

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION UPPER THAMES BRANCH

Purple Emperor (A. iris) Report for 2016

Dennis Dell

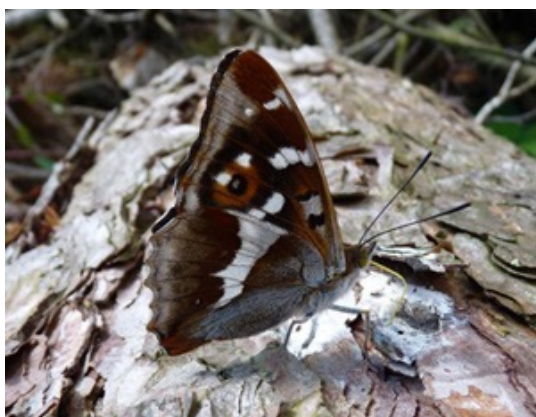


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Sightings were received from 37 observers: thank you for your efforts.

1. Summary

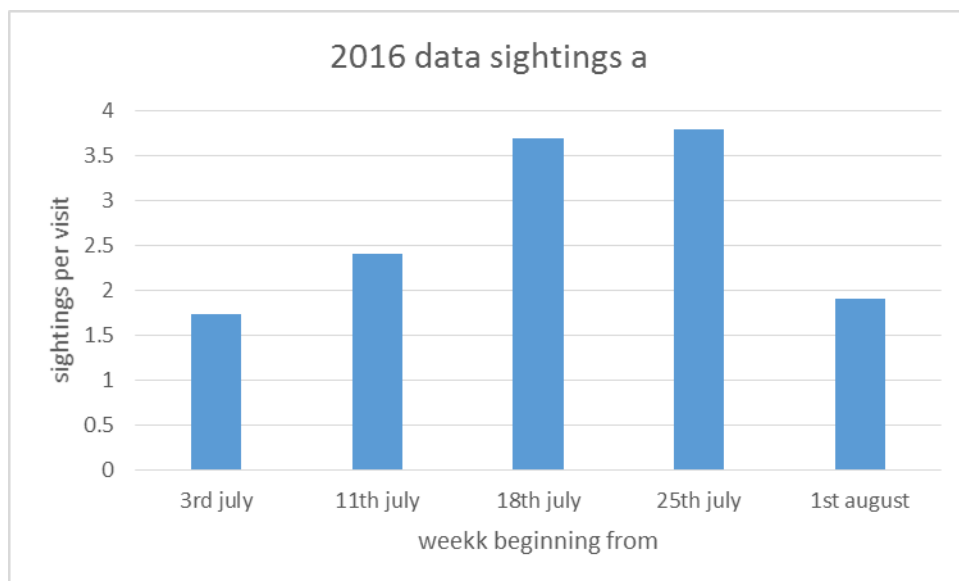
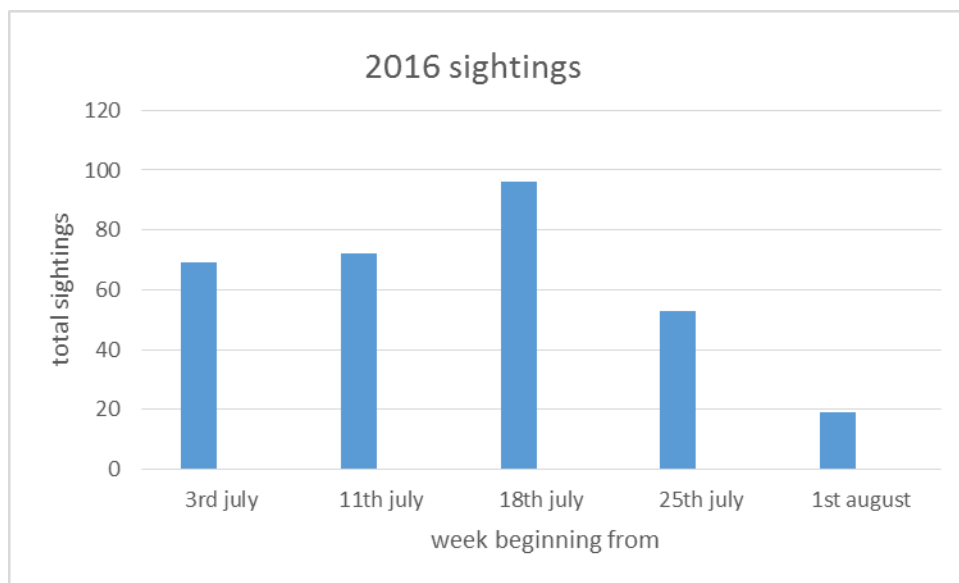
- There were **320** sightings , with a sightings/visits ratio of **2.71**.
- **Five** new locations were reported.
- The first observations were on 3rd July. The extended peak was during the second half of July, and the last sighting was on August 10th
- For comparison with previous years:

So, we can see that 2016 was one of the best years.

| year | Total sightings | Total visits | Sightings/visit | 1st sighting | Last sighting |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2004 | 66 | 38 | 1.74 | 4 th july | 31 st july |
| 2005 | 113 | 59 | 1.92 | 27 th june | 8 th august |
| 2006 | 116 | 78 | 1.40 | 25 th june | 15 th august |
| 2007 | 55 | 29 | 1.90 | 19 th june | 10 th august |
| 2008 | 83 | 46 | 1.80 | 29 th june | 27 th july |
| 2009 | 222 | 77 | 2.88 | 25 th june | 31 st july |
| 2010 | 357 | 149 | 2.40 | 28 th june | 8 th august |
| 2011 | 209 | 101 | 2.07 | 21 st june | 24 th july |
| 2012 | 264 | 114 | 2.32 | 4 th july | 17 th august |
| 2013 | 492 | 133 | 3.70 | 1 st july | 21 st august |
| 2014 | 256 | 110 | 2.32 | 16 th june | 8 th august |
| 2015 | 214 | 70 | 3.1 | 14 th june | 8 th august |
| 2016 | 320 | 118 | 2.71 | 3 rd july | 10 th august |

2. Results and Discussion

2.1 Sightings



The sightings per visit graph above looks quite different compared with the total sightings graph. I believe that the former is a better representation of the real situation. It clearly shows a gradual increase from 3rd July, peaking during the third week of the month, Again, the peak of the flight period was rather broad, although a bit later than in 2015, extending over the last two weeks of July. The total flight period was just over 5 weeks. As for last year, the numbers were boosted considerably by the extraordinary numbers seen in a 'private Bucks wood' on several occasions. The enlightened owner has expressed the wish that we do not broadcast the location of his wood widely; quite understandably, he wants to avoid a 'Fermyn situation' in which scores of observers from all over the UK descend on this forest in north Northamptonshire every July because of the high numbers always seen there.

In spite of the good imagine numbers this year, the larval numbers were well down: together, the Campbells and I only found three larvae in about 12 hours searching; Matthew Oates reported similar poor yields in Savernake Forest. Again, a paucity of sightings [only 3] from Berkshire this year, but this is almost certainly due to relatively few members looking in Berkshire for iris compared with Bucks/Oxon.

2.2 Territories [male assembly areas]

Only if the same group of trees in a wood is occupied by males several years running would it be regarded as a territory. No new territories were found in 2015. On the other hand, we have sometimes found that a, seemingly, deserted territory will be reoccupied several years later.

- **Piddington Wood**
The south east corner of the wood was well occupied, over an extended period, as usual
- **Little Wood**
The same applies as for Piddington Wood, to the large Ash and the surrounding trees at the top edge of the wood. There is a possible new territory lower down in the wood.
- **Finemere Wood**
The area from the turning circle southwards to the Corsican pines at the back of the newly created clearing was again occupied this year. .
- **Greatsea Wood**
After a brief absence, activity was again recorded above the conifers at the highest point of Greatsea Wood. The tall poplars at the lowest point along the main track through Greatsea/Romer/Balmore woods was again frequented.
- **Rushbeds Wood**
The Ashes at the edge of the wood bordering Laplands Farm Meadows produced no sightings: there has been felling in this area.
- **Waterperry Wood**
This is the second year that this territory has been well occupied: adjoining the established territory where two tracks meet a few hundred yards to the south of the northern entrance gate, there is a group of Oak and Ash trees where, for the first time in 2015, intense activity was recorded. Since it is very close to the established territory mentioned above, it may be regarded as the same territory.
- **Oakhill Wood.** North-east corner ; first discovered last year on a field trip; 4 to 5 seen during field trip above the trees here again this year.

2.3 'New' locations

- Grounds of **Blenheim Palace**. Male seen grounded near the Cascades, a waterfall near the southern end of the lake. There are woods nearby, which should be investigated in 2017. We have permission to do this from the estate management with prior arrangement.
- **Cliveden Estate**. A male was spotted by the private swimming pool. This resulted in an amusing exchange of e mails: see our facebook page for photo of Christine Keeler with an iris landed on her derriere brilliantly constructed by our Chairman! For our younger members, this relates to a famous scandal in 1963 involving a cabinet minister, a Russian spy, an osteopath, and two ladies of the night.
- **Cumnor Hirst**. This is a small Oxfordshire wood [SP477041], quite close to other larger woods. A male was sighted in an open area at the top of the wood on two successive days by two different observers.
- **MOD area near Bicester**. Access permission had to be obtained by our Chairman; this is not the first sighting from this area
- **Prestwood, smallholding**. We do have a few sightings from the Prestwood/Gt Missenden area over the years; there are a number of small woods dotted around this part of the Chilterns. This specimen was attracted to a chicken pen and landed on the doors.

Appendix: details of all sightings

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January 2017

APPENDIX: Details of A. Iris Sightings in the UTB area during 2016

(Red denotes a new habitat)

| DATE | OBSERVER | LOCATION grid reference | MICRO-LOCATION ^b grid reference | NUMBER SEEN AND SEX ^c | TIME ^d | WEATHER CONDITIONS | BEHAVIOUR ^e and comments |
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| 3.7 | Mick & Wendy Campbell | Waterperry wood | | 0 | 11.00 – 14.30 | | |
| 3.7 | Mick & Wendy Campbell | Little Wood | SP6215 | 3 | 15.25 | | Possible m & f – slow chase down slope from main territory ash. 3 rd PE in small ash behind main territory. |
| 3.7 | Mick & Wendy Campbell | Piddington Wood | | 0 | | | |
| 3.7 | Charlie Jackson | Finemere Wood | SP721215 entrance to wood | 1M | 11.15 to 12.30 | Mixed cloud/sun, 18 degrees | Landed on foot, took it off and placed it on a damp patch where it puddled for about 10 minutes before flying off |
| 3.7 | Steve Croxford | Little Wood | | 0 | 13.00 – 14.00 | | |
| 4.7 | Mick Campbell | Piddington wood/ meadow corner | SP6316 | 1 | 14.00 | | Flying above main oak tree. |
| 4.7 | Dennis Dell | Private bucks wood | | 0 | 10.00-11.00 | | |
| 5.7 | Dennis Dell | Finemere wood | | 0 | 15.00-16.00 | | Met someone who had been there for 3 hours and seen none also |
| 5.7 | Peter Law | Oakley Wood | On track near car park | 2M | From midday | | Settling on track and skimming; another about 300m further down track, same behaviour |
| 5.7 | Steve Croxford | Rushbeds Wood | | 0 | | | |
| 5.7 | Mick Campbell | Waterperry wood | | 1 | | | Chasing a Ringlet over willow! |

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| 6.7 | Dave Wilton | Private bucks wood | | 0 | 12.30 to 14.15 | | |
| 6.7 | Chris Bottrell | Oakley Wood | In car park | 1M | 13.30 | | Mud puddling |
| 6.7 | Steve Croxford | finemere | | 0 | a.m. | | |
| 6.7 | Chris King | finemere | | 2 | a.m. | | |
| 6.7 | Julia Huggins | Oakley wood | SP615113. | 1 | 11.30 to 12.30 | Warm and sunny | Flying out from wood by field at low point and landing briefly |
| 6.7 | Mick & Wendy Campbell | Stanton Little Wood | SP589111 | 3 | 12.45 | Warm and sunny | Brief flights over oaks. |
| 6.7 | Mick & Wendy Campbell | waterperry | New oak/ash territory. SP6009 | 6 | | | Brief flights from oaks & ashes near north gate/"Dell's Corner". |
| 6.7 | Ewen Urquhart | Finemere Wood | | 1 | 10.00 to 12.00 | | |
| 6.7 | Dennis Dell | doddershall | | 0 | 15.00 to 16.00 | | |
| 6.7 | Tim Watts | finemere | SP718218, SP720215 | 3 | 9.30 to 13.30 | | Corsican pine territory, car park, half up main track |
| 7.7 | Dell & Campbell | Little and piddington | | 0 | 10.00 to 12.00 | | |
| 7.7 | Mick Campbell & Dennis Dell | Waterperry | SP6009 | 6 | 13.00 to 16.00 | | Seen in ones and twos flying above oaks from main track at north gate to about half way up track. |
| 7.7 | Claire Williams | Oakley wood | | 2 | | | |
| 7.7 | Roger Short | Oakley Wood | On track near car park | 2 | | 10.30 | About 6' apart grounded and skimming low between dog box and first crossroads |
| 7.7 | Josephine Nash | Blenheim Palace grounds | SP438150 | 1M | a.m. | | On faeces at cascade; flew around me then went off |
| 7.7 | Trish Glenn | Oakley Wood | | 2 | | | |

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| 8.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Homefield Wood | SU80798680 & SU812872 – new territories? | 3 | | | 2 PE seen at end of main track flying around large sallow. 1 seen flying around top of fir tree overlooking tall sallow (near old scout hut). |
| 8.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Rushbeds | | 0 | | | |
| 8.7 | Nick Bowles | Private bucks wood | | 1 | | | Northern edge of grendon opposite hewins wood |
| 8.7 | Dennis Dell | Waterperry Wood | Oak ash territory SP6092109926 | 2 | 14.45 to 16.00 | Cloudy breezy 21 degrees at first, Hazy sun from 15.30 | Clashing and gliding over territory. None seen further south down main track |
| 8.7 | Gillian | Between Waterperry Wood and Hell Coppice | SP610101; at gate by menmarsh road leading to Waterperry wood | 1 | | 16.00 to 16.16 | Gliding and skimming close to track surface |
| 8.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley Wood | | 2 | 12.00 to 13.00 | | |
| 8.7 | Steve Croxford | Finemere | | 2 | | | |
| 8.7 | Alan Gudge | Moorend Common | | 1 | | | In garden |
| 9.7 | Alan Mumford | Cliveden estate | SU910852 swimming pool | 1M | 12.00 | | Landed by pool; seen by Alan's neighbour |
| 9.7 | Field meeting | bernwood | | 6 | 10.30 to 13.00 | 19 to 20 degrees hazy sun | York's wood [1], hell coppice [1] settled on small ash for quite a long time, waterperry territory [4], |
| 9.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Romer/Greatsea Woods | SP7123 | 4 | 13.00 to 15.30 | Windy, cloudy, sunny spells. | 1 in oak near poplar territory & 2 flying over poplars; 1 at turning circle flying in sallow & oak |

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| 10.7 | Field meeting | bernwood | | 6 | 10.30 to 13.00 | Poor to start with, becoming sunny | All seen from car park along main track to piccadilly circus, spread fairly evenly. One landed on Tony Croft's back and stayed a long time |
| 10.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley wood | One in car park, one just beyond 1 st crossroads | 2 | 11.30 to 14.00 | | One in car park at 11.32, not settling, flew into oaks; second just beyond first crossroads settling on dog excrement |
| 10.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Little wood | | 5 | | Cloudy, a little sun | 3 in main ash tree territory at top of wood; 2 at bottom of wood, |
| 10.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Piddington wood | | 1 | | | Meadow corner territory. |
| 11.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Besselsleigh Wood | SP451013 | 2 | | Windy, warm, sunny spells. | 1 @ 13.30 flying above oak tree territory then 2 seen in short battle @ 14.30. |
| 11.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley Wood | | 2 | 11.15 to 13.30 | | |
| 11.7 | Stuart Hodges | Hewins Wood | | 1 | | | Near entrance to wood, flying low along road |
| 12.7 | Tony Croft | Shabbington Wood | SP617111 | 1M | | Hazy sun, 15 degrees | Flying at head height along track |
| 14.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell, Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 12 | 11.15 to 13.45 | | |
| 14.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Piddington wood | | 2 | | | 2 seen chasing above trees near footpath half way between meadow and PE 'vista'. |
| 14.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Little Wood | | 2 | | | 2 seen chasing near main ash territory. |

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| 14.7 | Tim Watts | Finemere Wood | Car park and main ride | 4 | 10.00 to 13.00 | | At 10am, one landed in car park, then flew up main ride, landing occasionally; at 11am in car park, one feeding on fox droppings for 30 mins; at 11.30, two seen low over car park, then flew high over oaks |
| 14.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley Wood | Between car park and pond | 4 | 09.00 to 13.00 | | One grounded for 40 minutes |
| 14.7 | Nick Board | Leckhampstead Wood | SP726406 | 2 | | | Flying around the tree tops in north-west corner |
| 14.7 | Steve Croxford | Finemere Wood | SP720215, SP718218 | 8 | 12.00 to 13.00 | | Oak edging near entrance and in Corsican pine territory |
| 14.7 | Steve Johnson | Yorks Wood | SP612105 | 2M, 1F | 11.30 to 12.00 | | Female grounded on dog faeces; one male landing on wet mud and skimming the track; other male about 100m down the track |
| 14.7 | Julia Huggins | Finemere Wood | SP716217 woodland edge | 1 | 12.30 to 14.00 | Warm and sunny, windy | Southern edge; flying in and out of wood |
| 15.7 | Dennis Dell | Finemere Wood | SP720215 big Oak by main track | 1 | 11.25 to 12.48 | Dull 18 degrees | Glided across big Oak and settled high up. Still there 30 minutes later |
| 16.7 | Robert Evans | Cumnor Hirst | SP477041 open area at high point of wood | 1M | 5 pm | | On cow dung |
| 16.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Fingest | SU80189016 | 1 | 12.25pm | Hot & sunny | Flying over ash trees near excellent willow stands next to road. We've seen them here before so hope to confirm this as a new territory in 2017. |
| 16.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Moor Wood | | 0 | 13.00 to 15.00 | Hot & sunny | |
| 16.7 | Harry Appleyard | North Bucks Way, Oakhill Wood | SP814359 | 4 | 11.00 to 13.00 | Sunny, gusty 20 degrees | Flying above canopy, settling, and chasing |

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| 16.7 | Nick Board | Leckhampstead Wood | SP727397 | 1 | 10.30 | Sunny, gusty 20 degrees | Flying above trees |
| 16.7 | Nick Bowles | Arcott MOD | SP621162 | 1 | | sunny | Flying around Sallow and Hawthorn at about 3-4m height |
| 17.7 | Andy Spragg | Finemere Wood | SP721215 | 1F | 14.36 to 14.38 | Sunny, gusty 20 degrees | Near entrance, flew across path and landed on small oak about 9' up. Stayed there for 3 minutes |
| 17.7 | Mick Campbell & Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 8 | 13.00 to 14.00 | Hot 27 degrees | Very active, Sallow searching and oak edging |
| 17.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Piddington Wood | Meadow corner territory | 2 | p.m. | Hot & sunny | 2 seen chasing & perching, one of them also chased a dragonfly! |
| 17.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley Wood | Car park and track beyond first crossroads | 5 | 11.20 to 13.00 | Sunny, gusty 20 degrees | Three males grounded beyond first crossroads; one landed on observer's boot and stayed for 20 minutes; joined by another briefly, and flew into trees; fourth in car park and fifth flying up a side ride |
| 17.7 | Becky Woodell | Whitecross Green Wood | SP599149 along ride near car park | 1M | | | Settled briefly then chased large white |
| 17.7 | Richard Wheeler | Waterperry Wood | SP609099 | 1 | 4 to 5 pm | Very hot, breezy, 25 degrees | |
| 17.7 | Nick Board | Leckhampstead Wood | | 0 | | | |
| 17.7 | Michael Hunt | Romer Wood | | 1 | | | |
| 17.7 | Chris Perrins | Cumnor Hirst | SP477041 open area at high point of wood | 1M | 11 am | | On charred wood |
| 18.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Oakley and Shabbington Wood | | 2 | | | |
| 18.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Waterperry Wood | | 3 | | | |

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| 18.7 | Steve Croxford | Greatsea and Romer woods | | 0 | | | |
| 18.7 | Dennis Dell | Shenley Wood | | 0 | | Very hot | |
| 18.7 | Steve Croxford | Finemere Wood | SP720216 and SP719218 | 2 | midday | | One sallow searching, the other oak edging |
| 19.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Worton and Stoke Woods | | 0 | | Very hot, 30+ degrees. | Very few butterflies and no PE! |
| 19.7 | Nick Bowles | Private bucks wood | | 4 | 11.00 to 14.00 | Very hot | |
| 19.7 | Dennis Dell | Finemere Wood | | 0 | 18.45 to 19.30 | 31 degrees in the evening! | |
| 19.7 | Chris Hoskins | Prestwood | Smallholding SU874997 | 1M | 9.15 | Hot and sunny, 30 degrees | Circled chicken pen, landed on doors |
| 19.7 | Len Jessup | Dancers End waterworks | Woodland edge SP907809 | 1M | | | Flying back and forth along edge at 5' to 15' |
| 20.7 | Mick Campbell & Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 37 | 10.00 to 12.15 | 24 degrees, dull at start, hazy sun developing then bright sun at end | All usual activities including ovipositing. 37 seen in 105 minutes |
| 20.7 | Mick Campbell | Piddington Wood | Meadow corner | 3 | p.m. | Warm and sunny | Meadow corner territory. |
| 20.7 | Mick Campbell | Little Wood | | 7 | p.m. to 18.20 | Warm and sunny | 2 in territory at top of wood, 2 half way down and 3 at the bottom. |
| 21.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Rushbeds Wood | | 0 | | | |
| 20.7 | Olly Bevan | Rushbeds Wood | Ride leading to laplands meadow | 1F | | | ovipositing |

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| 21.7 | Dennis Dell with Tony Marshall | Area around Great Hampden | He took me to areas where there is sallow | 0 | | | Habitats look good; sighting made here in the past |
| 21.7 | Isobel Huggins | Bowdown Wood | SU512654 edge of deep open valley | 1 | 13.00 to 13.30 | Sunny intervals, windy | Darting out of, and perching on, Ash trees on edge of valley |
| 22.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Whitecross Green Wood | | 1M, 2F | | Warm and sunny | One of the females was ovipositing. |
| 22.7 | Richard Tomlin | Kimble Rifle Range | SP829052 path between the rifle range and Grangelands | 1M | 11.50 | | On dog faeces |
| 22.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley wood | Around car park | 1 | 11.00 to 12.30 | | |
| 22.7 | Isobel Huggins | Great Chalk Wood | SU804622 | 1 | | Sunny intervals and windy | Flew out of top of tall elm while we were watching white letter hairstreaks |
| 23.7 | Ewan Urquhart | Oakley Wood | | 1 | | | |
| 23.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell, Dennis Dell | Private bucks wood | | 22 | 10.45 to 13.00 | Fine weather | All activities |
| 24.7 | Emma Turnbull | Windsor Great Park | Cottage garden south facing | 1M | 11.30 to 11.40 | Warm and sunny | On dog faeces |
| 24.7 | Tim Watts | Finemere Wood | Well away from the main ride on north side | 2 | | | |
| 24.7 | Tim Watts | Romer Wood | | 3 | 12.00 to 14.30 | | One high up, worn; two females amongst sallows, landing probably ovipositing |
| 25.7 | Nick Bowles | Private bucks wood | | 7M, 2F | | | Males oak edging, females flying around sallows, about 2m from ground |

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| 25.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Oakley/Shabbington Woods | | 2 (one was f.) | 12.00pm & 12.50 | | 1 seen flying over sallow & oak next to main ride @ SP161311126; 2 nd one flew across track, very low down – definite female. |
| 25.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Waterperry Wood | SP6009 | 10 | 13.15 to 15.30 | Partial cloud | A lot of activity, mostly males chasing & perching, and probably 3 females. |
| 26.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Salcey Forest, south-east corner | SP8050 x 7 and SP8051 x 1. | 8 | 13.00 to 16.00 | Very cloudy, few sunny spells. | Quite a lot of activity, flying, perching & chasing but no females identified. |
| 27.7 | Martin Kincaid | Shenley Wood | SP826361 | 1F | | | Central ride, settled high up in oak, stayed there for at least 20 mins |
| 27.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Piddington Wood | | 2 | p.m. | Cloudy, few sunny spells | 1 seen in meadow corner territory at 14.40; one seen flying around ash near big sallow (possible new territory?) @ SP628163 at 17.25. |
| 27.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Little Wood | | 5 (one was f.) | p.m. | Cloudy, few sunny spells | 3 seen in territory at top of wood; 2 seen in territory at bottom of wood. |
| 28.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Sheephouse Wood | SP7023 | 4 | | Cloudy, warm, some rain. | 1 seen at 13.00 over oak at SP706236; 3 seen chasing over oak/ash @ 14.00, SP70302381 |
| 29.7 | Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 2 F | 14.20 to 16.00 | Hazy sun, warm | Big drop in numbers since the 25th |
| 30.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Runts Wood | SP72182283 | 1M | 14.50 | Very warm, cloud & sun. | Seen flying above track. |
| 30.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Greatsea Wood | | 2M, 1F | | Very warm, cloud & sun. | 2 above fir tree territory @ 13.00 & 1 female in sallow & 14.00. |

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| 30.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Romer Wood | | 5 | | Very warm, cloud & sun. | 1 male in poplar tree territory; 2 males & 2 females at turning circle territory (sallows & oaks). |
| 31.7 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Oakley Wood | SP61281150 | 1F & 1 egg | 12.50pm | Cloudy, sunny intervals. | Female seen flying & sunbathing in sallows then laid an egg on narrow-leaved willow at 12.50pm after a short spell of sun. |
| 3.8 | Mick Campbell & Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 3 | 13.30 to 15.30 | | Seen by Mick only before I arrived at same spot as last year, flying high around big Oaks |
| 3.8 | Mick Campbell | Piddington & Little Woods | | 2M | | | None seen in Piddington Wood. Two males seen chasing in Little Wood main territory. |
| 5.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Waterperry Wood | SP60810984 | 1F | | | Ovipositing – 12.50pm. |
| 5.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Hells Coppice | SP6110 | 1F | | | Flying around willow. |
| 5.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell and Dennis Dell | Piddington Wood | Corner meadow SP629162 | 1M | 13.50 | | Flying around ash and oak |
| 5.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell and Dennis Dell | Little Wood | Ash territory SP624157 | 2 | 14.35 and 16.30 | | Flying around and perching |
| 5.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell and Dennis Dell | Little Wood | Open area in middle of wood SP623160; and Ash high territory | 3 2 | 15.55 | | New area in middle: Gliding above line of oaks, chasing birds, and one quite low down near us on small oak |
| 6.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Waterperry Wood | SP6009 | 3 | | Hot & sunny. | One female in willow, wings very worn; one worn male at Dell's Corner flying & perching @ 12.30; 2 nd male flew across track @ 13.40. |

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| 7.8 | Mick Campbell | Little Wood | | 2 | | Warm but strong gusty winds. | One male in main ash territory at top of wood, then 2 nd one flew from top of oak in the first ride and disappeared across the field flying very high up. |
| 9.8 | Wendy & Mick Campbell | Little Wood | | 1M | | | Worn but still flying in ash tree territory @ 15.00. |
| 10.8 | Dennis Dell | Private Bucks wood | | 1 | 17.30 | | Gliding at top of Oak at woodland edge |