

Lepidoptera ; British Butterflies

8) Hamearis lucina (Linnaeus 1758) Riodinidae 60.001 Female Duke. We watched this individual for quite some time, seeing her explore potential egg laying spots with her feet and abdomen. This was especially pleasing as it was in an area where scrub has been managed to allow the species to disperse to new areas. Ashridge NT estate SP954153
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9) Thymelicus sylvestris, (57.006) Hesperidae Important as it is to record the presence of species even common ones, their interactions with their environment are just as important, here the butterfly has been feeding on orchid flowers and has collected many pollenia on its proboscis. It is often said orchids do not provide nectar, but I wonder given the number of return visits this butterfly made. 28/6/23 Pitstone Church End SP943147

All photos taken with Olympus TG5 hand held, in the field