polyommatus dorylas*



White-letter Hairstreak *Satyrium w-album*



Re: celery

by bugboy, 01-Mar-17 07:59 PM GMT

Thoroughly enjoyable recent posts but that Scrub-hairstreak is something else! Not only a stunning insect but you also managed some excellent shots of a mint one, those tails can't last for more than a day or two 🍷🍷🍷

Re: celery

by David M, 01-Mar-17 09:19 PM GMT

bugboy wrote:

Thoroughly enjoyable recent posts but that Scrub-hairstreak is something else! Not only a stunning insect but you also managed some excellent shots of a mint one, those tails can't last for more than a day or two

Agreed. Where did you see that, Celery?

Re: celery

by MikeOxon, 01-Mar-17 09:55 PM GMT

A splendid collection for the diary. You've clearly been doing a bit of globe-trotting over the year. I'll echo David and suggest you could append location data for all of these. Some do seem to be UK 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 02-Mar-17 01:41 AM GMT

Thanks for the interest fellas 😊

I was lucky enough to have three foreign trips last year. Dordogne for a week in late May – which I enjoyed so much I went back for another week in mid September, then south and central Florida for ten days in late November.

Any species you don't recognise from your Tolman you can bet was taken in the U.S.

The Martial Scrub-hairstreak shots are from a place called Gumbo Limbo Nature Preserve in Boca Raton, Florida. Gumbo Limbo is a tropical hardwood tree noted for its red-coloured peeling bark. The species is tropical – native to the Bahamas, Cuba and the southern-tip of Florida. It's scarce and very vulnerable – colonies are often destroyed along with their host plants thanks to the frequent hurricanes in the Keys.

Luckily, Florida hasn't suffered from many high-category storms recently and the species is spreading northwards. Boca Raton is at the very northerly tip of its range, some 45 miles up the coast from Miami. Gumbo Limbo Preserve is a remnant of a tropical hardwood hammock – sandwiched in just a few acres between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. Most butterfly enthusiasts go there to see Ruddy Daggerwings – pics of which are to come when I reach the *Nymphalidae* – seeing these half-a-dozen Martial-Scrub-hairstreaks was a tremendous surprise and a lifetime first for me.

Thanks for looking and your kind comments. More species to come as soon as I can find the time to post. Cheers 😊

Re: celery

by Wurzel, 02-Mar-17 08:23 PM GMT

Looking forward to the next sets Celery if they're even a patch on the last ones they'll be brill 🤩👍 The Martial Scrub Hairstreak is a beaut but I was most impressed by the Dina Yellow amazing cryptic patterning 🤩😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: celery

by celery, 03-Mar-17 03:38 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel 😊

Yep, I'm particularly proud of that Dina Yellow shot – but I'd be even prouder if it was me that had actually taken it! That shot was taken by mrs. celery... here's the story...

First day of our holiday and we showed up at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, just south of Miami. The place was packed – it turned out it was their yearly 'Ramble' day. Special events, music, tombolas, stalls, all that kind of rigmarole – every scrap of wildlife scared silly by the shrieks of tiny children and the rumbling footfalls of their heavy-set grandparents.

Anyhoo, one of the stalls was the Miami Chapter of NABA (North American Butterfly Association) – manned by ancient wrinkly Floridian lepidoptera enthusiasts – dispensing information and raising awareness to the local community. Imagine your local branch of BC in 50 years time with all the same people as now and no-one had ever died – that's kinda how it was.

So, I was nattering to them about the colony of the nationally-scarce Baracoa Skipper which frequents the short-cut grassland beside the main lake when up pops the missus keen to show off her just-taken photo and get it identified by the experts. "That's a Cloudless Sulphur" says one old-fella. Well, I have a look... clearly it ain't a Cloudless Sulphur. Too small, wrong wing shape... he has a book on his table – the same one I use (Jeffrey Glassberg's *Butterflies Through Binoculars – Florida*) I leaf through and point to Dina Yellow. "Well, I'll be darned... it is a Dinal!" exclaims the same dude, "We ain't seen one of them here since 2008!".

Re: celery

by celery, 03-Mar-17 04:37 PM GMT

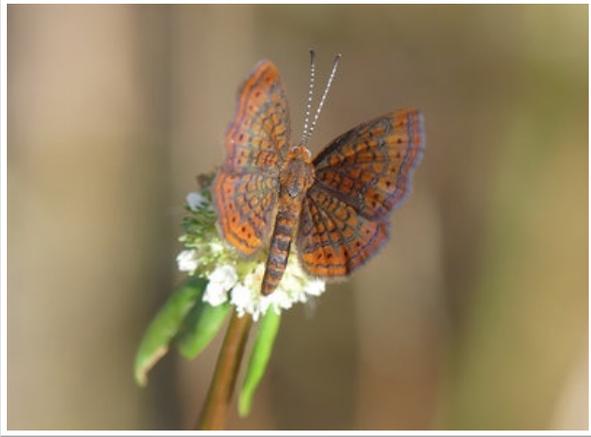
Riodinidae

Duke Of Burgundy *Hamearis lucina*



Little Metalmark *Calephelis virginiensis*





Re: celery

by celery, 03-Mar-17 04:54 PM GMT

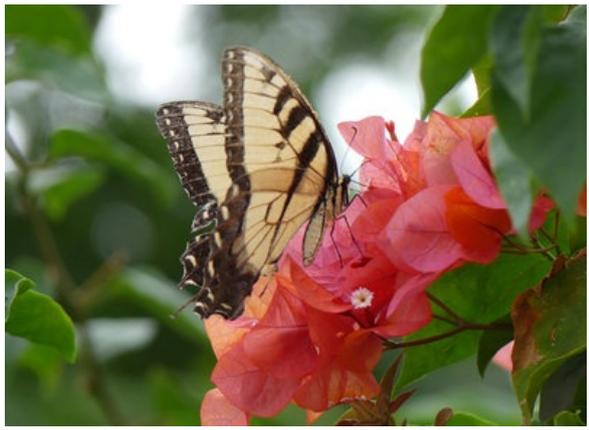
Papilionidae

Not a great year for Swallowtails in Florida, with barely passable pics of only 4 of the 9 (8 if you discount the possibly extinct-in-the-wild Schaus') resident species. Thanks, in-all-likelihood to the zealous and indiscriminate anti-mosquito spraying prevalent in southern Florida since the arrival of Zika virus.

Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes*



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio glaucus*



Giant Swallowtail *Papilio cresphontes*



Polydamas Swallowtail *Battus polydamas*



Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*



Swallowtail *Papilio machaon*



Re: celery

by Wurzel, 03-Mar-17 08:13 PM GMT

Ain't it always the way Celery - it's like the people that have American birds in their garden for 6 weeks before anyone from the Twitching fraternity finds out about it 😊😂 Still at least your missus shows some interest, mine just rolls her eyes and plays the part of a 'butterfly widow' 😊

That little metalmark is even more of a cracker than the Scrub Hairstreak 🤪 It really lives up to it's name with teh bands of metallic silver running over it's wings 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: celery

by Padfield, 03-Mar-17 11:35 PM GMT

Hi Celery. I'd be interested to know where your *podalirius* come from. On a blind tasting, the first one would seem to be *feisthamelii*, so from south of the Pyrenees, and the second *podalirius*. There – cards on table! 😊 But is it right?

Guy

Re: celery

by celery, 04-Mar-17 02:16 AM GMT

Guy – re *podalirius* question...

Pic 1: Taken on the *cabant*, an area of common land mixing light woodland with chalky hillside scrub which adjoins David Simpson & family's gîte – Saint-Meyme-de-Rozens, Dordogne, France – 25th May, 2016 – 1:52pm



Pic 2: Taken in the meadow area of David Simpson & family's gîte – Saint-Meyme-de-Rozens, Dordogne, France – 27th May, 2016 – 10:09am. About 500 yards, as the critter flitters, from the location of the first pic.



I'd love to claim Southern Scarce... but we're way north of the Pyrenees here I'm afraid to say... 😞

Re: celery

by trevor, 04-Mar-17 09:13 AM GMT

Hi Celery,

Your Scarce Swallowtail reminds me of a close encounter I had with one in the Cevennes region of France, last June. Just to watch it's floating, gliding, aerobatics was magical enough, but this particular specimen seemed to take a liking to my aftershave, and twice after flying off into the distance, would return and literally brush past my face. Fortunately it also posed for many photo's.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Re: celery

by celery, 07-Mar-17 12:56 AM GMT

Great stuff Trevor – just out of interest what aftershave were you wearing? Not 'Fox Scat' by *Givenchy* was it? 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 07-Mar-17 01:07 AM GMT

Nymphalidae

Comma *Polygonia c-album*



False Grayling *Arethusana arethusa*



Gatekeeper *Pyronia tithonus*



Glanville Fritillary *Melitaea cinxia*





Re: celery

by celery, 07-Mar-17 03:15 PM GMT

Grayling *Hipparchia semele*



Great Banded Grayling *Brintesia circe*





Gulf Fritillary *Araulis vanillae*



Knapweed Fritillary *Melitaea phoebe*





Re: celery

by celery, 07-Mar-17 03:33 PM GMT

Lesser Purple Emperor *Apatura ilia*



Mangrove Buckeye *Junonia evarete*



Marbled White *Melanargia galathea*



Marsh Fritillary *Euphydryas aurinia*





Re: celery

by celery, 09-Mar-17 12:33 AM GMT

Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*



Meadow Fritillary *Melitaea parthenoides*



Monarch *Danaus plexippus*





Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*



Re: celery

by celery, 09-Mar-17 12:47 AM GMT

Peacock *Aglais io*



Pearl Crescent *Phyciodes tharos*

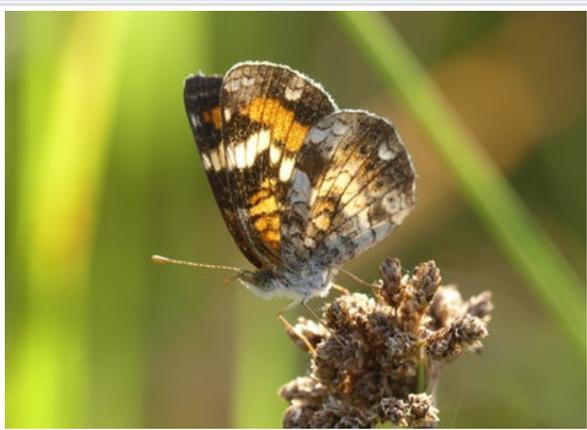


Pearly Heath *Coenonympha arcania*





Phaon Crescent *Phyciodes phaon*

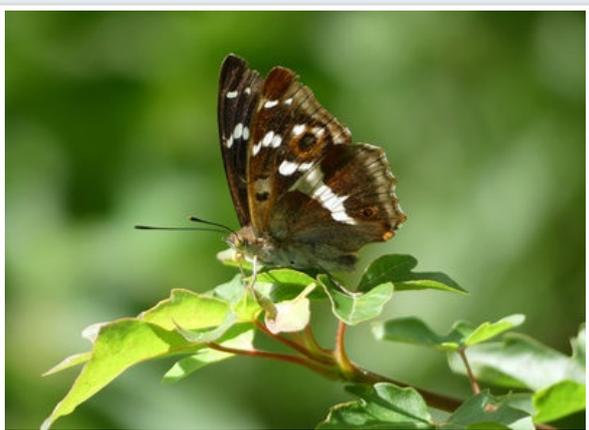




Re: celery

by celery, 11-Mar-17 01:36 AM GMT

Purple Emperor *Apatura iris*



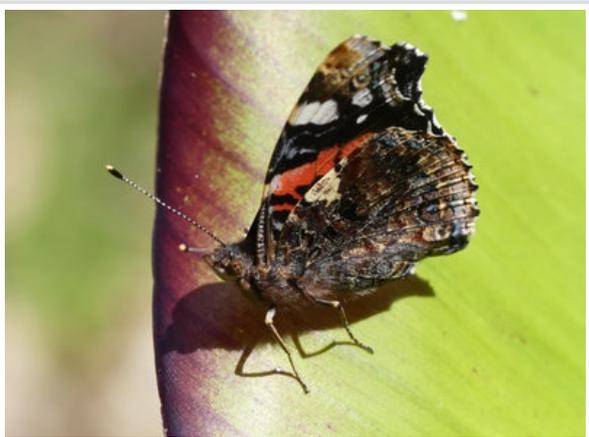
Queen *Danaus gilippus*



Queen of Spain Fritillary *Issoria lathonia*



Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*



Re: celery

by celery, 11-Mar-17 01:44 AM GMT

Ringlet *Aphantopus hyperantus*



Ruddy Daggerwing *Marpesia petreus*



Silver-washed Fritillary *Argynnis paphia*



Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*





Re: celery

by bugboy, 11-Mar-17 08:05 AM GMT

Ooooooh Ruddy Daggerwing! 🐛

That third SWF looks like a slightly melanistic ab. if I'm not mistaken.

Re: celery

by David M, 12-Mar-17 01:13 PM GMT

bugboy wrote:

That third SWF looks like a slightly melanistic tickets about if I'm not mistaken.

It's an absolute cracker. I see this far more often in Dark Greens/High Browns. I've certainly never seen an SWF marked so boldly.

Re: celery

by celery, 13-Mar-17 05:11 PM GMT

bugboy and David – thanks for your responses 😊

For such a large and showy butterfly those Ruddy Daggerwings have some of the camouflage I've seen. They swoop off into the swamp and hang, wings closed, upside down near the bottom of a tree trunk. Almost impossible to tell from a dead leaf unless you see the initial movement.

The abnormal Silver-washed Fritillary was one of three with similar heavy markings at Bedford Purlieu in late July. The example shown was the one with the darkest overall look. Perhaps some peculiar climactic conditions at this location during the pupal development stage?

Re: celery

by celery, 13-Mar-17 05:20 PM GMT

Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae*



Soldier *Danaus eresimus*



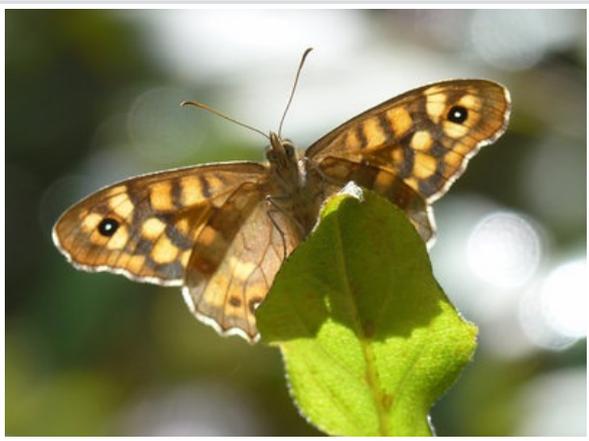


Southern White Admiral *Limenitis reducta*





Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*





Re: celery

by celery, 13-Mar-17 05:30 PM GMT

Spotted Fritillary *Melitaea didyma*

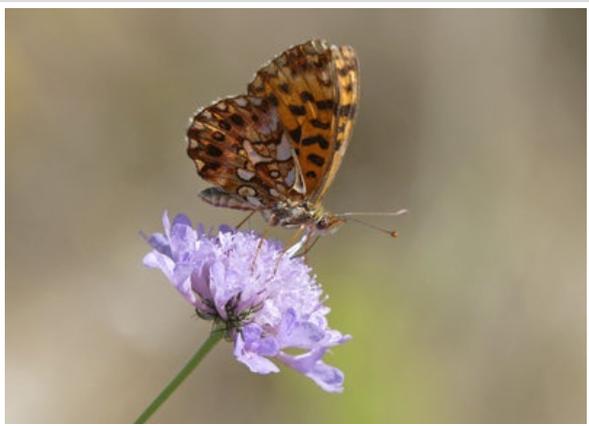




Wall *Lasiommata megera*



Weaver's Fritillary *Boloria dia*





White Admiral *Limenitis camilla*



Re: celery

by David M, 14-Mar-17 01:09 PM GMT

Another delightful sequence, celery, and you've done particularly well to capture the female Wall Brown in such an open pose. It's rare you see them like that.

Re: celery

by celery, 15-Mar-17 07:20 PM GMT

Lovely weather here today in Notts.

Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (2) and Comma (3) active in my garden. Add these to the pair of Red Admirals I saw last Wednesday and I'm right about on track for the full set of overwintering imagos 😊

Last batch of 2016 species...

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*



Woodland Grayling *Hipparchia fagi*



Zebra *Heliconius charitonius*



...I do have a batch of 2015 U.S species that I haven't ever posted – including a further 21 species I didn't see in 2016. Some lovely hairstreaks and swallowtails among them... I'll see what I can do. 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 17-Mar-17 06:39 PM GMT

Small Tort from my garden – this Wednesday (15th March, 2017)



2015 Florida species – *Hesperidae*

Baracoa Skipper *Polites baracoa*



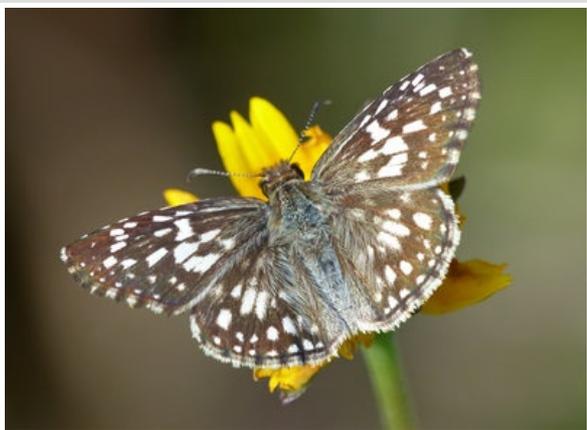
Brazilian Skipper *Calpodus ethlius*



Clouded Skipper *Lerema accius*



Common/White Checkered-skipper *Pyrgus communis/albescens* - N.B. Can't tell these species apart in the field - but location means percentages are in favour of White Checkered-skipper *Pyrgus albescens*





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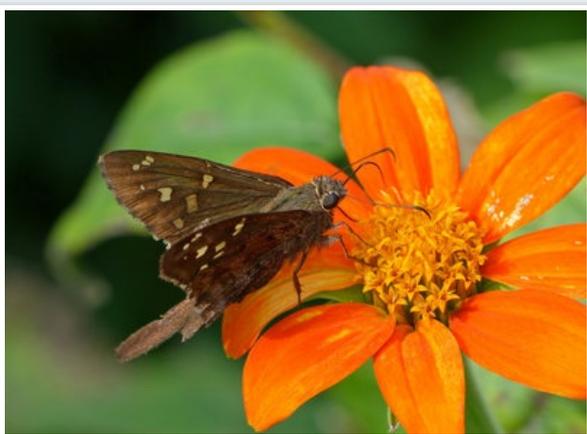
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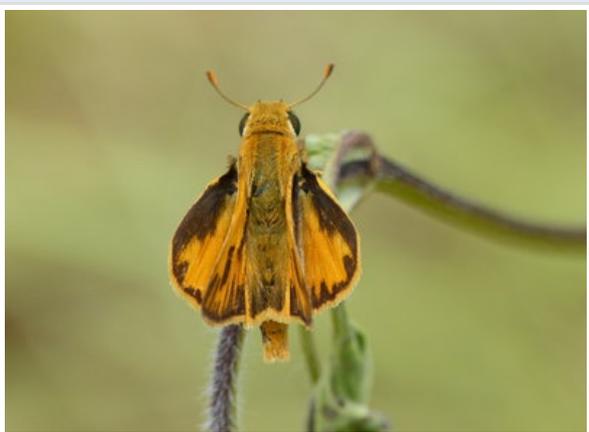
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by celery, 20-Mar-17 03:07 PM GMT

Dorantes Longtail *Urbanus dorantes*



Fiery Skipper *Hylephila phyleus*





Horace's Duskywing *Erynnis horatius*





Long-tailed Skipper *Urbanus proteus*



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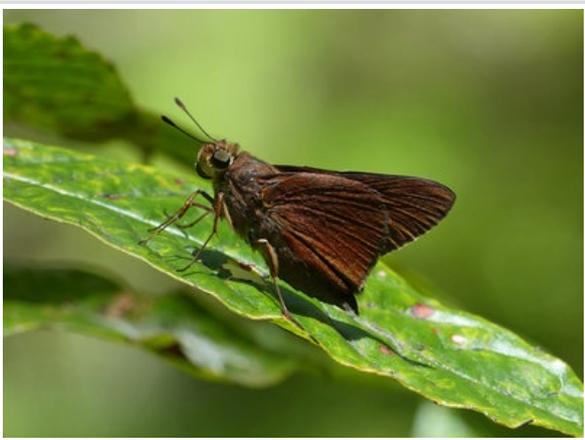
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Mangrove Skipper *Phocides pigmalion*





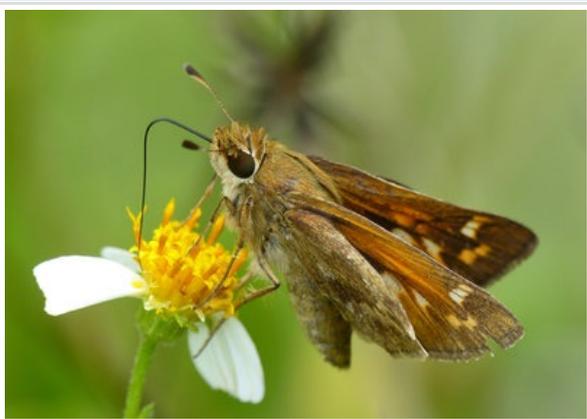
Monk Skipper *Asbolis capucinus*



Obscure Skipper *Panoquina panoquinoides*



Sachem *Atalopedes campestris*



Re: celery

by celery, 22-Mar-17 03:36 PM GMT

Salt Marsh Skipper *Panoquina panoquin*



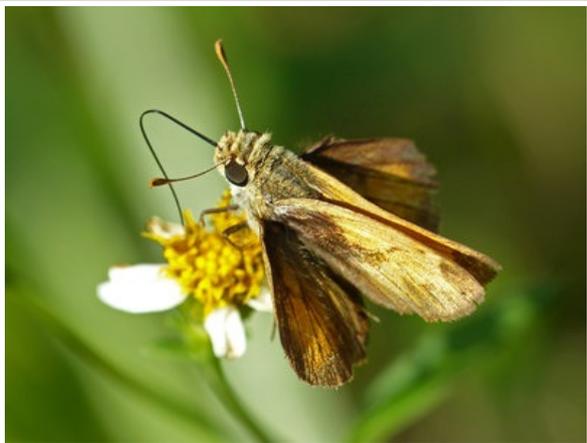
Three-spotted Skipper *Cybaeus tripunctus*



Tropical Checkered-skipper *Pyrgus oilus*



Whirlabout *Polites vibex*



Re: celery

by celery, 22-Mar-17 03:51 PM GMT

Pieridae

Barred Yellow *Eurema daira*



Checkered White *Pontia protodice*





Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*



Dainty Sulphur *Nathalis iole*





Re: celery

by celery, 23-Mar-17 05:06 PM GMT

Dina Yellow *Eurema dina*



Great Southern White *Ascia monuste*





Large Orange Sulphur *Phoebis agarithe*



Little Yellow *Eurema lisa*





Orange-barred Sulphur *Phoebis philea*



Re: celery

by celery, 23-Mar-17 05:24 PM GMT

Lycaenidae

Atala Eumaeus atala





Cassius Blue *Leptotes cassius*





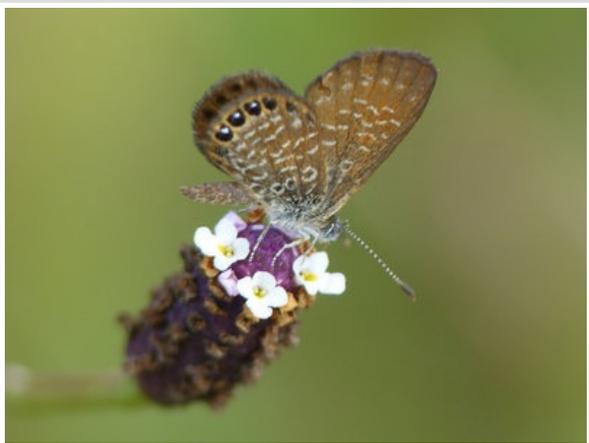
Ceraunus Blue *Hemiargus ceraunus*

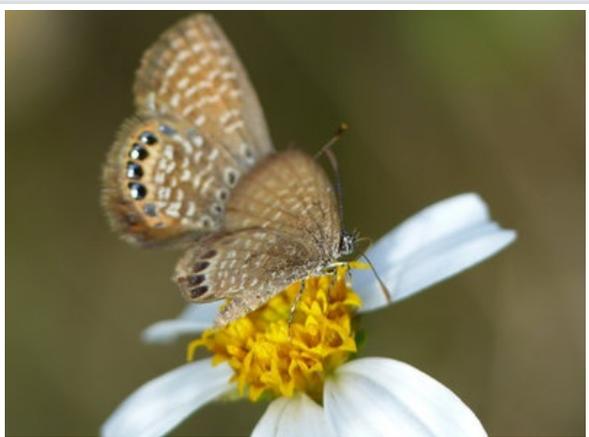




Eastern Pygmy-Blue *Brephidium pseudofea*

My favourite U.S species (so far!). Also the equal smallest species in North America (with Western Pygmy-Blue) – about half the size of a Small Blue.







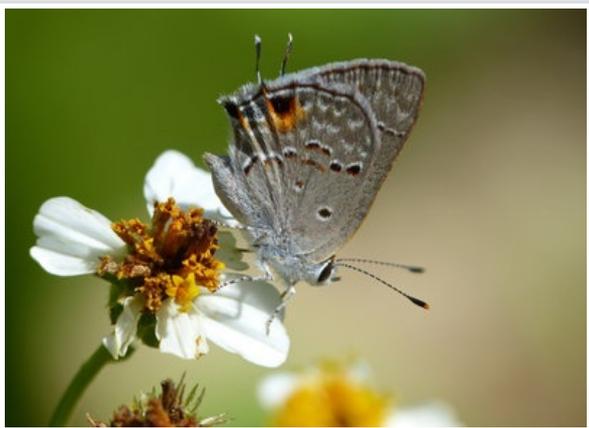
Re: celery

by celery, 27-Mar-17 06:05 PM GMT

Gray Hairstreak *Strymon melinus*



Mallow Scrub-hairstreak *Strymon istapa*





Oak Hairstreak *Satyrium favonius*





Re: celery

by David M, 27-Mar-17 08:35 PM GMT

More delectable species on display in that sequence, Celery.

I'm sure you must get bored by most of the UK's native butterflies?

Re: celery

by bugboy, 27-Mar-17 08:40 PM GMT

David M wrote:

...I'm sure you must get bored by most of the UK's native butterflies?

Go and wash your mouth out David 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 29-Mar-17 04:49 PM GMT

Well David, I certainly not bored of UK species (I don't think you ever forget your first love 😊) but I do get bored of waiting for them to appear again. Which is why most of my foreign species shots are from holidays taken out-of-season.

I find nothing raises the spirits more than a bit of sunshine, warm temperatures and the flitting of butterflies during the depths of what would be the English winter. 😊

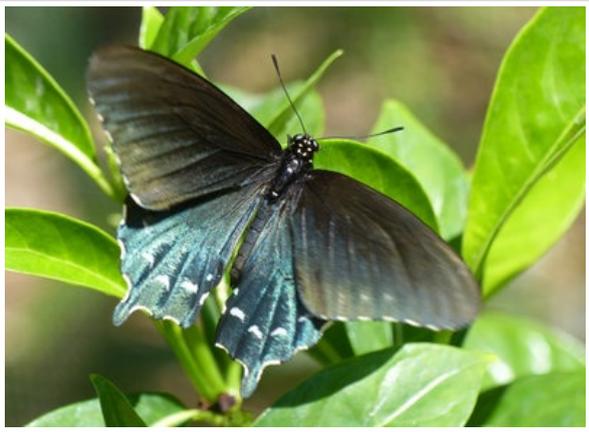
Papilionidae

Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes*





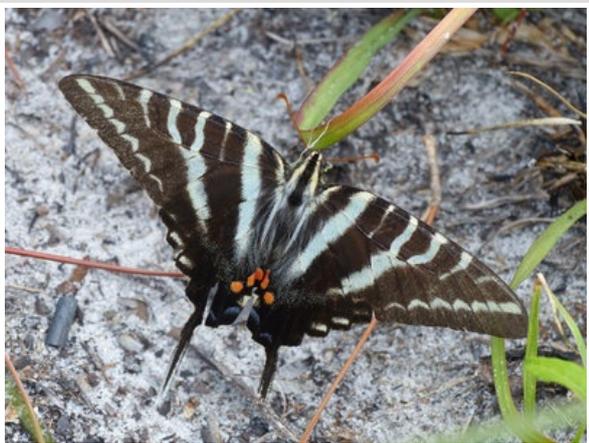
Pipevine Swallowtail *Battus philenor*



Polydamas Swallowtail *Battus polydamas*



Zebra Swallowtail *Protographium marcellus*





Re: celery

by celery, 30-Mar-17 04:56 PM GMT

Nymphalidae

Carolina Satyr *Hermeuptychia sosybius*



Common Buckeye *Junonia coenia*



Gulf Fritillary *Araulis vanillae*



Julia *Dryas iulia*



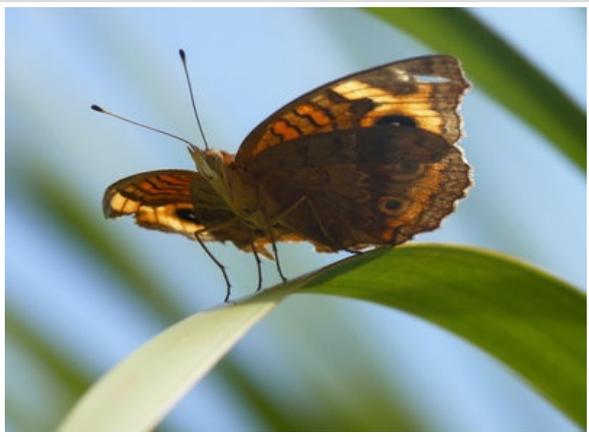
Malachite *Siproeta stelenes*



Re: celery

by celery, 30-Mar-17 05:08 PM GMT

Mangrove Buckeye *Junonia evarete*



Monarch *Danaus plexippus*



Pearl Crescent *Phyciodes tharos*





Phaon Crescent *Phyciodes phaon*





Queen *Danaus gilippus*



Re: celery

by celery, 30-Mar-17 05:15 PM GMT

Ruddy Daggerwing *Marpesia petreus*



Variigated Fritillary *Euptoieta claudia*



Viceroy *Limenitis archippus*



White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*



Zebra *Heliconius charitonius*





That shallot! 😊

Re: celery

by David M, 31-Mar-17 10:40 PM GMT

Well, what can I say?

You must build up a fair few air miles, Celery? I agree with your statement regarding having to wait for UK species to emerge. In a perfect world we would all indulge in a little 'globe-trotting' to keep us sane in the northern hemisphere's winter months.

Thanks for sharing. You've shown us a wonderful selection of butterfly species.

Re: celery

by celery, 03-Apr-17 05:04 PM GMT

Thanks David 😊

And yes, I do feel guilty about all the travelling – but I guess we're all a little culpable there just as soon as we get in the car to go to the local nature reserve...

...and I might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb 😊

Spent some time tidying up the garden yesterday (Sunday 2nd April) in the company of 2 Small Tortoiseshells, a male and a female Brimstone, a Comma, a Peacock and this rather lovely male Orange Tip.



Re: celery

by celery, 10-Apr-17 04:48 PM GMT

First Holly Blues of the year in my garden yesterday. Two males – this one keen to keep in tip-top condition for the pending arrival of the female of the species... 😊



still not seen a Small or Green-veined White this year...