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Introduction

This was the third Greenwings trip to this delightful pocket of the Italian Alps. We would be based in the San Bernolfo Valley in the Parco Delle Alpi Marittime, close to the French border and the Mercantour National Park. This mountainous area rises from the Po Plain and is characterised by majestic peaks and valleys that straddle the border with France. A network of mule trails, military passes and dedicated hiking paths traverse limestone canyons, grasslands, high altitude lakes and perennial snow fields.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Nice airport. Transfer to Hotel Corborant in San Bernolfo Valley via Col de la Lombarde. Several stops to look for butterflies.

Day 2: Exploration of area north of Demonte to look for Scarce Fritillary.

Day 3: Exploration of San Bernolfo Valley and neighbouring D'ischiator Valley.

Day 4: Entracque and surrounding areas with a focus on Southern Swallowtail.

Day 5: Further exploration of San Bernolfo Valley - focus on photography and ecology.

Day 6: Trinità di Entracque for Poplar Admiral and Valdieri for Southern Swallowtail.

Day 7: Casa Valley for high altitude species. Explore valley below Terme di Valdieri.

Day 8: Transit back to Nice Airport via Col de la Lombarde.

Day 1

After a slight delay gathering everybody together we depart Nice Airport in two nine-seater minivans and head north along the Boulevard du Mercantour. After an hour and a half we have made good progress and begin to ascend a winding mountain road that will take us up and over the Col de la Lombarde. Before reaching the peak we have two short stops to stretch our legs and get our first butterfly fix of the trip. We start building our species list in good fashion but nothing tops the Camberwell Beauty that Sheila spots flying down-river by the road. A very worn Large Tortoiseshell hints at just how late the season is in this part of the Alps.

When we stop at the Col de la Lombarde at 2300m we immediately note the extensive patches of snow and ice and realise that high altitude species are very unlikely to be on the wing. In an advanced year we could search for a variety of key species here, but in mid-late June in a late season the butterfly sightings are very limited. We do appreciate the few we find though and a couple of Small Tortoiseshells and a passing Swallowtail are well received. In the absence of butterflies, other wildlife takes centre stage - particularly a couple of Marmots that put on an entertaining display of hide and seek.

As we descend the mountain on the Italian side we are once again struck by the distinctly spring feel to the area, with many Orange Tips being



Marmot © Gillian B

spotted from the van.

We arrive at our hotel and are greeted by the owner Franco, who tells us that it has rained every day since the middle of May! The outlook therefore seems rather concerning but we stay positive and imagine the thousands of pupae that must be fully developed and are just waiting for a good day of sun to burst open en masse.

Our hotel is renowned for the quality of the home cooking and we get our first taste of their celebrated local cuisine over several courses that evening.

Day 2

We wake to excellent sunny weather and take our chance to explore the hills behind Demonte. The target here is the relict population of Scarce Fritillary that was only discovered in the early part of this century, and constitute the principle reason for the development of a trip in this area.

Our first stop does not produce the Scarce Fritillary that we hope for, but we are treated to a glorious early morning display by a freshly emerged High Brown Fritillary that uses a sun soaked wall to warm up. We also enjoy the excellent duo of Swallowtail and Scarce Swallowtail which becomes an unexpected trio when Paul spots a Southern Swallowtail.



Scarce Fritillary © Paul B

We wind our way higher up the hillside to a site we know is excellent for Scarce Fritillary and after a little more searching than we'd hoped we are relieved when a few individuals are spotted. Although these are undoubtedly the highlight, there's much to enjoy besides, and our first Clouded Apollos of the trip contribute to a high quality supporting cast. Ben explores a little further to see if there's anything worth pulling the group away from the Scarce Fritillaries for, and when a beautifully fresh Large Tortoiseshell settles on something unpleasant, he calls back to Pete to alert the group. Jim and others are soon on the scene and good views are had and photos

taken. In the area we also find Tufted Marbled Skipper and Mountain Argus.

Now mid afternoon, we head back through Demonte. This should be a straightforward drive but Ben's sat-nav decides to challenge us by directing us through the tight Demonte back streets. We soon discover that these streets were designed long before oversized vans were in the equation, and after trying a little too hard to make the route work (with some excellent and enthusiastic guiding from Sita) we admit defeat and reverse our way back out to find an alternative.

Arriving relatively early back at the hotel we decide to spend the last couple of hours just five minutes up our own valley, and we are very pleased we do, as this superbly rich area delivers an intoxicating mix of butterfly species despite the very late season. Many further Clouded Apollos are now joined by the majestic and much larger Apollos, with Scarce Swallowtail and Swallowtail occasionally joining in the regular chases and skirmishes. With spring species such as Orange Tip gently floating along the flower rich valley paths and summer species starting to emerge this is a truly memorable couple of hours.



Clouded Apollo © Roger C

Day 3

After breakfast we decide to head much further up our own valley to look for mid-high altitude species. We pass our favourite spot from the previous afternoon en route, and take the opportunity to spend an hour there to enjoy early morning activity. The mixed weather is slightly disappointing in terms of limiting the overall spectacle, but is excellent for photography and butterflies are easy to find basking and warming up.

When we arrive at San Bernolfo we immediately realise where all the cars that had been passing us throughout the morning had been heading! We are at the highest point of the road at 1800m and clearly this is a well known beauty spot that is very popular with locals as well as tourists. We eventually get the vans parked up and set off to explore the extensive flower rich meadows that surround us on all sides. The scenery and views are stunning and the flower rich meadows truly phenomenal. Unfortunately however, the weather does not match, and we are left looking for roosting butterflies and wondering whether the area would burst into life if only the sun would break through for a few minutes. Despite the weather we find excellent species such as Apollo, Titania's Fritillary plus both Purple-shot and Purple-edged coppers. Roosting butterflies are not easy to find though, so it is decided that perhaps even 1800m is too high with the season being so late, and we head back down to explore a neighbouring valley at lower altitude.



Titania's Fritillary © Sheila R

At 1400m the habitat we find is perhaps even more impressive, with waist-high flower meadows opening out from more heavily wooded areas. This area feels rich and lush, and when the sun breaks through in patches the area bursts into life. We have an idea to gradually ascend the path to perhaps reach an impressive waterfall a little more than a kilometre away, but the path is steep in places, and the stunning array of butterflies understandably slows us down. Some get closer than others, but the waterfall is not the main attraction and when we all head back to the minivans after a couple of hours we all feel very privileged to have experienced this little pocket of paradise tucked away in this hidden valley.

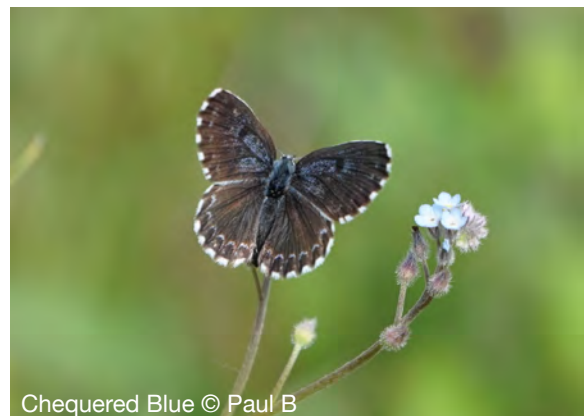
We arrive back at the hotel at 4:30 and Ben and Pete offer to return once again to our favourite spot by our hotel for those that wish to maximise time in the field or take the opportunity to photograph butterflies just settling down to roost. With such a rich area so close to the hotel we are in a position to split the group like this most days, with some choosing to enjoy a few early drinks or a swim in the hotel's geothermally-heated pool while others head back out until the sun disappears behind the steep sided valley. This is one of the great benefits of being based in such a rich area throughout this trip.

Day 4

Today we head further afield to visit several sites in the Valle Gesso around the town of Entracque. The sites are all between 500m and 1000m and with a day of full sun the area feels very hot indeed. The season is clearly further advanced in this valley and at these altitudes so we hope that we'll be successful in finding many new species for our growing list.

Today Sita decides to split from the group and opts for a day of culture. On our journey to Entracque we pass through Borgo San Dalmazzo; a fascinating town rich in history spanning twenty-four centuries. The historic centre still retains a medieval architecture and there is much to discover and enjoy.

The first stop for the main group is a disused quarry site well known for Southern Swallowtail - so much so that Roger finds a bench with a Southern Swallowtail carved into the back panel. This site shows a lot of promise and a good colony of Chequered Blue are a particular highlight. Large Tortoiseshell, Silver-washed Fritillaries, Spotted Fritillaries and many Safflower Skippers are seen but unfortunately the Southern Swallowtail sighting eludes us, for now.



Chequered Blue © Paul B

We move on to another site not far away, where some flowery meadows deliver us some Reverdin's Blues egg-laying on milk vetch, a beautifully fresh White Admiral giving us perfect



Safflower Skipper © Ken B

views of what must be one of the most exquisite undersides of all Lepidoptera, and some Marbled Fritillaries that Ken identifies expertly as one flashes by him. There are also plenty of Marbled and Safflower skippers, and a Southern White Admiral to go with the White Admiral seen earlier.

Our final stop is another meadow at the foot of a steeply climbing hillside and despite some initial skepticism, this is again very productive. There are several Provençal Short-tailed Blues here, but they are generally quite worn, and soon overlooked when shouts of Camberwell Beauty, Large Blue and Large

Tortoiseshell start ringing around the valley! The Camberwell is the star and she performs brilliantly, gliding effortlessly around in circuits and regularly alighting on the hats of several guests. We eventually return to the bus hot and tired but ultimately very content with another fabulous day butterflying.

After quite a long drive back we are all ready for refreshments at the hotel, but again there is still time to head back out locally before returning for another fabulous meal served up by Franco and the team at Hotel Corborant.

Day 5

After the long drive of the previous day we decide to stay local today. This approach gives us the opportunity to spend a more significant amount of time in one place and to begin to gain a better understanding of the area and the species we find here. There is a focus on searching for immature stages by identifying food plants or watching egg-laying, and observing butterfly behaviour in general. This is also an excellent opportunity for photographers to experiment without the time pressure associated with short stops.

We park the vans at a very promising spot at around 1600m close to the Cascata della Marina. The habitat is a superb mix of extensive wildflower meadows, scrubby hillside, woodland and damp river tributaries and everyone is free to explore and focus on whatever happens to interest them. Being so close to home allows us to arrive early and the timing is perfect to see the wonderful spectacle of hundreds of Titania's Fritillaries warming up in the early morning sun. As the few remaining clouds lift and the area warms up further we are treated to some mud-puddling for the first time. The collection of butterflies here still has a distinctly spring feel, with impressive numbers of fresh Dingy Skippers, Southern Grizzled Skippers and Adonis Blues, joined by Common, Mazarine, Turquoise, and Small Blues. There were also a few de Prunner's Ringlets and numerous fritillaries including False Heath for the first time this trip.



De Prunner's Ringlet © Paul B

Whilst several of the group work on identification skills with the puddling butterflies, Sheila and Chris have been off exploring and return to the group with the exciting news that they have located and identified an Apollo caterpillar feeding on sedum. This is particularly pleasing as Sheila knew the food plant following an earlier conversation about this species and has put her knowledge to work immediately and very successfully. The majority of the group are led back to the caterpillar, which is relocated with relative ease, and especially delights those with a particular interest in immature stages.

After lunch, Leo heads up to the Cascata della Marina and takes a refreshing dip in one of the freezing pools slightly downstream. The falls are truly spectacular and well worth the ten minute climb for those that make the trip.

Later in the afternoon Ben and Nick are still working through some of the puddling blues and skippers when Ben notices an unusual blue butterfly that he quietly hopes could be something



Adonis x Chalkhill Blue © Sheila R

very rare indeed. Excitement builds quickly and when Pete wanders into view he is called over for a second opinion. It is clear, at least, that this butterfly *could* be the extraordinarily rare hybrid of Adonis Blue and Chalkhill Blue. It seems to fit the *polonus* description (appearing to be a perfect halfway point between the two parent colours) and the timing (towards the end of Adonis spring brood) is perfect. Many photos are taken and later, when the online responses come in from the experts, we are very pleased to confirm that we have indeed been treated to a truly once in a lifetime encounter with a butterfly of almost

mythical status.

As we discuss the day over some cold beers in the evening it is clear that there have been many highlights in a day where we spent an unusual amount of time in smaller groups or by ourselves. Andrew has experienced another wonderful encounter with a Camberwell Beauty, Ed has spent many hours quietly soaking in everything the area has to offer, Roger has photographed Titania's Fritillaries in cop, Gillian and Paul have found and photographed the only Mountain Green-veined White of the trip and everyone has benefitted from the ability to occasionally regroup and share our finds for the benefit of others. We have taken a slightly different approach today, with an emphasis on time in the field, and it has been one of the best.

Day 6

Refreshed and itching to explore we take our longest drive today and head back through Entracque and on to the Ponte di Porcera at Trinità.

En route we stop again at the quarry site to search for Southern Swallowtail. Paul climbs a steep slope to search some promising looking habitat higher up and when he spots a distant Swallowtail working its way down the hillside and away from him he alerts the group lower down. Luckily the butterfly passes very close to Ben and he can confirm that it is our target species - a Southern Swallowtail. This isn't the encounter that everybody hopes for but it is a definite sighting and after drawing a blank two days previously, we'll gladly take what we are given! After this excellent start to the day we continue our journey to Trinità.

Very soon after arrival, a large butterfly seemingly the size of a bat is disturbed by Nick and sends Ben running to the scene to confirm that the target of the day has indeed been found. What follows is an incredible hour in the company of a day one (freshly emerged) Poplar Admiral. Experiences like this are rare. Freshly emerged and looking for salts from the stone bridge this magnificent male puts on a show for the enthralled onlookers by flying circuits over the onrushing water and around the guests before landing for periods of photography. Superb shots are obtained by all but for many the big prize is simply to be in the presence of such a magnificent insect. We are in no doubt as we leave the bridge at Trinità, that we have just been treated to an audience with the owner of this entire valley.



Poplar Admiral © Leo H

There are many other species present in this area, and we spend all day exploring, but nothing can top the encounter at the bridge and day six is very definitively the Poplar Admiral day.

Day 7

Today is our first disappointing day of poor weather, but given that Franco warned us that it had rained every day prior to our arrival and that sunny days had been in extremely short supply, we

can't be too disappointed and we are enthusiastic enough to stick to our schedule and hope for some moments of relief.

Unfortunately, however, we have left a lovely site until today to visit and we end up driving a long way out of hope rather than expectation. The destination is a high site in the mountains above the



Green-underside Blue © Ken B

Terme di Valdieri, and although we know the butterflies are unlikely to be spectacular, the stunning scenery will be some consolation, and the habitat will be worth seeing anyway. The sun at times appears to be trying to break through, but despite some moments of warmth butterflies are reluctant to fly and we spend most of our time searching for roosting individuals. At altitude we find Olive Skippers, Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and Geranium Argus amongst other spring species, and a little lower down in a brief spell of sun we find Southern White Admiral, Green-underside Blue and a stunning fresh female Chequered Blue. Purple-edged Coppers and Clouded Apollos are also easily found roosting when the cloud once again closes in.

We travel back towards Vinadio hoping that by the time we arrive the weather will have improved and a second trip up to look for Scarce Fritillary would be enabled. Unfortunately as we close in on Demonte the weather worsens and we are driving through rain at the point where we would have to turn off. We resign ourselves to an early finish and head back to the hotel. As always we take a group up to our favourite spot close to the hotel, an area that we now know so well that butterflies are easy to find regardless of weather. There are many species that we continue to look for in this area, knowing well that in previous years it has been a great spot for Large, Escher's and Amanda's Blues. Unfortunately no new species are recorded and we are left imagining all the pupae of these species that must be close by and waiting to burst.

Back at the hotel we work through our unusually modest checklist for the day and enjoy another fabulous meal to round off the trip. We present Franco and his team with a collection from guests and he surprises us with a gift for us too - a choice of Grappa or Limoncello for everyone. This is very well received and the evening chats go on later than usual!

Day 8

We have a long journey back to Nice today, and with flights leaving in early afternoon we make an early start. We stop on the Col de la Lombarde as we did a week earlier. This time we do slightly better, although the late season is still a big factor at such high altitude. Paul spots a Grison's Fritillary and also several guests chase and eventually photograph a Dewy Ringlet.

Not for the first time this trip there's an inescapable sense that in a few more weeks this site would come alive with a great list of interesting species, but timings always vary and you can't have everything at the same time. Despite missing some species we had hoped for, we head down back into France knowing well that you'd have to pile high a lot of butterflies to move the scales weighed down by the superb display from a fresh Poplar Admiral, the once in a lifetime *polonus* encounter and the almost daily dose of Camberwell Beauties.

We enjoy regular Cleopatra sightings throughout the relatively straightforward journey on to the airport and we arrive in plenty of time for everyone to check in or head off to their next destination.

Epilogue

This was a very enjoyable early summer trip with an excellent group of knowledgeable and enthusiastic guests. We recorded 101 species which is an impressive total considering the very late nature of the season. Based on the totals recorded in previous years there might be the temptation to be slightly disappointed but numbers do not tell the story. We were treated to some truly memorable encounters with rare and enigmatic species, and the number of freshly emerged, pristine butterflies more than makes up for the omission of a few species that would certainly have been on the wing a week or two after we left.

The emphasis on trips such as this is often to develop the longest species list possible, and although this is a natural goal to have, we believe that it should not come at the expense of taking time to fully appreciate the environment in which we find ourselves. For that reason we seek to strike a balance between travelling and staying local and on this trip, with such rich habitat surrounding our fabulous hotel, we feel that our decision to focus on the immediate valleys around our hotel is more than justified - it is a truly fabulous part of the Alps.

Systematic Species Checklist

Butterflies			16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June	22nd June	23rd June
			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Sightings are marked with a ✓										
	Family Papilionidae									
1	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
2	Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Southern Swallowtail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>		✓				✓		
4	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Family Pieridae									
6	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Mountain Dappled White	<i>Euchloe simplonia</i>						✓		
11	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	✓					✓		✓
12	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Mountain Green-veined White	<i>Pieris bryoniae</i>					✓			
16	Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>			✓					
17	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>				✓		✓		✓
18	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>				✓	✓	✓		
	Family Lycaenidae									
21	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
22	Illex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>						✓		
23	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium spini</i>				✓		✓		

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24	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
25	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
26	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>						✓		
28	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Geranium Arhus	<i>Aricia eumedon</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
31	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
32	Provençal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>				✓				
33	Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>					✓	✓		
35	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
37	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>				✓				
38	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>				✓				
39	Reverdin's Blue	<i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>				✓				
40	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>						✓		
41	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
42	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
43	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>		✓			✓			
45	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>				✓				
46	Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>				✓		✓	✓	
	Family Riodinidae									
47	Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
	Family Nymphalidae									
48	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>						✓	✓	
49	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
50	Lesser Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura ilia</i>						✓		
51	White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>				✓				
52	Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>						✓		
53	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>				✓			✓	
54	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
55	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		

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56	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
57	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
58	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
59	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
60	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>					✓			
61	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>		✓						
62	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>				✓		✓		
63	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>		✓	✓					
64	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>		✓						
66	Titania's Fritillary	<i>Boloria titania</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
67	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>				✓		✓	✓	
68	Scarce Fritillary	<i>Euphedryas maturna</i>		✓						
69	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
72	False Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea diamina</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
73	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
75	Grison's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea varia</i>								✓
76	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
78	Almond-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia albertanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>							✓	
80	Dewy Ringlet	<i>Erebia pandrose</i>								✓
81	De Prunner's Ringlet	<i>Erebia triaria</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
82	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>				✓		✓		
83	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓		✓		
85	Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>			✓		✓	✓		
86	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓				✓	✓	
87	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
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<div>Butterflies</div> <div>Sightings are marked with a ✓</div>			16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June	22nd June	23rd June
			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
89	Tufted Marbled Skiepr	<i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>		✓			✓			
90	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>				✓		✓		
91	Chequered Skipper	<i>Caterocephalus palaemon</i>					✓			
92	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
93	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>			✓		✓			
95	Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>					✓		✓	
96	Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
97	Southern Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvoides</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
98	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
99	Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
100	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>			✓	✓				
101	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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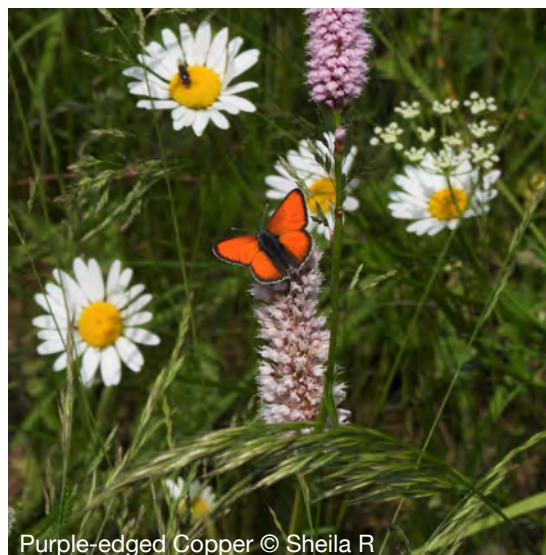
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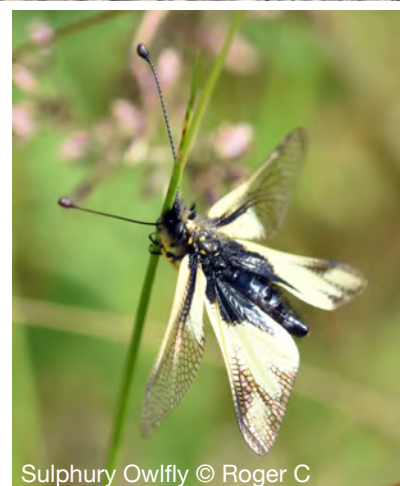
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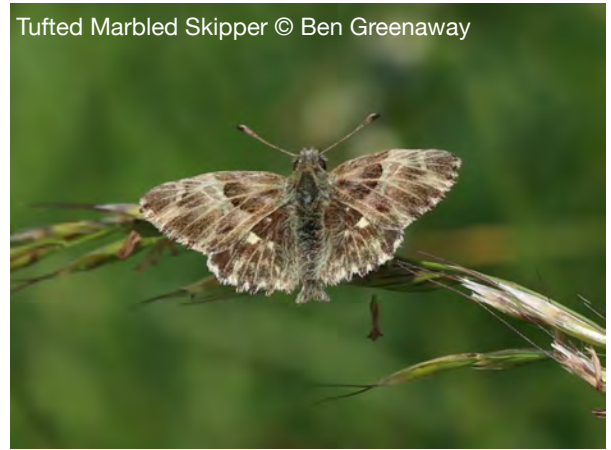
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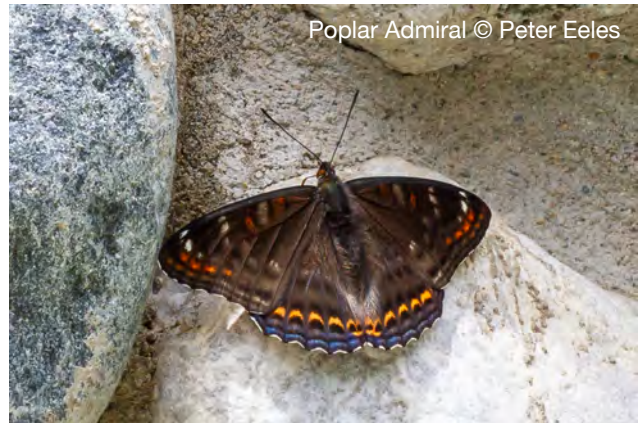
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