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Notes and Views, Issue 2 - October to December 2014

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Abstract: This edition of Notes and Views provides a summary of interesting items posted on UK Butterflies and other media between 1st October and 31st December 2014.

Newly-emerged Small White (*Pieris rapae*) in December

27 December 2014 ([Source](#))

A freshly emerged Small White (*P. rapae*) was seen in a North Somerset garden on 24th December by UKB member "Matsukaze". It is thought to have possibly pupated in the house. These types of unseasonal outdoor sightings usually result from a pupa located in a house or greenhouse, where the temperature is artificially high.



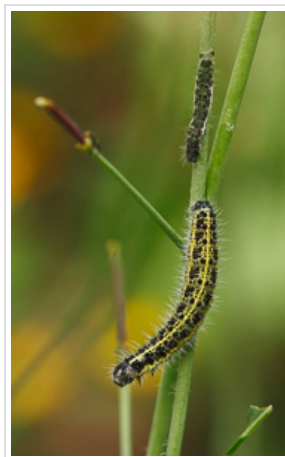
Small White (library photo)

Photo © Neil Freem

Large White (*Pieris brassicae*) larva in December

06 December 2014 ([Source](#))

A Large White (*P. brassicae*) larva was found by Kevin Ling, feeding on the Nasturtiums in his garden.



Large White larva (library photo)

Photo © William Langdon

Small White (*Pieris rapae*) larva in December

03 December 2014 ([Source](#))

A Small White (*P. rapae*) larva was found by Andy Brown in his Hampshire garden.

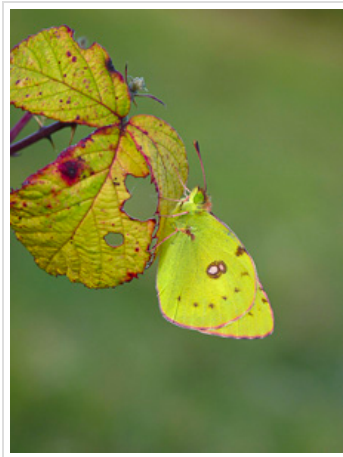


Small White larva
Photo © Andy Brown

December sighting of Clouded Yellow (*Colias croceus*)

03 December 2014 ([Source](#))

A late sighting of a Clouded Yellow (*C. croceus*) at Seaton, Cornwall, by L. Truscott was [reported on Twitter](#).

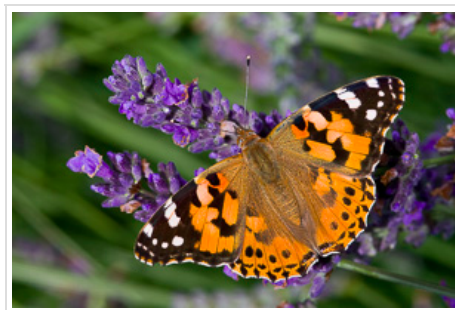


Clouded Yellow (library photo)
Photo © Neil Hulme

Late sighting of Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*)

30 November 2014 ([Source](#))

A late sighting of a Painted Lady (*V. cardui*) was reported by David Moore in South Wales.



Painted Lady (library photo)
Photo © Peter Eeles

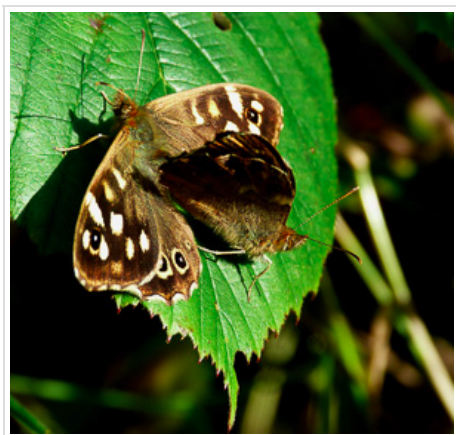
Late sightings of Speckled Wood (*Pararge aegeria*)

30 November 2014

Sightings of Speckled Wood continued to be reported into October and November.

- 30th October. The warmest UK Halloween day on record (23.6C) resulted in many sightings including [an unusual record](#) of a Speckled Wood (*P. aegeria*) mating pair in South Wales by David Moore.
- 9th November. A [sighting](#) was recorded by Vince Massimo in Crawley, Sussex. A [sighting](#) was also recorded by Gareth Jenkins at Goldcliff, Newport Wetlands Reserve, South Wales.

- 18th November. A sighting was [reported on Twitter](#) by Paul Wheeler at Wharleigh Point in Devon.



Speckled Wood mating pair

Photo © David Moore



Speckled Wood

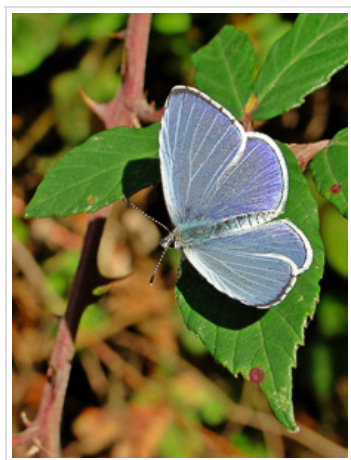
Photo © Vince Massimo

Third brood Holly Blue (*Celastrina argiolus*)

November 2014

A number of sightings of third brood Holly Blue (*C. argiolus*) were recorded in [October](#) and [November](#):

- 5th October. A [sighting of a male](#) was recorded by Dave Miller.
- 18th October. A [single sighting](#) was recorded by "Hoggers".
- 20th October. A [single sighting](#) was recorded by Neil Hulme in Worthing, Sussex.
- 27th October. A [single sighting of a fresh male](#) was recorded by Guy Padfield in his Woodbridge garden in East Suffolk.
- 28th October. [Sightings of both a male and female](#) were recorded by Dave Miller in Middlesex.
- 30th October. A [single sighting](#) was recorded by Neil Hulme in Worthing, Sussex, as well as another [single sighting of a female](#) recorded by Dave Miller in Middlesex.
- 9th November. A [sighting of a male](#) was recorded by Dave Miller near Heathrow. On the same day another male was photographed by Andrew Cooper in Dorset, as [reported on Twitter](#).
- 15th November. A [sighting of a fresh male](#) was recorded by Mike Gibbons at West Christchurch, Dorset.
- 29th November. A [sighting](#) was recorded by Peter Hunt at Wheelers Bay on the Isle of Wight.



Holly Blue

Photo © Dave Miller



Holly Blue

Photo © Dave Miller

Clouded Yellow (*Colias croceus*) and Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) ovipositing

01 November 2014 ([Source](#))

Egg-laying Clouded Yellow (*C. croceus*) and Red Admiral (*V. atalanta*) were observed in Hampshire on 1st November by Paul Harfield.



Red Admiral

Photo © Paul Harfield

12 species flying on 1st November

01 November 2014 ([Source](#))

1st November produced a list of 11 different species on the wing throughout the country, as [reported by Richard Fox on Twitter](#). This figure was revised up to 12 species by Richard in the [Butterfly Conservation blog](#).

Late sightings of Chalk Hill Blue (*Polyommatus coridon*)

October 2014 ([Source](#))

A number of extremely late Chalk Hill Blue (*P. coridon*) sightings were recorded including one at Devil's Dyke, Newmarket, Cambridgeshire on 2nd October and again on 25th October. The potential for this to be a second brood is discussed [in this thread](#).



Chalk Hill Blue (library photo)

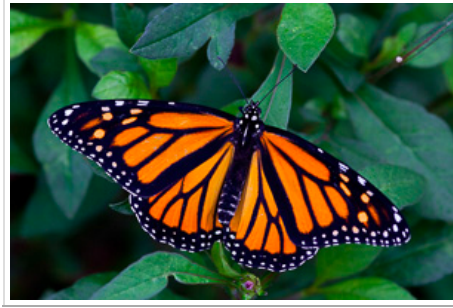
Photo © Iain Leach

Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) sightings

October 2014 ([Source](#))

There were several "Monarch (*D. plexippus*) sightings reported in the first week of October from the Scilly Isles, Cornwall and Devon. All sightings were of single individuals and a summary follows:

- 1st October. Three sightings from Isles of Scilly on St. Mary's, St. Agnes and Gugh.
- 2nd October. A single sighting from Cornwall at Mussel Point, Zennor. It was sighted "at 1.50pm then flew West".
- 3rd October. Two sightings from the Isles of Scilly on Tresco and St Mary's.
- 4th October. A single sighting from Cornwall at Housel Bay on the Lizard Peninsula in the afternoon.
- 5th October. Two sightings from Cornwall at Porthgwarra (in the morning) and Porthcurno (just after 2.30pm).
- 9th October. A single sighting from Cornwall at Marazion.
- 11th October. A single sighting from Devon flying north east over Start Point. Also two sightings from the Isles of Scilly on Tresco and at the Garrison on St Mary's.
- 12th October. Two sightings from the Isles of Scilly on St Mary's and St Martin's.



Monarch (library photo)

Photo © Peter Eeles

Second brood White Admiral (*Limenitis camilla*)

17 October 2014 ([Source](#))

A second brood White Admiral (*L. camilla*) was recorded from Framlingham, Suffolk.



White Admiral (library photo)

Photo © Mike Skittrall

Third brood Small Blue (*Cupido minimus*)

02 October 2014 ([Source](#))

A fresh Small Blue (*C. minimus*) was seen by Martin Warren at Magdalen Hill Down in Hampshire.



Small Blue (library photo)

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