

Re: dilettante

by dilettante, 09-Mar-17 01:38 PM GMT

09-Mar-2017

Just to record my first sightings of the year: a Brimstone (possibly several), a Comma and a Small Tortoiseshell in Cherry Hinton nature reserve, Cambs at lunchtime in the sun, around 13 degC

Re: dilettante

by David M, 09-Mar-17 11:08 PM GMT

Off to a good start like most of us today, Dilettante.

Re: dilettante

by Wurzel, 09-Mar-17 11:38 PM GMT

I could only match two of those Dilettante – it seems everyone's seen a Comma now except me 🙄 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

dilettante

by dilettante, 11-Jun-17 09:37 AM GMT

Saturday 10th June 2017

I've not been able to do much butterflying so far this year due to having a new puppy taking up all our time. But yesterday I managed to get time to make a trip to Monk's Wood to look for Black Hairstreaks. As has been reported elsewhere, they're having a good year at this site and were in evidence at most suitable blackthorn bushes I looked at around the wood.

Of course they're not the most cooperative species when it comes to photography. These first two images were taken with the camera held at arm's length above my head:



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Black Hairstreak, Monk's Wood, Cambs, 10-Jun-2017

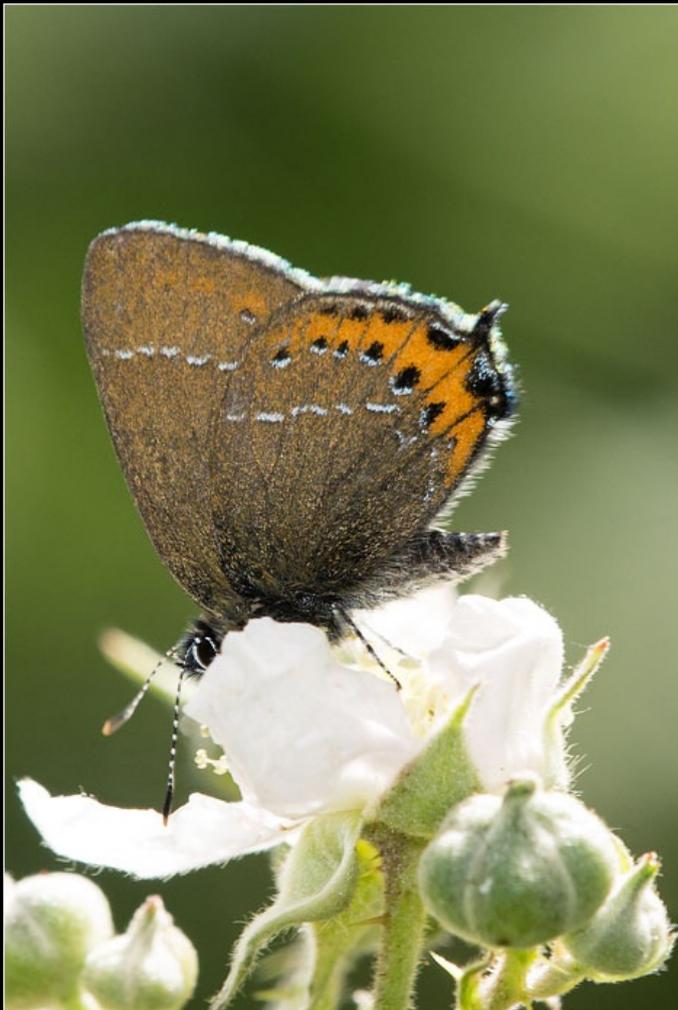
A teasing glimpse of upperside:



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Black Hairstreak, Monk's Wood, Cambs, 10-Jun-2017

This one was more obliging:



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Black Hairstreak, Monk's Wood, Cambs, 10-Jun-2017

I also saw my first **Ringlet** of the year – beautifully fresh and chocolatey velvet, but unfortunately no photo. And as someone else reported seeing a fresh Comma, I saw this one which I like to think is its mother :-)



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Comma, Monk's Wood, Cambs, 10-Jun-2017

Also Large Skipper, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown. No whites at all as far as I recall.

Re: dilettante

by trevor, 11-Jun-17 08:06 PM GMT

Brilliant Black Hairstreak images, a species I have not seen yet. Must put that right one day.

Trevor.

Re: dilettante

by Wurzel, 11-Jun-17 10:07 PM GMT

Fantastic stuff Dilettante, a species I've not encountered myself mostly because it's such a tricky one to see/photograph – but you've made it look easy 🍷🍷😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: dilettante

by dilettante, 11-Jun-17 10:18 PM GMT

Thanks Trevor and Wurzel.

Re: dilettante

by bugboy, 12-Jun-17 08:59 AM GMT

You did better than I did with those Hairstreaks, partly my own fault for wandering off just when a female decided to pose but oh well, always next year 😊

dilettante

by dilettante, 04-Jul-17 10:36 PM GMT

Sunday 2nd July 2017

A trip to Therfield Heath to get my fix of Summer butterflies didn't disappoint: Marbled White, a few Chalkhill Blues, a handful of Dark Green Fritillaries, plus Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Small Skipper, Brimstone, Large White, Small White, Comma, Small Tortoiseshell.



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Gatekeeper, Therfield Heath, Herts, 2-Jul-2017

Butterfly photography is less easy with my new furry companion!



While there I was given a tip-off about good numbers of Silver-washed Fritillary at a local wood so I took myself there in the afternoon.



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Silver-washed Fritillary, Eversden, Cambs, 2-Jul-2017



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Silver-washed Fritillary, Eversden, Cambs, 2-Jul-2017

Commas seem to be having a good year.



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Comma, Eversden, Cambs, 2-Jul-2017

And here's a canonical Essex Skipper



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Re: dilettante

by Wurzel, 06-Jul-17 09:36 PM GMT

Lovely set of shots dilettante 😊 especially the classic Essex 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

Re: dilettante

by dilettante, 07-Jul-17 11:03 AM GMT

Thanks Wurzel. I was pleased to confirm Essex Skippers on my doorstep while walking the dog this morning, and was happy with this phone picture:



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Essex Skipper mating pair, Cambs, 7-Jul-2017

Re: dilettante

by Goldie M, 07-Jul-17 12:20 PM GMT

Love the shot of your new companion, 😊 your Essex skipper shots are good too 😊 Goldie 😊