

## Butterflies of the French Alps

29 June - 6 July 2019

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### Introduction

This butterfly holiday was based in two neighbouring valleys – the Tinée valley in the heart of the Mercantour National Park and then the Var valley which extends into the Alpes de Haute Provence. The holiday was led by David Moore and Jon Dunn. We stayed at privately run hotels in the village of Rimplas for the first part of the week then another in St Martin d'Entraunes. The guests joining us were Judith, Emma, Aiden, Keith, Sam, Geoff, Rod, Lynn, John, Brenda, Beatrice & Ian.

What follows is a daily diary for the week, followed by gallery and species lists.

**Day 1, Saturday 29 June:** Arrival at Nice airport, transfer to hotel followed by short walk on the forest track in Rimplas.

**Day 2, Sunday 30 June:** Around Rimplas

**Day 3, Monday 1 July:** Col de la Lombarde

**Day 4, Tuesday 2 July:** St Dalmas le Selvage

**Day 5, Wednesday 3 July:** Beuil, Les Launes and arrival at hotel in St Martin d'Entraunes

**Day 6, Thursday 4 July:** Col des Champs

**Day 7, Friday 5 July:** Col de la Cayolle and Source du Var

**Day 8, Saturday 6 July:** Return to UK.

### Day 1, Saturday 29 June

Thankfully, none of the guests suffered significant delays, meaning the group were able to check in to the hotel mid afternoon. This allowed for a couple of hours on the forest track behind the hotel, although the oppressive and record breaking heatwave of the previous week had by now given way to more unsettled conditions, with afternoon storms that were to prove a feature of this trip.

It was agreed that any butterflies seen during this short period would be merged with those seen on the first full day, which would be spent on the same forest track and a couple of other nearby locations.

The hostellerie's wonderful host laid on an excellent and welcome first night's meal and the group, weary after a long day of travel, went to bed eager for the feast of butterflies to follow.



## Day 2, Sunday 30 June - around Rimplas

The day began largely sunny and warm, so after breakfast the group headed up towards the fort at the top of the village, only to find the road blocked due to renovation works. Undeterred, the vehicles were left a little distance down the road and the group navigated past the metal fence and made their way up the hill.

This side of the track faces east, meaning that it catches the morning sun, and there were already



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plenty of butterflies active. The most obvious early risers were Marbled Whites and Great Sooty Satyrs, but with a little vigilance lots of smaller, less immediately visible species were on offer. Blue Spot Hairstreak was a popular starter, but Ilex & Sloe Hairstreaks were also nearby on the thorny shrubs, and sharp-eyed Sam spotted a Purple Hairstreak several feet up in a fruit tree.

The valerian growing on the banks attracted Swallowtails, Clouded Yellows & Berger's Clouded Yellows, as well as many Cleopatras, both males and females.

At the top where the fort is situated, the guide was dismayed to find that the works had been to concrete over much of the wild vegetation that had previously grown there. However, the colony of Dusky Heaths was still there in spite of this, with these butterflies using the newly placed wooden tables to camouflage themselves!

The rocky area near the summit provided more interesting species, including Scarce Swallowtail, Black Veined White, Large Wall & Wall Brown, Meleager's Blue, Great Banded Grayling, Escher's Blue and Red Underwing Skipper.

It was time to move on, and the group headed next to a series of abandoned terraces, where a steep rocky slope leads onto a group of interconnected meadows, replete with wild flowers, trees & shrubs of many sorts.

Scarce Swallowtail © Emma Whitfield



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Amongst all this is a copse of elm trees, where White Letter Hairstreaks are known to be resident. Sadly, in spite of the effort taken to get there, none were nectaring on the flowers this year, although both Emma and Judith managed to get record shots of them in the trees.

The mid to late afternoon was devoted to the forest track, with Southern Comma being a notable sighting, nectaring on the lavender bushes of a local garden. This lavender was to prove irresistible throughout the week, with

species such as Marbled Skipper, Southern Small White and Foulquier's Skipper being seen on it, as well as a vast range of others.



Pearly Heath © Emma Whitfield

The forest track threw up a surprise in the form of several fresh looking Large Tortoiseshells, all eagerly feeding up prior to aestivation. Emma noticed that they and quite a few Pearly Heaths were probing at the curled up leaves of myrtle bushes, and on further investigation it was discovered that aphid honeydew was inside.

The week's only Lulworth Skippers were recorded on the track, but other delights included many Escher's Blues, Spotted & Heath Fritillaries, as well as smaller numbers of Purple Shot Coppers, Southern White Admirals & Green Underside Blues.

At the end of a hot and tiring day, the evening count showed that without going beyond the confines of the village of Rimplas, 58 species had been recorded.

### Day 3, Monday 1 July - Towards Col de la Lombarde

With increasing cloud and potential thunderstorms forecast for the afternoon, the guide took the decision to drive to the col first and then come back down in stages to make the most of the morning sunshine.

Sure enough, upon arrival at 2,350m, the weather was extremely pleasant, with clear blue skies and comfortable temperatures of around 19c.

Unfortunately, the butterflies weren't responding to these conditions, leading the guide to believe yet another late season was responsible. The odd Bath White was about, and Mazarine Blue & Queen of Spain Fritillary were recorded, but there was no sign of any of the altitude specialists such as Cynthia's & Grison's Fritillary, although a couple of Mountain Clouded Yellows were seen.

A drop down in altitude saw things come to life somewhat, with Geranium Argus found at a grassy, riverside meadow, along with Olive Skipper, Scarce Copper, Pearl Bordered & Titania's Fritillary.

A further stop around 100m lower in altitude saw several Apollos, as well as plenty of Almond Eyed Ringlets and even a few Glanville Fritillaries.

Upon returning to Rimplas, there was ample time to check out the forest track, where more Large Tortoiseshells were seen, along with Turquoise Blue and another appearance by Southern Comma.

On the whole, it had been a bit of a disappointing day, and it clearly signalled that the group were going to have their work cut out in finding some of the iconic higher altitude species as the week unfolded.



Scarce Copper © Geoff Woodcock

#### Day 4, Tuesday 2 July – St Dalmas le Selvage

The forecast today was for morning sunshine to be replaced around lunchtime with cloud followed by showers. In the event, that was exactly what happened, although the group were able to spend two and a half hours in reasonable conditions in the wonderful, verdant meadows close to a fast flowing river at the delightful little village of St Dalmas le Selvage.

The sight of a few Apollos floating around early on was encouraging, and these were soon followed by the appearance of Lesser Marbled Fritillary in the first of the damp meadows. Further up the track where the fields are a little drier, a Large Grizzled Skipper was found holding territory, but the real find was Mountain Alcon Blue, with a couple of individuals present in this field, along with plenty of their eggs on the gentian plants. Another good find here was Large Blue.

On the track leading back to the car park, the guide, Keith & Sam had a Camberwell Beauty fly past, the only one recorded during the week.

On the other side of the bridge across the road that runs through the village, a handful of Swallowtails were puddling near a pile of damp cement, along with the week's first Dark Green Fritillary.

False Heath Fritillary was taking minerals on the muddy track along with Tufted Marbled Skipper and Knapweed Fritillary.



False Heath Fritillary © David Moore

By now the clouds were starting to thicken, but a thorough comb of a hillside meadow saw Rod spot a Meadow Fritillary, whilst Chestnut Heath a first for the trip.



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Lunch was taken by the car park, with the guide confident that the Blues seen on a bank nearby were Reverdin's Blues. However, after some consultation and research these proved to be the *calliopsis* form of Idas Blue, which are larger than the high altitude form.

The heaven's opened immediately following lunch, so the decision was taken to head back towards Rimplas where the skies had remained clear.

Another exploration of the forest track and its environs saw Foulquier's Skipper recorded on the lavender bush above the track, whilst Long Tailed Blue

was seen on the track itself, along with many other species that the group had now become familiar with.

In spite of less than ideal weather conditions, by the end of the third full day, an impressive 95 species had been recorded.

### Day 5, Wednesday 3 July, Transit day – to Beuil and beyond

Having said our farewells to Stephane and his team in Rimplas, the group set out in the direction of Beuil, passing through the delightful clifftop villages of Roure and Roubion.

The first stop was a network of meadows bisected by a stream in the village of Beuil, and very soon the group was standing next to an old manure heap which was attracting several mineral-hunting butterflies.



Safflower Skipper © David Moore

Both Mallow & Safflower Skipper were amongst these, alongside several Heath Fritillaries and a persistent Small Tortoiseshell.

In the meadow just beyond were several Mountain Alcon Blues, with the surrounding gentians literally peppered with their eggs.

After a couple of hours, it was decided to move on to the next site which was located beyond Les Launes, 10 minutes up the road from Beuil. The meadow here is possibly the best out all the ones scheduled on the trip, with a variety of habitats and a plethora of wild flowers and butterflies.

Purple Edged Copper was the first notable species to be seen, and Emma then tracked down a Clouded Apollo, not a common species in this area. Another was seen later, giving Geoff the opportunity to take a look, as he had been on the far side of the meadow when the first one was encountered.



Purple Edged Copper © Geoff Woodcock

Several species of lycaenid were seen puddling at the end of the tunnel under the main road. These included Eros Blue, Mountain Argus and Amanda's Blue.

Elsewhere in the meadows were Titania's Fritillary, Duke of Burgundy, Mountain Alcon Blue and Provençal Fritillary, amongst many others.



Southern White Admiral © John Buckland

Again, the weather closed in by mid-afternoon, so the group ended up arriving at the Hotel in St Martin d'Entraunes, an hour or so earlier than usual, to be met by the husband and wife hosts, Jean-Pierre and Karine.

The weather brightened up somewhat shortly afterwards, and Geranium Bronze was spotted on the pelargoniums by the tables outside whilst plenty of butterflies were active in the light woodland adjacent, including Holly Blue, Comma and Southern White Admiral.

Prior to dinner, Keith surprised the guide with an image taken earlier of Northern Wall Brown, taking the day's species total to 79 and the overall total to 105.

#### Day 6, Thursday 4 July, Col des Champs

With another deterioration in the weather forecast for the afternoon, once again the group headed straight for the higher altitude site this morning.

Arriving before 10am, temperatures were quite cool, but the sunshine and cloudless skies were most welcome and everybody split up to see if they could find some of the rare montane species.

Not long had passed before a mating pair of Glandon Blues were found, followed by a female Mountain Fritillary, and half an hour or so later Jon had been in the right place to witness an incredibly rare sight – a male Alpine Blue intercepting a female and pairing almost immediately.

Word soon got round with John and Keith getting there quite quickly, although given the distance between individuals not everybody saw the spectacle.

Back down by the car park, Lynn had managed to get a photograph of a male Cynthia's Fritillary, which encouraged the group to remain scouring the fields for some while longer. Sadly, no more were seen and the group moved down in altitude to a stream running under the road with a meadow opposite.



Alpine Blues © David Moore



Grison's Fritillary © Emma Whitfield

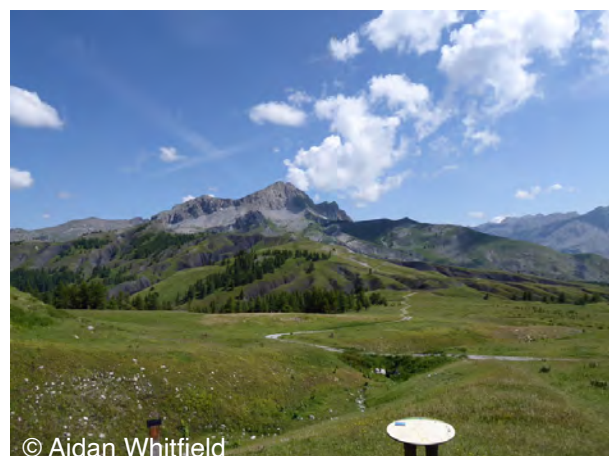
Here, Silver Studded Blues were around in numbers, but there were also Idas Blues and a Grison's Fritillary, found by the sharp eyes of Aiden.

Moving slightly further down the road proved disappointing, as most of the pink valerian that normally attracts butterflies in huge numbers was not fully in flower, so it was decided to move on to one final stop, a grassy meadow on a hairpin bend at about 1,600m.

Whilst the group were exploring this meadow, Jon had crossed the road and

found an abandoned ski slope. This proved a more interesting spot, and the week's first Damon Blue was seen before the cloud thickened and butterfly activity all but ceased.

Frustratingly, once back at the hotel conditions had brightened, and there was time to add one further new species for the week, in the form of a White Admiral, seen in the woodland clearing about 50m from the hotel.



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## Day 7, Friday 5 July, Col de la Cayolle and Source du Var



Finally, the weather forecast didn't contain anything unpleasant for the afternoon, so the group made their way up towards the 2,350m Col de la Cayolle. There was a delay of some 20 minutes as a transhumance party guided their flock of sheep along the main road, but by 10.30am the vans had arrived at a well-wooded spot about 3km on the far side of the col.

This was possibly the most productive site of the whole week, with a variety of different species recorded, some of which had not been seen earlier, such as the handful of

Small Apollos flying around the fast flowing river.

Southern Grizzled Skipper, Sooty Copper, Darwin's Heath, Common Brassy Ringlet & Mountain Ringlet were all seen for the first time, and there were good numbers of Glandon Blues puddling from the water trickles traversing the stony pathway, as well as a small number of Alpine Blues.

Mountain Green Veined White was seen in the wooded area, whilst Large Blue, Idas Blue, Chapman's Blue and Mountain Clouded Yellow were amongst the notables found in the open meadow next to the river.

After a couple of hours here, the group moved on to the col itself, taking lunch there to the sound of marmots whistling away all around. Again, very little was seen at this high altitude, and a thorough search for Cynthia's Fritillary again drew a blank.

It was time to move down to a lush, green site around a lake where the source of the river Var is located. There were good numbers of a range of butterfly species here, but the most notable was the week's first Silvery Argus, whilst Marsh Fritillary was a surprising find in the month of July.

Once back at the hotel, there was still time to take another look in the adjacent woodland, but no new species were seen.

## Day 8, Saturday 6 July, return to Nice Airport

There was one last surprise before leaving the hotel in the form of a Black Hairstreak which was settled on the concrete surface of the car park whilst the group were bringing their suitcases out to the minibuses. This is only the second ever to have been seen on this trip and its rarity value delayed departure by 10 minutes or so.

The journey to Nice was a straightforward one, and all guests were safely dropped off at the airport in good time for their flights.

### Footnote

The total number of butterfly species seen was 125, which is only a couple off the record total for this holiday. However, whilst the species range was good, numbers were lower than they usually are,





perhaps as a consequence of the Siberian high in early spring 2018 that had decimated populations the summer before.

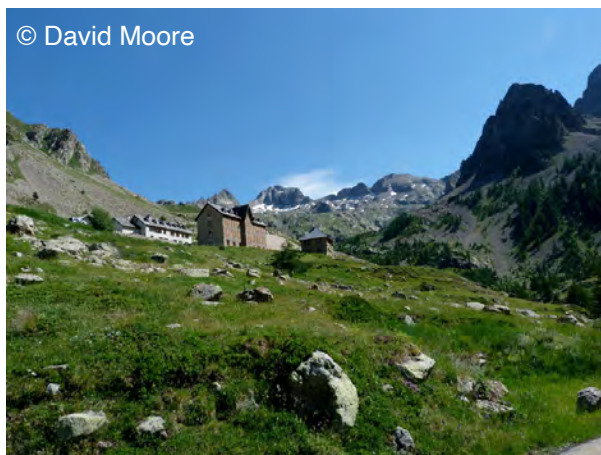
The problems were particularly noticeable at altitude, with many of the montane species seen in very low numbers including, unfortunately, just one confirmed Cynthia's Fritillary.

Add to this another obviously late season, demonstrated by the presence of Green Hairstreak, Marsh Fritillary, Southern Grizzled Skipper & Duke of Burgundy, which would normally be expected to have completed its flight period by the end of the first week in July.

**Acknowledgements.** Greenwings would like to thank all their guests on this trip for convivial company throughout the week. The hotels catered well for the group and the travel arrangements were relatively problem free.

The weather was unusually turbulent this year, possibly due to the record breaking heatwave which France had seen the week prior to guests' arrival, which had the effect of setting off storms in the mid to late afternoon.

Despite this, everybody made excellent efforts to track down as many species as possible, and although numbers were disappointing at high altitude, 125 species is a tally not many other parts of Europe could provide in a single week.



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<b>Butterflies</b>			day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7
<b>Apollos and Swallowtails</b>	Family <b>Papilionidae</b>							
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓
Small Apollo	<i>Parnassius phoebus</i>							✓
Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>					✓		
<b>Whites and Yellows</b>	Family <b>Pieridae</b>							
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern small white	<i>Pieris mannii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mountain Green-veined White	<i>Pieris bryoniae</i>						✓	✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peak White	<i>Pontia callidice</i>							
Mountain Dappled White	<i>Euchloe simplonia</i>							
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mountain Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias phicomone</i>			✓			✓	✓
Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Blues, Coppers and Hairstreaks</b>	Family <b>Lycaenidae</b>							
Purple Hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>		✓				✓	
Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium acaciae</i>		✓		✓			
Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>		✓		✓			
False ilex hairstreak	<i>Satyrium esculi</i>					✓		
Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium spini</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

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White Letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium w-album</i>	✓					
Black Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium pruni</i>						✓
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>			✓	✓		✓
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓
Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>		✓		✓	✓	
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>						✓
Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>				✓	✓	✓
Long tailed blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>			✓	✓		
Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>				✓		✓
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		✓		✓		
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>						
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mountain Alcon Blue	<i>Phengaris alcon rebeli</i>			✓	✓	✓	
Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>	✓					
Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>	✓	✓		✓		
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>					✓	✓
Geranium Argus	<i>Aricia eumedon</i>		✓		✓		✓
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓		✓			
Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>				✓	✓	✓
Silvery Argus	<i>Aricia nicias</i>						✓
Alpine Blue	<i>Plebejus orbitulus</i>					✓	✓
Glandon Blue	<i>Plebejus glandon</i>					✓	✓
Damon Blue	<i>Polyommatus damon</i>					✓	
Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Furry Blue	<i>Polyommatus dolus</i>						

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Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>							✓
Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>		✓		✓			
Meleager's Blue	<i>Meleageria daphnis</i>	✓						
Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Polyommatus coridon</i>							
Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eros Blue	<i>Polyommatus eros</i>				✓	✓	✓	
<b>Aristocrats and Browns</b>	<b>Family Nymphalidae</b>							
Duke Of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lesser Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura ilia</i>							
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>					✓		
Camberwell beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>			✓				
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		✓				✓	✓
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	✓	✓	✓				
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>	✓	✓					
Silver Washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>			✓	✓	✓		
High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>	✓					✓	✓
Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>						✓	
Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis ino</i>			✓			✓	
Shepherd's Fritillary	<i>Boloria pales</i>						✓	
Mountain Fritillary	<i>Boloria napaea</i>							

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Titania's Fritillary	<i>Boloria titania</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
False Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea diamina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grisons Fritillary	<i>Melitaea varia</i>						✓	
Provençal fritillary	<i>Mellicta dejone</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓
Meadow Fritillary	<i>Melitaea parthenoides</i>				✓		✓	✓
Cynthia's Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas cynthia</i>						✓	
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>					✓		✓
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>	✓			✓	✓		
Arran brown	<i>Erebia ligea</i>							
Large Ringlet	<i>Erebia euryale</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
Mountain Ringlet	<i>Erebia ephron</i>							✓
Almond-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia alberganus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sooty Ringlet	<i>Erebia pluto</i>							
False Mnestra Ringlet	<i>Erebia aethiopella</i>							
Common Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia cassioides</i>							✓
Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>				✓			
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dusky Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponephele lycaon</i>							
Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>							
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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		day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7
Dusky Heath	<i>Coenonympha dorus</i>	✓	✓				
Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Darwin's Heath	<i>Coenonympha darwiniana</i>						✓
Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		✓		✓
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern wall brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>				✓		✓
Large Wall	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Skippers</b>	Family <b>Hesperiidae</b>						
Southern grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvoides</i>						✓
Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
Oberthür's grizzled skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>					✓	
Foulquier's grizzled skipper	<i>Pyrgus foulquieri</i>			✓			
Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓
Carline Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carlinae</i>						
Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>				✓	✓	✓
Alpine Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus andromedae</i>						
Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>				✓		✓
Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>	✓	✓	✓			
Tufted Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>			✓	✓		✓
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓	✓		✓
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>	✓					
Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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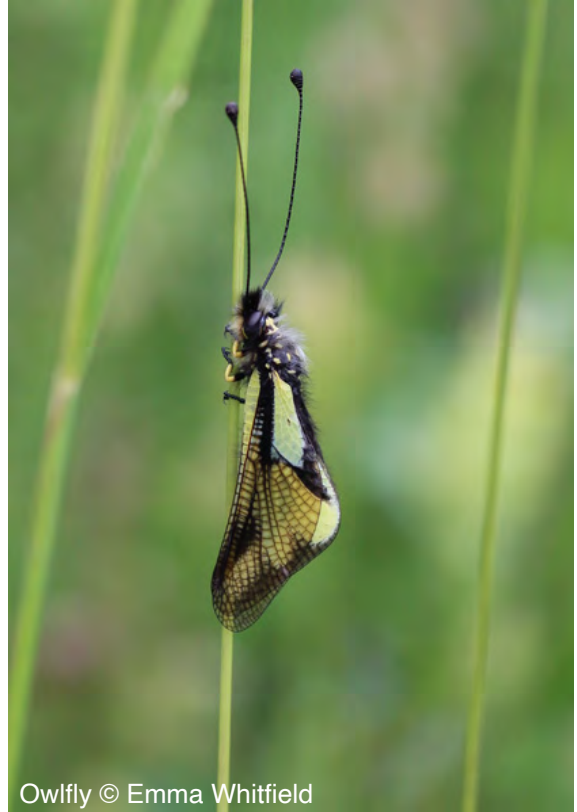
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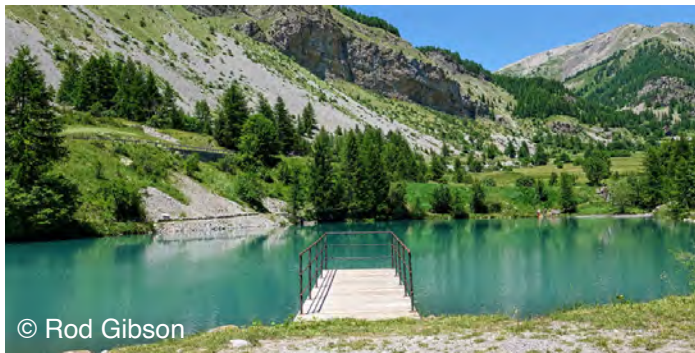
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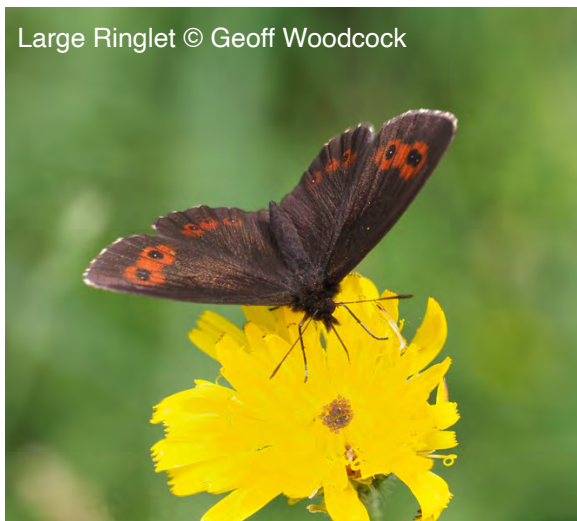
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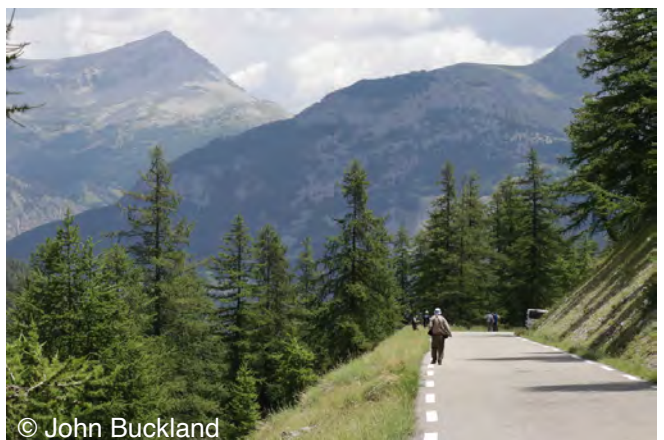
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