

Butterflies of North Greece

Mariposa Nature Tours trip report

6th-13th June 2024



Tour leader David Moore

Trip report by David Moore

Images kindly shared by our guests

(Images above, clockwise from top left: Balkan Marbled White (Bob), Little Tiger Blue (Caroline), Sooty Copper (Peter), Lattice Brown (Rosalind))



Mariposa Nature Tours Ltd

2 Ashtree Cottages

Langrove

Parkmill

Swansea

SA3 2EB, United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0) 7748 598768

Email: info@mariposanature.com

Website: www.mariposanature.com

Trip Report – Butterflies of N Greece, 6th to 13th June 2024

Guide: David Moore

Introduction

This tour of the area close to Lake Kerkini in northern Greece is always filled with wildlife, good food, and warm weather. Away from the bustle of Thessaloniki, the roads become quiet and much of the countryside is relatively undeveloped from an agricultural perspective.

Joining us for this tour were Petros, Caroline, Peter, Bob and Rosalind.

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

Day 1, 6 June

Arrivals day is always a bit of a grind from a logistical perspective, but with five guests, one of whom decided to make his own way to the hotel, it was rather more straightforward than normal. After negotiating a set of somewhat extensive roadworks near the airport, it all became plain sailing after that, meaning the group arrived at the hotel in mid-afternoon.

The grounds immediately behind the hotel are rich habitat for butterflies, but the 32°C temperatures meant that quite a few had clearly taken a siesta, although **Lesser Spotted**



Sooty Copper © Peter



Little Tiger Blue © Caroline

Fritillary *Melitaea trivia* and **Sooty Copper** *Lycaena tityrus* were happy with conditions as they were numerous.

A handful of desirables were also seen, with the tiny but beautifully marked **Little Tiger Blue** *Tarucus balkanicus* chief among them. **Berger's Clouded Yellow** *Colias alfacariensis*, **Ilex Hairstreak** *Satyrium ilicis*, and **Southern White Admiral** *Limentis reducta* were other notables in an initial overall haul that included 18 species.

Later that evening, the group travelled to the phenomenally good Railway Tavern for a slap-up al fresco meal, with Petros getting involved with the rehearsal for a play some of the local residents were performing.

Day 2, 7 June

The first full day came with a caveat: the temperatures were going to rise as the week went on to hit 40°C! These conditions are not unknown in this part of Greece, but they usually occur in July and August, not the second week of June.

Undeterred, the group set out locally to explore some of the better habitat. The first site was a series of grassy meadows with some water troughs near the entrance, which had both **Swallowtail** *Papilio machaon* and **Scarce Swallowtail** *Iphiclides podalirius* taking advantage of the moist environs. Notably, there was a young tortoise exploring the area as well, but sadly none of the Swallowtails decided to land on it.

Nearby, there was a sighting of **Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow** *Colias erate*, whilst other species flying here were **Black-veined White** *Aporia crataegi*, **Cardinal** *Argynnis pandora*, and **Queen of Spain Fritillary** *Issoria lathonia*.

A quick visit was then paid to the adjacent village of Ano Poroia, but unlike in previous years, there were no **Southern Comma** *Polygonia egea*, to be found, although **Nettle Tree Butterfly** *Libythea celtis* was seen fluttering in the street.



Queen of Spain Fritillary © Caroline



Great Banded Grayling © Bob

The next site was by a local reservoir commanding picturesque views of Lake Kerkini. By now it was hot, and everyone was grateful for the shade provided by the trees where the vehicle had been parked.

David dampened an area of the track nearby, and was delighted when some while later a **Tufted Marbled Skipper** *Carcharodus flocciferus* flew in to inspect the area.

Great Banded Grayling *Brintesia circe* was recorded in the shadier area, along with **Oriental Meadow Brown** *Hyponephele lupina* and **Speckled Wood** *Pararge aegeria*.

In the main though, butterfly activity had diminished somewhat, no doubt due to the 35°C heat. That said, the myriad of frogs around the reservoir were positively enjoying themselves in the balmy conditions, resting contentedly at the side of the water.

A total of 39 species were recorded during the day, meaning that 43 had been seen overall thus far during the week.

Day 3, 8 June

With another scorcher in store, the group left just after 9am to travel to the border with North Macedonia, to a site where **Tessellated Skipper** *Muschampia tessellum* had been seen in the past.

Sadly, there were none today, very probably due to the early season rendering their flight period prematurely over.

One species that was present was the impressive **Balkan Marbled White** *Melanargia larissa*, with its large size and heavy black markings making it extremely distinctive.



Balkan Marbled White © Bob

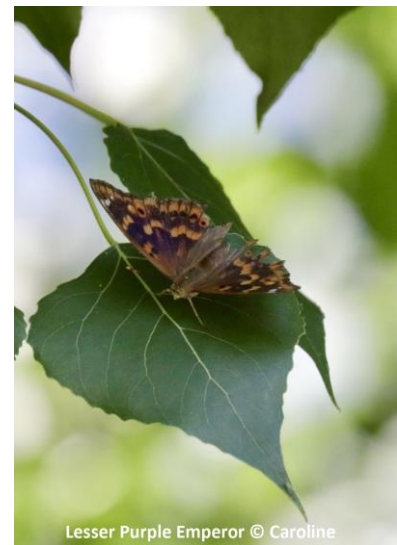
With temperatures rising again, many of the butterflies were to be found in the more shaded woodland area. These included **Mallow Skipper** *Carcharodus alceae*, **Lang's Short-tailed Blue** *Leptotes pirithous*, and **Woodland Grayling** *Hipparchia fagi*.

After leaving the site, the group made their way to a forest track on the edge of some agricultural land. Almost immediately, a **Peacock** *Inachis io*,

flew by to feast on some bramble flowers, but it was another large Nymphalid that was being sought.

Further along the track, a sprinkler system was regularly dousing a 50m stretch, making the edges attractive to butterflies looking for moist ground. Amongst these was the main target, the tawny *clytie* form of **Lesser Purple Emperor** *Apatura ilia*. David ran back to inform the guests but by the time everybody had walked up, the butterfly was nowhere to be found. A little patient waiting however revealed that it had retreated into the trees, and it subsequently settled several times at relatively low levels allowing everybody to take a good look.

Rosalind also rejoiced in standing in the circuitous water trail which helped cool things down, for by this time it was again in the mid-thirties and both butterflies and humans were feeling the effects.

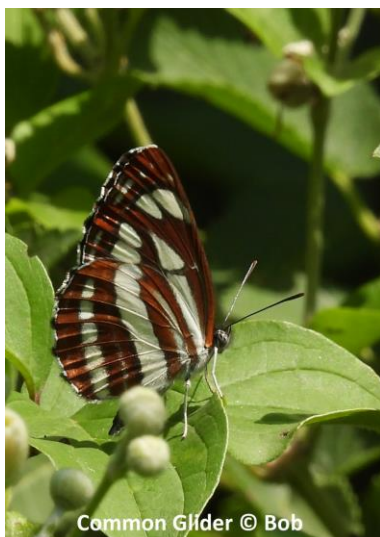


Lesser Purple Emperor © Caroline

Six new species for the day meant the aggregate total was now 49.

Day 4, 9 June

The morning stop was a large forest site straddling the border between Greece and Bulgaria.



Common Glider © Bob

Perhaps it is no coincidence that the habitat here is largely untouched as it is easy to walk between both countries via the woodland rides (no customs posts here).

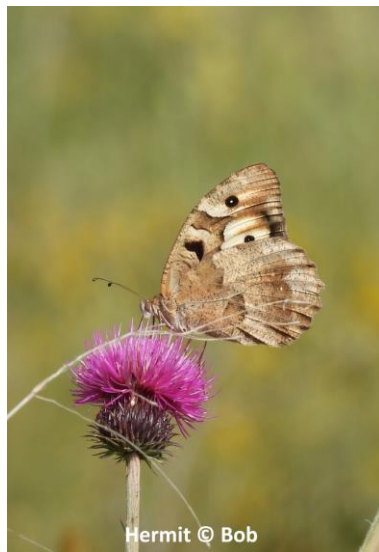
The cleared area just after the entrance has become a wild meadow, with a large supporting cast of butterflies. The week's first **Silver-washed Fritillary** *Argynnis paphia*, were seen flying along the perimeter and there were a small number of **Map** *Araschnia levana*, in the damper, shady areas.

The best sighting though was in an adjacent clearing. This field had been planted with crucifers and there were Pierids flying everywhere. However, a graceful butterfly caught the eye of the guide and he whistled for everyone to come over.

It was a **Common Glider** *Neptis sappho*, a species which often frustrates by flying high in the tree canopy. This one was doing the opposite, obligingly settling low on the bottom leaves and occasionally on the ground, allowing everyone close approaches and good photographic opportunities.

Another excellent sighting was of **Sandy Grizzled Skipper** *Pyrgus cinarae*, which was attracted to a damp spot on the track and remained there for some while.

Other species found which were new for the week were **Dingy Skipper** *Erynnis tages*, **Wood White** *Leptidea sinapis*,



Hermit © Bob

Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*, **Small Blue** *Cupido minimus*, and a **Hermit**

Chazara briseis, which settled close to the group whilst lunch was being taken.



Small Blue © Rosalind

It was time to move on, and the next destination was a quarry near Veronia. By this time it was extremely hot, and apart from a few Ilex Hairstreaks very little was about.

Given the temperatures it was decided to head back to the hotel where those who wished could explore the meadows again.

The nine new species recorded today had taken the week's total to 58.

Day 5, 10 June

There was a sense of relief that we were travelling to the ski slope at Lailias today as at an altitude of 1,600m it was sure to be a little cooler than at lower elevations.

Sure enough, upon arrival following a labyrinthine journey through the city of Serres, it was extremely pleasant although it was disappointing to see that the authorities had cut a large portion of the lush grass at the base of the slope.

Even so, there were plenty of butterflies on the wing, with **Woodland Ringlet** *Erebia medusa* especially prominent given its dark colour.

There were also several **Pearl-bordered Fritillary** *Boloria euphrosyne*, as well as **Grizzled Skipper** *Pyrgus malvae*. However, the best sighting was undoubtedly **Balkan Copper** *Lycaena candens*, shining like a jewel in the long sward close to one of the ski buildings.

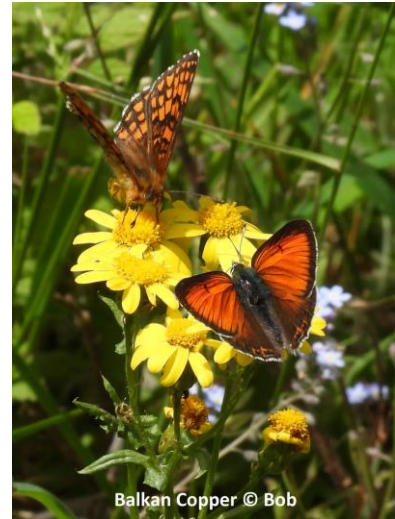
There was also a group of mainly Queen of Spain Fritillary nectaring from a patch of blue bugloss flowers nearby, beside a smaller number of **Painted Lady** *Vanessa cardui*, and **Large Wall Brown** *Lasiommata maera*.

After spending an hour and a half at the ski centre, the group moved about 3 kilometres down to a woodland track where **Large Tortoiseshell** *Nymphalis polychloros* was sighted more than once. Two more anticipated newcomers here were **Pearly Heath** *Coenonympha arcania*, and **Northern Wall Brown** *Lasiommata petropolitana*.

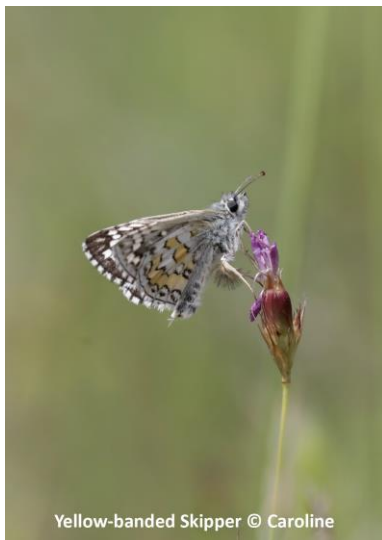
With the trees offering a degree of shade, this was a very pleasant 40 minutes, made even better when the group stumbled upon an accommodating **Osiris Blue** *Cupido osiris* flying around the track in a clearing further along.

The group then stopped about 5km further down the road and took lunch at the parking area. It was hard to eat with so many butterflies active, with one causing particular excitement – a fresh **Yellow-Banded Skipper** *Pyrgus sidae*.

Both sides of the track were replete with butterfly activity, a real smorgasbord of species. One particularly desirable species was **False Eros Blue** *Polyommatus eroides*. The male butterfly sports a beautiful, pale blue upperside with fairly wide black wing edges. They had clearly emerged recently, as they were in impeccable condition.



Balkan Copper © Bob



Yellow-banded Skipper © Caroline

Another jewel was **Purple-shot Copper** *Lycaena alciphron*. Both males and females were seen, particularly on the copious bramble flowers on the right of the track as the group walked down.

There were some abiding Hermits too, nectaring greedily from thistles, whilst a couple of **Amanda's Blue** *Polyommatus amandus* were also seen amongst this butterfly maelstrom.

The track itself was attracting butterflies even though it was bone dry. **Eastern Knapweed Fritillary** *Melitaea telona* was seen along with several Balkan Grayling *Hipparchia senthes*. **Marbled White** *Melanargia galathea* was another newcomer, but only seen in small numbers.

There was a further stop at a known site for **Large Blue** *Phengaris arion* to round off the day, but although this species was not found, compensation arrived in the form of a mint fresh Yellow-Banded Skipper that obliged everyone by settling for several minutes on the leaves of a shrub.

It had been a fabulous day, with 62 species seen in total, 22 of which were new for the week, making the overall species count an impressive 80 with two days still to go.

Day 6, 11 June



Dalmatian Pelican © Peter

The day started with a boat trip on Lake Kerkini, with the early start providing much appreciated relief from the mounting heat. Both species of pelican, Dalmatian and Great White, were seen along with a satisfying range of other water birds, including showy Squacco Heron, Spoonbill and Pygmy Cormorant, before setting foot back on dry land a couple of hours later. The squabble and drama of the crowded heronries of the sunken forest would live long in the memory of all concerned.

The group then remained at lower altitude, visiting an area of light woodland and agricultural land near Faia Petra.

Parking in the welcome shade near a small chapel, the group walked up the minor road, stopping to watch good numbers of butterflies on the brambles along the bank. Many of these were hairstreaks. Ilex were commonest but there were also a few **Sloe Hairstreak** *Satyrium acacia*, and impressive **Blue-spot Hairstreak** *Satyrium spini*.



Squacco Heron © Bob



Anomalous Blue © Caroline

Several fresh looking **Marbled Fritillary** *Brenthis daphne* were enjoying this roadside feast too, along with smaller numbers of Southern White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary.

Moving off the road down into an area of woodland, the group came upon something of a hairstreak hotspot in a sheltered, sunny area at the first turn in the track.

This scrubby area yielded White-letter Hairstreak *Satyrium w-album*, and also the sighting of the week, when Caroline pointed out an unusual butterfly on a grass head. It was **Anomalous Blue** *Polyommatus admetus*, a seldom-encountered species on this tour.

There was another pleasant surprise a few metres further up the track when David noticed a **Lattice Brown** *Kirinia roxelana*, a butterfly normally common during this tour but strangely absent in 2024 until this moment. Rather frustratingly, the insect retreated into the shaded area beneath the trees and could not be successfully relocated. However, after the group had arrived back at the vehicle to take lunch, another appeared at the base of a tree trunk in the grounds of the small chapel. Happily, it remained in situ and everyone was able to take a close look.

It was later revealed that this species sometimes aestivates when the weather is hot, and hot it had certainly been, which is likely the reason that just these two were seen all week.



In the afternoon, there was another unsuccessful attempt to find Southern Comma in the same village as earlier in the week. By this time, the temperature was approaching 40°C and when very few butterflies were seen at the same meadow with the water troughs that had been visited on Day 2, the group agreed it was time to cut short the afternoon and escape the intense sun.

In spite of that, six new species had been notched up today and the total now stood at 86.

Day 7, 12 June



It was a motion carried out unanimously by the group the night before – the final full day's destination would again be the ski slope at 1,600m altitude, to mitigate the effects of the heatwave.

Although the scenery was the same, this redux delivered a pleasingly somewhat different mix of butterflies, both in numbers and range of species.

Several Balkan Copper were again found beyond the ski slope area and once more there were many Queen of Spain Fritillary on the nearby bugloss, a spectacle especially irresistible to Peter.

A newcomer arrived in the shape of **Dark Green Fritillary** *Speyeria aglaja*, whilst **Small Tortoiseshell** *Aglais urticae* was a welcome sight on the ski slope, along with a surprise **Large Blue** *Phengaris arion*, which was not expected.

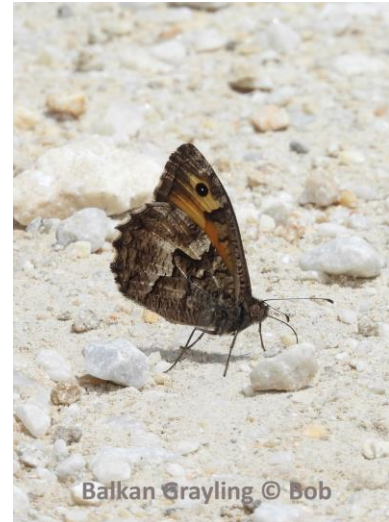
Once finished here, the group again pulled in to the track visited two days earlier for another feast of butterflies. Given it was the last day, everyone was paying particular attention to the patches of cranesbills growing at the side of the track, and Rosalind pointed out a different kind of butterfly to those seen prior. It was indeed a **Geranium Argus** *Eumedonia eumedon*.

This species is often found alongside the sought-after **Blue Argus** *Aricia anteros*, and sure enough there was a male of this species active in the same area, which was quite a surprise as none had been seen on the earlier visit and it was assumed the flight period had finished.

Other new species seen were **Large Wall Brown** *Lasiommata maera*, **Eastern Baton Blue** *Pseudophilotes vicrama*, **Adonis Blue** *Polyommatus bellargus* and, most pleasing of all, **Scarce Copper** *Lycaena vigaureae* which was finally recorded in an aster-filled meadow about 1km up the track.

With the heat once again rising, it was time to say goodbye to this wonderful area north of Serres and head back to the hotel for one last quality meal in Mandraki.

Eight new species on the final day of any tour is good going, especially given that it was a repeat visit to an earlier site. The final tally 94 species was an impressive one, and testament to the richness of butterfly diversity in this lovely part of Greece.



Footnote and acknowledgements



This tour was an extremely enjoyable one, although tempered somewhat by abnormally warm weather, a good 10°C higher than what is normally experienced here in the second week of June.

Some species were missing or seen in only small numbers, but others that are generally not on the wing this early had appeared unexpectedly.

In summary, close to 100 species was an extremely satisfying return and, when combined with the variety of superb habitat as well as the location of the hotel and the delicious evening meals at the best restaurant for miles around, the tour was highly successful.

Mariposa would duly like to thank all guests for their convivial company during the week, and the efforts put into finding the butterflies under sometimes rather warm conditions.

Newsletter – if you'd like to join our mailing list and be the first to hear of new tours and special offers, you can join the Mariposa Nature Tours family on www.mariposanature.com

Social media - For the most up to the minute news of what we're seeing, give us a follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube, and see live sightings from the field, photos and videos, and all the very latest Mariposa Nature Tours news.

BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH GREECE 6-13 JUNE 2024								
	Species name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
	Butterflies							
1	Small Skipper <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Essex Skipper <i>Thymelicus lineola</i>					✓	✓	✓
3	Lulworth Skipper <i>Thymelicus action</i>							
4	Large Skipper <i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Dingy Skipper <i>Erynnis tages</i>				✓	✓	✓	
6	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>							
7	Southern Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus malvoides</i>					✓		✓
8	Sandy Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus cinarae</i>				✓			
9	Safflower Skipper <i>Pyrgus carthami</i>							
10	Marbled Skipper <i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>							
11	Tufted Marbled Skipper <i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>		✓	✓			✓	
12	Mallow Skipper <i>Carcharodus alceae</i>			✓	✓			
13	Orbed Red-underwing Skipper <i>Spialia sertorius</i>					✓		✓
14	Olive Skipper <i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>							
15	Yellow-banded Skipper <i>Pyrgus sidae</i>					✓		✓
16	Large Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus alveus</i>							
17	Tessellated Skipper <i>Pyrgus tessellum</i>							
18	Pygmy Skipper <i>Gegenes pumilio</i>							
19	Clouded Apollo <i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>							
20	Eastern Festoon <i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>							
21	Swallowtail <i>Papilio machaon gorganus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
22	Scarce Swallowtail <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Eastern Wood White <i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>							
24	Wood White <i>Leptidea sinapis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Clouded Yellow <i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow <i>Colias erate</i>		✓				✓	
27	Berger's Clouded Yellow <i>Colias alfacariensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
28	Cleopatra <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓					
29	Brimstone <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓
30	Orange Tip <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>							
31	Black-veined White <i>Aporia crataegi</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
32	Large White <i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Small White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Mountain Small White <i>Pieris ergane</i>					✓		
35	Southern Small White <i>Pieris mannii</i>							
36	Green-veined White <i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓		✓		
37	Balkan Green-veined White <i>Pieris balcana</i>		✓					
38	Kruper's Small White <i>Periris krueperi</i>							
39	Eastern Bath White <i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Duke of Burgundy <i>Hamearis lucina</i>							
41	Green Hairstreak <i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓

	Species name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
42	Sloe Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium acaciae</i>					✓	✓	✓
43	Ilex Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
44	White-letter Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium w-album</i>						✓	✓
45	Blue-spot Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium spini</i>						✓	
46	Small Copper <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Purple-shot Copper <i>Lycaena alciphron</i>					✓		✓
48	Sooty Copper <i>Lycaena tityrus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Lesser Fiery Copper <i>Lycaena thersamon</i>							
47	Balkan Copper <i>Lycaena candens</i>					✓		✓
48	Large Copper <i>Lycaena dispar</i>							
49	Scarce Copper <i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>							✓
50	Long-tailed Blue <i>Lampides boeticus</i>	✓		✓				
51	Lang's Short-tailed Blue <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		✓	✓	✓			
52	Little Tiger Blue <i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
53	Holly Blue <i>Celestrina argiolus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Eastern Baton Blue <i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>							✓
55	Chequered Blue <i>Scolitantides orion</i>							
56	Short-tailed Blue <i>Cupido argiades</i>		✓					
57	Small Blue <i>Cupido minimus</i>				✓	✓		
58	Osiris Blue <i>Cupido osiris</i>					✓		
59	Silver-studded Blue <i>Plebejus argus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Zephyr Blue <i>Plebejus sephirus</i>							
61	Idas Blue <i>Plebejus idas</i>							
62	Brown Argus <i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Mountain (Northern) Brown Argus <i>Aricia Artaxerxes</i>							
64	Blue Argus <i>Aricia anteros</i>							✓
65	Geranium Argus <i>Eumedonia eumedon</i>							✓
66	Mazarine Blue <i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>					✓		✓
67	Green-underside Blue <i>Glaucopschyche alexis</i>					✓		✓
68	Chapman's Blue <i>Polyommatus thersites</i>						✓	✓
69	Common Blue <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	False Eros Blue <i>Polyommatus eroides</i>					✓		✓
71	Escher's Blue <i>Polyommatus escheri</i>						✓	
72	Amanda's Blue <i>Polyommatus amandus</i>					✓		✓
73	Anomalous Blue <i>Polyommatus admetus</i>						✓	
74	Adonis Blue <i>Lysandra bellargus</i>							✓
75	Iolas Blue <i>Iolana iolas</i>							
76	Large Blue <i>Phengaris arion</i>							✓
77	Mountain Alcon Blue <i>Phengaris rebeli</i>							
78	Nettle-tree Butterfly <i>Libythea celtis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Common Glider <i>Neptis sappho</i>				✓			
80	Southern White Admiral <i>Limenitis reducta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
81	Freyer's Purple Emperor <i>Apatura metis</i>							
82	Lesser Purple Emperor <i>Apatura ilia</i>			✓				

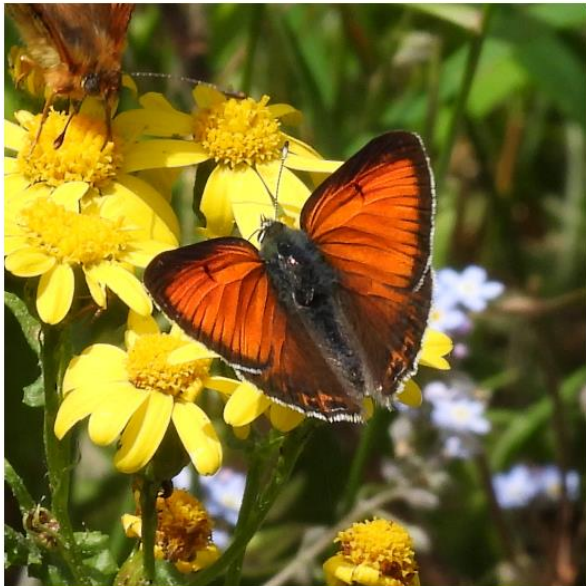
	Species name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
83	Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓
84	Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓			✓		✓
85	Comma <i>Polygonia c-album</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
86	Southern Comma <i>Polygonia egea</i>							
87	Peacock <i>Aglais io</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
88	Small Tortoiseshell <i>Aglais urticae</i>					✓		
89	Large Tortoiseshell <i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		✓		✓	✓		
90	Camberwell Beauty <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>							
91	Map <i>Araschnia Levana</i>				✓			
92	Eastern Knapweed Fritillary <i>Melitaea telona</i>					✓		✓
93	Lesser Spotted Fritillary <i>Melitaea trivia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
94	Spotted Fritillary <i>Melitaea didyma</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Heath Fritillary <i>Melitaea athalia</i>					✓		✓
96	High Brown Fritillary <i>Argynnis adippe</i>							
97	Cardinal <i>Argynnis pandora</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Silver-washed Fritillary <i>Argynnis paphia</i>				✓		✓	✓
99	Queen of Spain Fritillary <i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
100	Marbled Fritillary <i>Brenthis daphne</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Pearl -bordered Fritillary <i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>					✓		✓
102	Lattice Brown <i>Kirinia roxelana</i>						✓	
103	Speckled Wood <i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		✓			✓
104	Gatekeeper <i>Pyronia tithonus</i>							
105	Wall Brown <i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓		✓		✓
106	Northern Wall Brown <i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>					✓		✓
107	Large Wall Brown <i>Lasiommata maera</i>							✓
108	Small Heath <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109	Meadow Brown <i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Oriental Meadow Brown <i>Hyponephele lupine</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	
111	Woodland Ringlet <i>Erebia medusa</i>					✓		✓
112	Balkan Marbled White <i>Melanargia larissa</i>			✓				
113	Marbled White <i>Melanargia galathea</i>					✓	✓	✓
114	Balkan / Southern Grayling <i>Hipparchia senthes</i>					✓	✓	✓
115	Delattin's Grayling <i>Hipparchia volgensis</i>							
116	Eastern Rock Grayling <i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>							
117	Great Banded Grayling <i>Brintesia circe</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Pearly Heath <i>Coenonympha arcania</i>					✓		✓
#	Woodland Grayling <i>Hipparchia fagi</i>			✓				
#	Hermit <i>Chazara briseis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
#	Dark Green Fritillary <i>Speyeria aglaja</i>							✓
	Daily total:	18	39	38	42	62	42	64
	Running total:	18	43	49	58	80	86	94

Guests' Galleries

All images that follow were kindly shared by tour participants.



Images © Bob



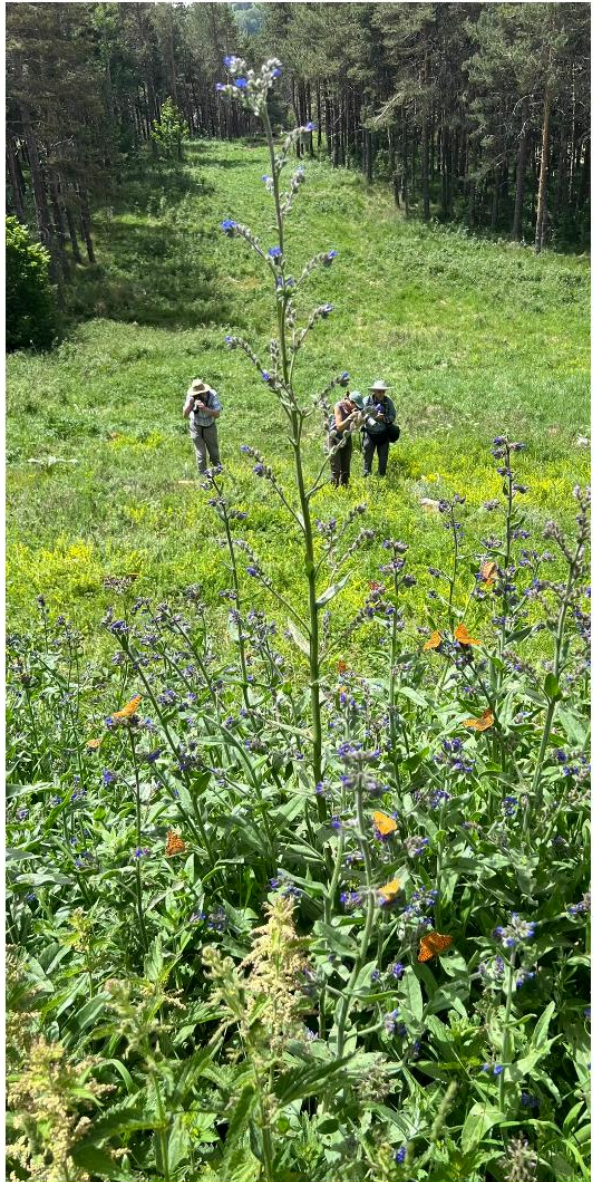
Images © Bob



Images © Bob



Images © Rosalind



Images © Rosalind



Images © Rosalind



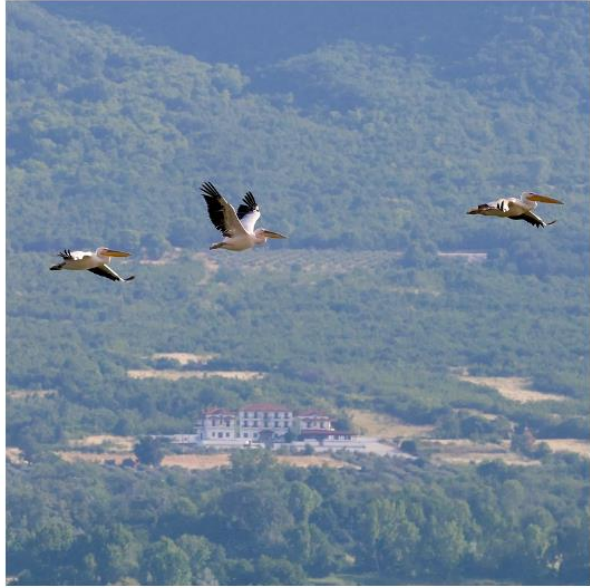
Images © Peter



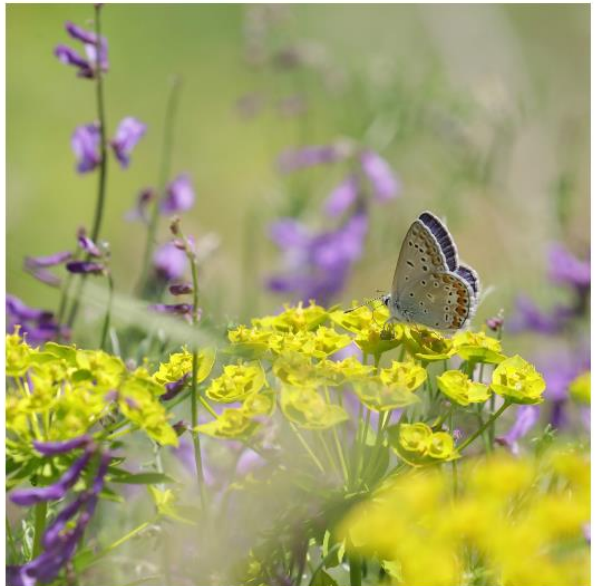
Images © Peter



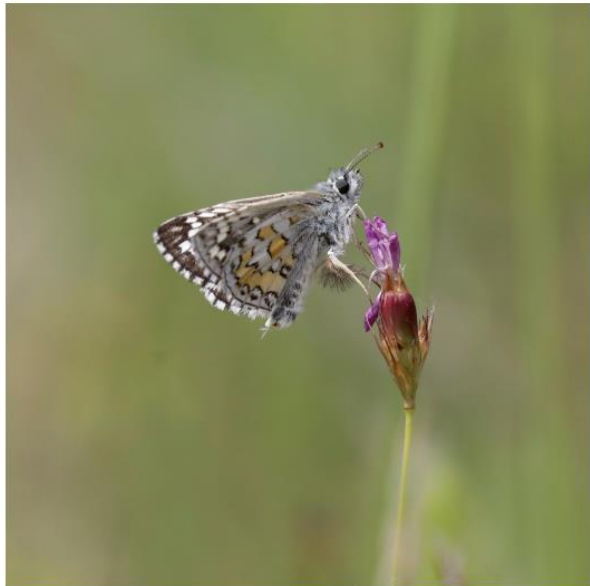
Images © Peter



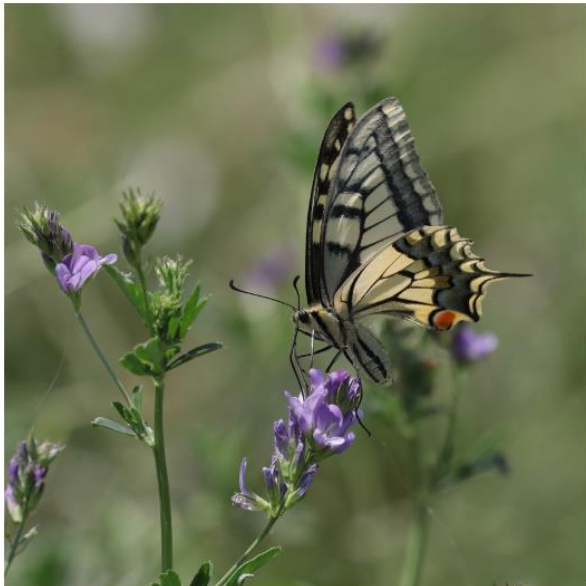
Images © Peter



Images © Caroline



Images © Caroline



Images © Caroline



Images © Caroline



Image © Caroline

And finally... If you like the sound of Butterflies of North Greece, the 2025 tour is already fully booked, but we will be announcing dates for 2026 in the coming months – by all means email us on info@mariposanature.com to reserve a place in advance. Full details of the 2025 tour are on our website:

[Butterflies of North Greece](#)

Alternatively, we have other butterfly tours with availability in spring / summer 2025 that explore other wonderful parts of southern Europe! Here are just a few...

[Spring Butterflies of the French Pyrenees](#)

[Butterflies of the Italian Alps & French Mercantour](#)

[Summer Butterflies of the Spanish Pyrenees](#)

[Butterflies of the Picos de Europa](#)