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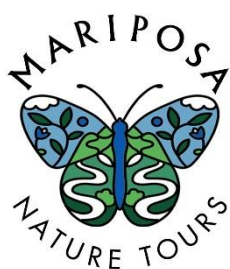


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(Images, clockwise from top left: Scarce Large Blue © Chris; Lesser Clouded Yellow © Neil;

Pallas's Fritillary © Rod; Mountain Small White © Harry)



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This tour was our inaugural foray into Hungary, the home territory of our popular leader János Oláh. Needless to say, with his local knowledge, we knew we were in for a summer butterfly bonanza! For the tour's co-leader, Jon, this was the thirty year anniversary of his first visit to Hungary – much had changed in the intervening period, but neither the warm welcome from the locals nor the superb wildlife watching opportunities had diminished.

Joining the two guides for the week were Caroline, Peter, Rod & Lynn, Neil & Jan, Phil, Chris & Sheila, and Harry.

Day 1, 18th July, arrivals day

For those who've yet to travel through the airport at Budapest, we've news for you. What a delightful, organised, and efficient major airport this proved to be, processing our arrivals quickly and without hassle. By lunchtime we were all gathered and ready to hit the road, heading a couple of hours northeast of Budapest to our base for the first night – a strategic one night stay that would place us on the doorstep of the Matra Hills the following day.

The roads were of excellent quality, so the drive passed smoothly and, once 15 minutes away from our comfortable rural village hotel, we ascended a small hill that overlooked the plains behind us to spend an hour and a half cutting our teeth on our first Hungarian butterflies of the week.



The conditions were not particularly auspicious at first, being a mere 22.5 °C and overcast but, as the hour wore on, the skies brightened, the sun broke through, and we began to collectively find butterflies. First to be seen were mint fresh Wall Brown, shortly followed by our first Eastern Baton and Reverdin's Blue. Keen eyes found Silver-studded Blue too, while a handful of Brown Argus and Common Blue completed the *lycaenids*.

As the sun intensified several Scarce Swallowtail began enthusiastically hilltopping, swirling overhead, sometimes being engaged in aerial jousts by Painted Lady and Red Admiral. At ground level both Dingy and Grizzled Skipper were found, with Caroline adding our first Eastern Bath White, and Lynn a Small Copper. *Satyrids* began to warm up too, with tatty Marbled White being joined on the burgeoning checklist by Small Heath, Meadow Brown, Great Banded Grayling, and our first Dryad of the week.

By the time we settled down to compare notes and assimilate our checklist after a hearty dinner, we found we'd between us already logged 21 species – not a bad start for a little over an hour of butterflying and, with the weather forecast set to get warmer as the week

ahead wore on, we had the enviable prospect of matters only improving in the days to come.

Day 2, 19th July

Our first full day in Hungary dawned fine and sunny, so we left the hotel in high spirits and expectation. This, though, not before Phil had found a Mallow Skipper on the lavender flowering outside the hotel carpark!

Our first site of the day, a short drive away outside Kozard, immediately delivered the goods – we'd no sooner got out of the vehicles than Jon spotted a large, pale blue in flight which, when it settled, proved to be a fine male Meleager's Blue. Nearby, several Reverdin's Blue provided darker counterpoints.



We walked onto a chalky ruderal field that proved to be abounding with butterflies – Lesser Fiery Copper was showing well up here, and further new species came in quick succession – first of all Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper, and then after a few more anticipated species, a pleasant surprise that had us all hastening across the field – an Assman's Fritillary, a new butterfly for several of us. Chris and Sheila meanwhile found a

lovely female Meleager's Blue, arguably a much more attractive butterfly than the male, with her beautiful buff, heavily scalloped hindwings.

On the other side of Kozard we tried another hillside for Anomalous Blue – alas, without success, though our wandering was rewarded with Chapman's, Common Blue, and Eastern Baton Blue. A roadside stop shortly after this was more obviously productive, with at least 25 Cardinal nectaring feverishly on thistles, with half as many again Queen of Spain Fritillary, numerous Scarce Swallowtail crashing the party and, at the edges, Large Skipper and Sooty Copper both notable.



We finished the late morning and into the early afternoon high in the Matra Hills, exploring the flowery, grassland areas beneath mothballed ski-lifts, and the adjacent woodland rides. Many more Lesser Fiery Copper were seen here, and a couple more pleasant surprises – Rod found a Map, while we also bumped into a Duke of Burgundy. High on the ski slope Caroline found a Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary. Other more

commonplace species were duly noted – Peacock, Brimstone, Holly Blue, Green-veined White, Small and Essex Skipper – while all were appreciated in their own right, we would be highly focused in the days to come with bigger targets in mind!



Lesser Fiery Cupressid © Harry

After a convivial lunch in a village restaurant, we braved the motorway for the drive into the Zemplen Hills. Or rather, the motorway took some initial getting onto, for it was gridlocked at our anticipated junction, so we detoured cross country to the next. Here the traffic was flowing and, for about 15 minutes we made good progress before hazard warning lights came on anew – another accident, this one not far ahead

of us. A rather tiresome hour sat waiting ensued. We finally reached our hotel at Solyomvar just in time for dinner, greeted with a delicious glass of the local wine. Dinner consumed with some gusto, we did the day's checklist, finding we were already just shy of 50 species for the week.

Day 3, 20th July

The butterflying started early today – in fact, before we'd even settled down to breakfast, for Phil was out in the hotel garden investigating the lavender, which duly delivered a smart Pearl-bordered Fritillary!

After breakfast we set off for the north of Zemplen, our destination a woodland set right against the Slovakian border. Our targets here would be largely two-fold – the iconic Pallas's Fritillary, and Scarce Large Blue.

Before that, however, we made a short stop a little way outside our village base, exploring a small roadside meadow. Speaking volumes of how butterfly-rich this area of Hungary is, it was soon delivering the goods – Sooty Copper,



Sooty Copper © Phil

Dark Green and Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Duke of Burgundy, and an obliging Dryad found by Caroline that posed beautifully for us all.



Pallas's Fritillary © Rod

From here, we were northbound for 45 minutes, arriving on site mid-morning. We would spend the entire day here, for the site was to prove excellent. It didn't take long before we started to see our first Scarce Large Blue on the wing and, in time and with patience, they would settle and allow their photos to be taken. Within the first hour Rod and Jon both had brief encounters with our first Pallas's Fritillary. Jon found a small,

humid clearing in the woods that seemed to be on at least one butterfly's feeding circuit, and every 30 minutes or so it would return, briefly, to nectar before zooming back high into the surrounding tree canopy. By lunchtime Phil and Harry had both caught up with it...

After lunch the group made a more concerted effort to stake out the clearing, and further sightings became more frequent. Indeed, once our duck had been broken, additional butterflies appeared near to where we'd parked the vehicles, and even settled on the road to puddle briefly. Additional highlights during the morning had included Scarce Copper and Scotch Argus, while Phil and Harry had found a Sloe Hairstreak, our first hairstreak of the week.



Pallas's Fritillary © Chris



Scarce Copper © Caroline

Chris and Sheila meanwhile had picked out a regular Large Blue, and Harry was to improve our copper count with a Purple-shot Copper before we departed.

The fritillaries, however, were the stars of the show today. That one humid clearing contained Pallas's, Silver-washed, High Brown, Dark Green, Niobe, and Queen of Spain. This was top drawer butterfly watching!

We stopped on the way home for a celebratory ice cream – the day had been hot and sunny, so this was well-earned and much appreciated.

Once we'd returned to the hotel Phil was out and wandering in the meadow at the back – ever

vigilant, he found Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow, and what looked very much like Provence Short-tailed Blue – the latter needed better views to confirm it, so would be our first target of the following day.

Day 4, 21st July

Buoyed by Phil's reports of the species diversity in the ruderal field behind our hotel, we devoted some time to it both before and after breakfast. Sure enough, both male and female Provence Short-tailed Blue were to be seen in here, and while examining *Cupido* closely, Jon also found the first of several Short-tailed Blue we would go on to see during the course of the day.



Short-tailed Blue © Phil

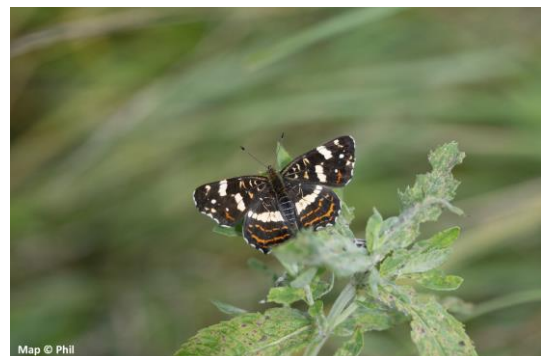
Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow were again on the wing over the field, and our close scrutiny of all things *Colias* was rewarded by a pale and faded, but still significant regular Clouded Yellow, our first of the week. Neil greeted us at breakfast with news that he'd found Chequered Blue a little way up the road in the village too, while a Swallowtail was seen nectaring in the hotel garden before we hit the road. Not, perhaps, ordinarily the most remarkable news, but this week the tables had been firmly turned – this was only our second such individual, while Scarce Swallowtail was proving to be a terrible misnomer, as we must have seen hundreds of the latter species by this point in the week.

We spent the morning exploring the Erdőbénye Basin, a short drive from the hotel. Our first main site here was a gem, a string of large lush damp meadows that supported patches of thyme and, crucially given our primary target here, Marsh Gentian. We were on the lookout for Alcon Blue here, and the gentian was the larval foodplant. The first few *Phengaris* blues we found all proved to be the shining, pale blue *ligurica* form of Large Blue – and these were greatly admired – but it was Chris, Phil, and Rod who hit the *Phengaris* jackpot, with the discovery of a pair of Alcon Blue newly coupled. This mating pair had better things on their mind than us, so they posed very obligingly indeed for us all to document the record.



A further stop on a road emerging from thick deciduous woodland yielded our first Common Glider of the week, and a frustrating *Apatura* species that zoomed past Lynn, János and Jon just a little too quickly to be sure of its identity. The strong suspicion, given how dark it was, was that this was Purple Emperor but, without being certain there was no way we could add this to the week's tally. We'd need to keep looking for emperors. A nearby damp meadow was searched for Large Copper, but alas without success – they appeared to be between broods still here.

We enjoyed lunch and cold drinks in a pleasant roadside restaurant before heading back out into the sunshine – today was the hottest day of the week, with the mercury hitting 34C. We made sure we all stayed duly hydrated! The Aranyos Valley was visited in the early afternoon, trying another good Large Copper site, but this too was copperless, apart from several Sooty. We did however bump into Map again here, and more Common Glider.



Our final stop for the day was on the banks of the slow-flowing Bodrog river. While later in the day isn't ideal time to find emperors puddling on damp soil or whatever fruity horrors have caught their fancy, the site was renowned for Lesser Purple Emperor, so we were

reasonably optimistic we'd see some. Chris and Sheila, and Phil, caught sight of our first, and in due course several were seen flying around treetops and between trees overhead. Emperors and their kind would be a target for tomorrow... At evening checklist, we found today had been our most productive day to date, with 58 species recorded, taking our weekly tally to a respectable 73 species overall.

Day 5, 22nd July

Overnight thunderstorms and heavy rain had cleared the air somewhat by daybreak, and breakfast was the usual convivial affair brightened further by Rod producing a photo of a Lesser Marbled Fritillary taken on Day 3 – so that was our weekly tally now on 74 species before we'd even finished our first coffee of the day!



Scarce Large Blue © Chris

Today's plan was to work a circular route north and anticlockwise through the Zemplén Hills, checking out a number of forest sites. Our first stop saw us starting very strongly, with at least five Scarce Large Blue on the wing and, as the morning was relatively cool and with some scattered cloud at this early stage, they were occasionally basking with their wings open, a lovely photo opportunity for us.

Duke of Burgundy were positively commonplace here in this forest-girdled meadow, outnumbering even the ubiquitous Meadow Browns. A handful of Map were also seen, and a couple of Pallas's Fritillary – Phil capturing a lovely image of a female upperside showing two distinctive white forewing spots.

A short distance away, we tried our luck in a large forestry layby, where large flakes of bark and sawdust was a potent attraction to larger species – Red Admiral and Comma were down puddling, and some Queen of Spain Fritillary were basking here too, disturbed only by the constant coming and going of Small Pincertail *Onychogomphus forcipatus* dragonflies.

Further fritillary distractions were to be had at the back of the layby – here a *valesina* female Silver-washed Fritillary was seen, while Chris and Sheila found our first Heath Fritillary of the week.



Valesina Silver-washed Fritillary © Phil

One more stop before lunch was just a few minutes away, a large roadside meadow beside a small river. The meadow yielded still more Pallas's Fritillary, while down near the river a confident Lesser Purple Emperor was landing on the group, starting with Peter's hand! Always a blessing, this.

Lunch was excellent, sat outside on a small hotel's terrace in the shade, finished off with some delicious homemade sorbets, just the thing on a day when the temperature had, by now, risen again above 30°C. We stayed mostly in the shade after lunch at the day's final

site, again just a short drive away, walking up a muddy forestry track. In the spring, this track is a dead cert for Camberwell Beauty and Large Tortoiseshell – we needed a smidgen of luck if we were to see either here at this point in the summer and in this heat, but we certainly wouldn't see any if we didn't try...



In the event, they weren't forthcoming, but Rod's sharp eyes picked out a special insect that almost all the group took a moment to appreciate and photograph – a large specimen of Alpine Longhorn Beetle *Rosalia alpina*, a mighty creature of petrol blue and black. Thirty minutes later, Lynn found another nearby – this one was mobile, flying around the same logs the original large specimen was holding territory upon. It

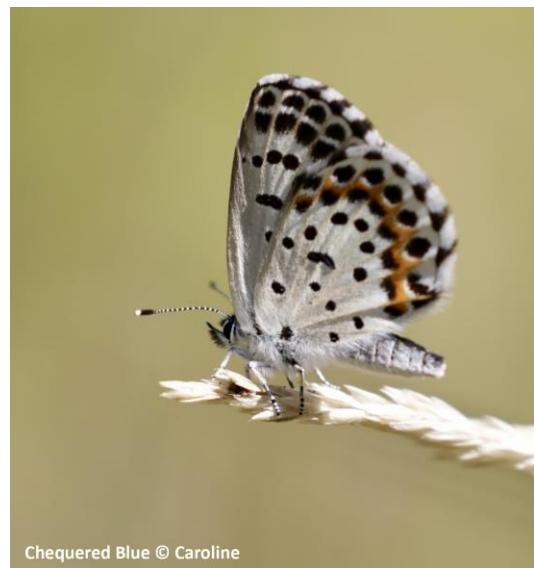
briefly landed on Lynn's leg, before taking an unscripted moment on a startled Jon's hand!

We finished a little earlier than usual today, heading back to the hotel to allow an hour or so to freshen up before heading out for a real highlight of the week – a wine-tasting and tour of a renowned Tokaj wine producer's cellar, and a delicious dinner with them as our kind hosts. This was an extremely convivial and delicious evening indeed.

Day 6, 23rd July – transfer day

We began the day by returning to near the scene of our hugely enjoyable previous night out, spending the first hour of the morning exploring a dry hillside that rose steeply above swathes of vineyards near Tokaj. Our target here was False Grayling – a species typically found on the wing here in the first week of August, but we felt reasonably confident that there might be an early example on the wing there to be found.

To begin with, our optimism was unrewarded – we bumped into plenty of Chequered Blue, and our first Wall Brown for some days were, unsurprisingly, enjoying the arid habitat. A fly-by Great Banded Grayling was another *Satyr*id on the day list, but not the grayling we were after. Caroline got us a little closer to our target with a fine Grayling, but the False was playing hard to get.



That is, right until we were almost back at our vehicles, when János spotted an immaculate, fresh False Grayling sunning itself on the bare soil beneath some of the vines growing in neat parallel rows a few metres from our parking place! Initially it was a little flighty, nipping through the rows of vines and requiring a keen eye to keep track of it... but after a short while it discovered the joys of Chris's trousers, where it settled repeatedly and imbibed



minerals from the fabric. Perhaps not quite the substrate the photographers were hoping to get their images of False Grayling upon, but good views nonetheless!

From here it was time to hit the road. Today was a transit day, so we knew we were in for a long day on the road – but little did we know just how dire the traffic would prove to be, with much

heavy freight clogging up the dual carriageways, and periodic car crashes choking the traffic flow still further. It was late afternoon by the time we reached the grasslands at Soly, all of us by this stage only to ready to get to grips with some new butterflies.

The reason for moving across Hungary and away from the Zemplen hills was a compelling one – the chance to explore new habitats and the opportunity to encounter more new species. This grassland alone offered the possibility of some big targets – Lesser Clouded Yellow, Mountain Small White, and Hermit in particular.

An 'orange' clouded yellow was seen by Jon, but had sped away by the time he'd jumped from his vehicle to get to grips with it. A little way deeper into the grasslands we parked up and spread out to look for all three of our targets. We enjoyed varying degrees of success – Phil took the winner's laurels with photos of Lesser Clouded Yellow obtained after he'd run in pursuit of his target for some half a mile across the grassland! János meanwhile was tracking a Mountain Small White in flight when a darker insect flew up to intercept it – a male Hermit! Alas no guests were nearby for this double whammy. We would need to return here tomorrow to see if we could relocate all three of these species for views for the majority of the group.



Others, however, had not come away from here empty-handed. Harry and Phil had enjoyed some hairstreak joy, finding Purple Hairstreak at the edge of some oak woodland, and a bonus Green Hairstreak too. At the close of play today, our total stood at 80 species for the week and, while much of today had been spent travelling, when we had got out into habitat it had been rewarding and/or very promising, so we had plenty of cause for optimism for tomorrow, our final full day of the week.

Day 7, 24th July

János having received the news we hoped to hear, the previous evening, from his network of eyes on the ground, we set off with some confidence this morning for our first site of the day, a meadow near Székesfehérvár.



Dusky Large Blue © Caroline

Fringed by a reedbed on one flank, the clues were there that, outside of the summer, this was a damp habitat. Happily for us the meadow was presently dry underfoot, and the larval foodplant of our main quarry was to be readily found in flower in small patches here and there. One of János's friends, Levente, met us at the meadow and accompanied us as we began to look for Dusky Large Blue.

It was a matter of just a few minutes before our first insect was seen on the wing, a distinctive in-flight appearance of flashes of milk chocolate

brown underwings and navy blue uppersides. Soon enough it paused, briefly, to nectar from the deep burgundy flower of the hostplant before resuming a restless patrol of the area. This behaviour was one we were to become familiar with during the next hour, as perhaps half a dozen individuals worked their way around our corner of the meadow, pausing briefly to nectar before taking to the air once more. With patience we were all able to secure good views and images of this, our fourth *Phengaris* large blue species of the week.

From here we headed back towards the open grasslands we'd scratched the surface of the previous afternoon, stopping briefly *en route* to collect some lunches – we were aiming to maximise our time in the field today. We were just a few minutes into our drive onto the grasslands when the lead vehicle stopped abruptly – an orange clouded yellow had just flown past them. Jon was swiftly out of the second vehicle – and the butterfly in question proved to be a female Lesser Clouded Yellow. She behaved beautifully for us, nectaring on several pale yellow scabious before, curiously, settling into the base of one of the few



Lesser Clouded Yellow © Sheila



Lesser Clouded Yellow © Harry

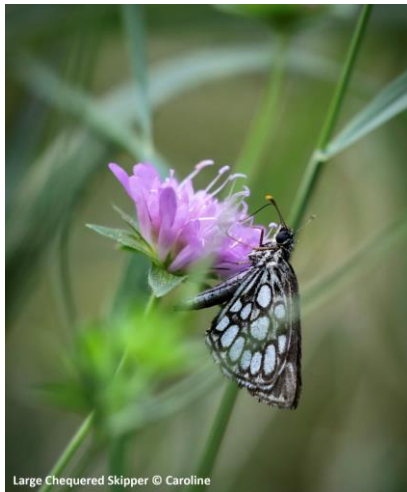
bushes that interrupted the otherwise open, arid grassland. Settled upon the leaves of a low branch, she was very obliging.

Satisfied with our first encounter with this sought-after and declining *Colias* we drove on across the grasslands, heading towards the small hilly outcrops upon which János had seen a Hermit the previous afternoon. Jon stopped the second vehicle when an orange *Colias* appeared

to drop into a trackside bush – and, sure enough, here was another Lesser Clouded Yellow, its reclusive roosting behaviour mirroring that of our first. This, if anything, was an even

more obliging individual than the first. Between us, we'd go on to secure sightings of at least five individuals in the course of the time spent in the area.

We fanned out to search the area in which János had seen his male Hermit, but our search for this one butterfly was to prove fruitless. Maybe it was roosting in the middle of the day? Either way, it wasn't to be found.



Returning to the woodland margins where Phil and Harry had seen Purple Hairstreak the previous day, a couple of insects were soon seen flying around the heights of an oak tree. These were soon greatly surpassed by a stunted oak bush at the entrance to a woodland track – Jon, passing by the bush, was startled to disturb a small cloud of Purple Hairstreak that rose as he brushed by the bush. They settled again upon it and, on close inspection, over 20 insects were roosting on this one small bush alone, with at least a dozen more on the low overhanging branches of oak trees around it. An extraordinary spectacle, and one enjoyed by those of the group nearby too.

Moving on, we stopped the vehicles once more, this time with Jon's vehicle in the lead, when Caroline in the passenger seat alerted Jon to a small white butterfly flying weakly to one side of the track. This was to prove to be the first of two male Mountain Small White, another of our target species for this habitat. They led us something of a merry dance, nectaring briefly on scabious before diving into deep cover, but patience was rewarded with good, albeit brief views of this delicate species.

Now felt like a good time for a small reward for our success to date today, so we made a pitstop for an ice-cream before finishing the afternoon with an hour and a half exploring some hay meadows and woodland a few miles from our hotel. This site, perhaps initially rather unprepossessing from our parking spot on the road, proved to be a gem.



The hay meadows delivered Lesser Spotted Fritillary and Lesser Fiery Copper before they finally revealed the first of several Large Chequered Skipper, a new butterfly for the week. While Harry was busy finding White-letter Hairstreak in the woods – one of the scarcer members of its tribe in a Hungarian context - Sheila found our first Chestnut Heath, and Phil a Mazarine Blue.

By the time we returned to our comfortable lodgings for one final delicious dinner, we'd finished the week on a highly respectable 87 species recorded – a tally that, while these things are not all about numbers, spoke volumes about the species diversity possible even in a country without mountains at this time of year.

Day 8, 25th July

Our transfer to the airport went mercifully smoothly, with no snarl-ups in the traffic to concern us unduly. We could all head for home with some wonderful butterflies under our belts – and some pleasingly close encounters with all of the main targets, not least the star of the show, Pallas's Fritillary, but with a fine supporting cast of four *Phengaris* large blue species, and many more highlights besides.

János and Jon would like to take this opportunity to thank all the guests for joining us on this inaugural Hungarian butterfly tour for Mariposa – we will be coming back to this wonderful country time and again now.



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PALLAS'S FRITILLARY AND LATE SUMMER BUTTERFLIES OF HUNGARY 18-25 JULY 2025									
	Species name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
	Butterflies								
1	Dingy Skipper <i>Erynnis tages</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Mallow Skipper <i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		✓		✓			✓	
3	Tufted Marbled Skipper <i>Carcharodus floccifera</i>								
4	Hungarian Skipper <i>Spialia orbifer</i>						✓	✓	
5	Safflower Skipper <i>Pyrgus carthami</i>								
6	Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper <i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>		✓		✓				
8	Large Chequered Skipper <i>Heteropterus morpheus</i>							✓	
9	Essex Skipper <i>Thymelicus lineola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
10	Small Skipper <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Lulworth Skipper <i>Thymelicus acteon</i>			✓					
12	Silver-spotted Skipper <i>Hesperia comma</i>								
13	Large Skipper <i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Scarce Swallowtail <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Swallowtail <i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓	✓			✓	
16	Wood White <i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Large White <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Small White <i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Mountain Small White <i>Pieris ergane</i>							✓	
20	Green-veined White <i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
21	Eastern Bath White <i>Pontia edusa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
22	Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow <i>Colias erate</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
23	Clouded Yellow <i>Colias crocea</i>				✓			✓	
24	Lesser Clouded Yellow <i>Colias chrysotheme</i>						✓	✓	
25	Pale Clouded Yellow <i>Colias hyale</i>		✓	✓	✓				
26	Berger's Clouded Yellow <i>Colias alfajariensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
27	Brimstone <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
28	Duke of Burgundy <i>Hamearis lucina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	Small Copper <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Large Copper <i>Lycaena dispar</i>								
31	Scarce Copper <i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>			✓					
32	Sooty Copper <i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Purple-shot Copper <i>Lycaena alciphron</i>			✓					
34	Purple-edged Copper <i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>								
35	Lesser Fiery Copper <i>Lycaena thersamon</i>		✓					✓	
36	Purple Hairstreak <i>Favonius quercus</i>						✓	✓	

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37	Green Hairstreak <i>Callophrys rubi</i>						✓		
38	White-letter Hairstreak <i>Satyrus w-album</i>							✓	
39	Blue-spot Hairstreak <i>Satyrus spini</i>								
40	Ilex Hairstreak <i>Satyrus ilicis</i>								
41	Sloe Hairstreak <i>Satyrus acaciae</i>			✓					
42	Small Blue <i>Cupido minimus</i>		✓		✓				
43	Osiris Blue <i>Cupido osiris</i>								
44	Short-tailed Blue <i>Cupido argiades</i>				✓				
45	Eastern Short-tailed Blue <i>Cupido decoloratus</i>								
46	Holly Blue <i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
47	Eastern Baton Blue <i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
48	Chequered Blue <i>Scolitantides orion</i>					✓	✓		
49	Green-underside Blue <i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>								
50	Large Blue <i>Phengaris arion</i>			✓	✓				
51	Scarce Large Blue <i>Phengaris teleius</i>			✓		✓			
52	Dusky Large Blue <i>Phengaris nausithous</i>							✓	
53	Alcon Blue <i>Phengaris alcon</i>				✓				
54	Silver-studded Blue <i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
55	Idas Blue <i>Plebejus idas</i>								
56	Reverdin's Blue <i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		
57	Geranium Argus <i>Eumedonia eumedon</i>								
58	Brown Argus <i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Northern Brown Argus <i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>								
60	Mazarine Blue <i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>							✓	
61	Turquoise Blue <i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>								
62	Chapman's Blue <i>Polyommatus thersites</i>		✓		✓				
63	Common Blue <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	Meleager's Blue <i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>		✓		✓				
65	Anomalous Blue <i>Polyommatus admetus</i>								
66	Chalkhill Blue <i>Polyommatus coridon</i>		✓				✓		
67	Nettle-tree Butterfly <i>Libythea celtis</i>								
68	Silver-washed Fritillary <i>Argynnis paphia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Cardinal <i>Argynnis pandora</i>		✓	✓	✓				
70	Dark Green Fritillary <i>Speyeria aglaja</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
71	High Brown Fritillary <i>Fabriciana adippe</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
72	Niobe Fritillary <i>Fabriciana niobe</i>			✓					
73	Pallas' Fritillary <i>Argynnis laodice</i>			✓		✓			
74	Queen of Spain Fritillary <i>Issoria lathonia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Lesser Marbled Fritillary <i>Brenthis ino</i>			✓					

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76	Marbled Fritillary <i>Brenthis daphne</i>			✓					
77	Twin-spot Fritillary <i>Brenthis hecate</i>								
78	Pearl-bordered Fritillary <i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>			✓		✓			
79	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary <i>Boloria selene</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
80	Weaver's Fritillary <i>Boloria dia</i>			✓	✓	✓			
81	Knapweed Fritillary <i>Melitaea phoebe</i>		✓				✓	✓	
82	Lesser Spotted Fritillary <i>Melitaea trivia</i>							✓	
83	Spotted Fritillary <i>Melitaea didyma</i>		✓		✓		✓		
84	False Heath Fritillary <i>Melitaea diamina</i>								
85	Nickerl's Fritillary <i>Melitaea aurelia</i>								
86	Assmann's Fritillary <i>Melitaea britomartis</i>		✓						
87	Heath Fritillary <i>Melitaea athalia</i>			✓		✓			
88	Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
90	Peacock <i>Aglais io</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
91	Small Tortoiseshell <i>Aglais urticae</i>								
92	Comma <i>Polygonia c-album</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
93	Map <i>Araschnia Levana</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
94	Camberwell Beauty <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>								
95	Large Tortoiseshell <i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>								
96	Yellow-legged Tortoiseshell <i>Nymphalis xanthomelas</i>								
97	White Admiral <i>Limenitis camilla</i>								
98	Common Glider <i>Neptis sappho</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
99	Hungarian Glider <i>Neptis rivularis</i>								
100	Lesser Purple Emperor <i>Apatura ilia</i>			✓	✓	✓			
101	Purple Emperor <i>Apatura iris</i>								
102	Speckled Wood <i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
103	Wall Brown <i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	
104	Large Wall Brown <i>Lasiommata maera</i>								
105	False Ringlet <i>Coenonympha oedippus</i>								
106	Pearly Heath <i>Coenonympha arcania</i>								
107	Chestnut Heath <i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>							✓	
108	Small Heath <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
109	Ringlet <i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
110	Meadow Brown <i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Scotch Argus <i>Erebia aethiops</i>			✓					
112	Marbled White <i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
113	Dryad <i>Minois dryas</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
114	Woodland Grayling <i>Hipparchia fagi</i>								
115	Grayling <i>Hipparchia semele</i>						✓		
116	False Grayling <i>Arethusana arethusa</i>						✓	✓	
117	Great Banded Grayling <i>Brintesia circe</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
118	The Hermit <i>Chazara briseis</i>								

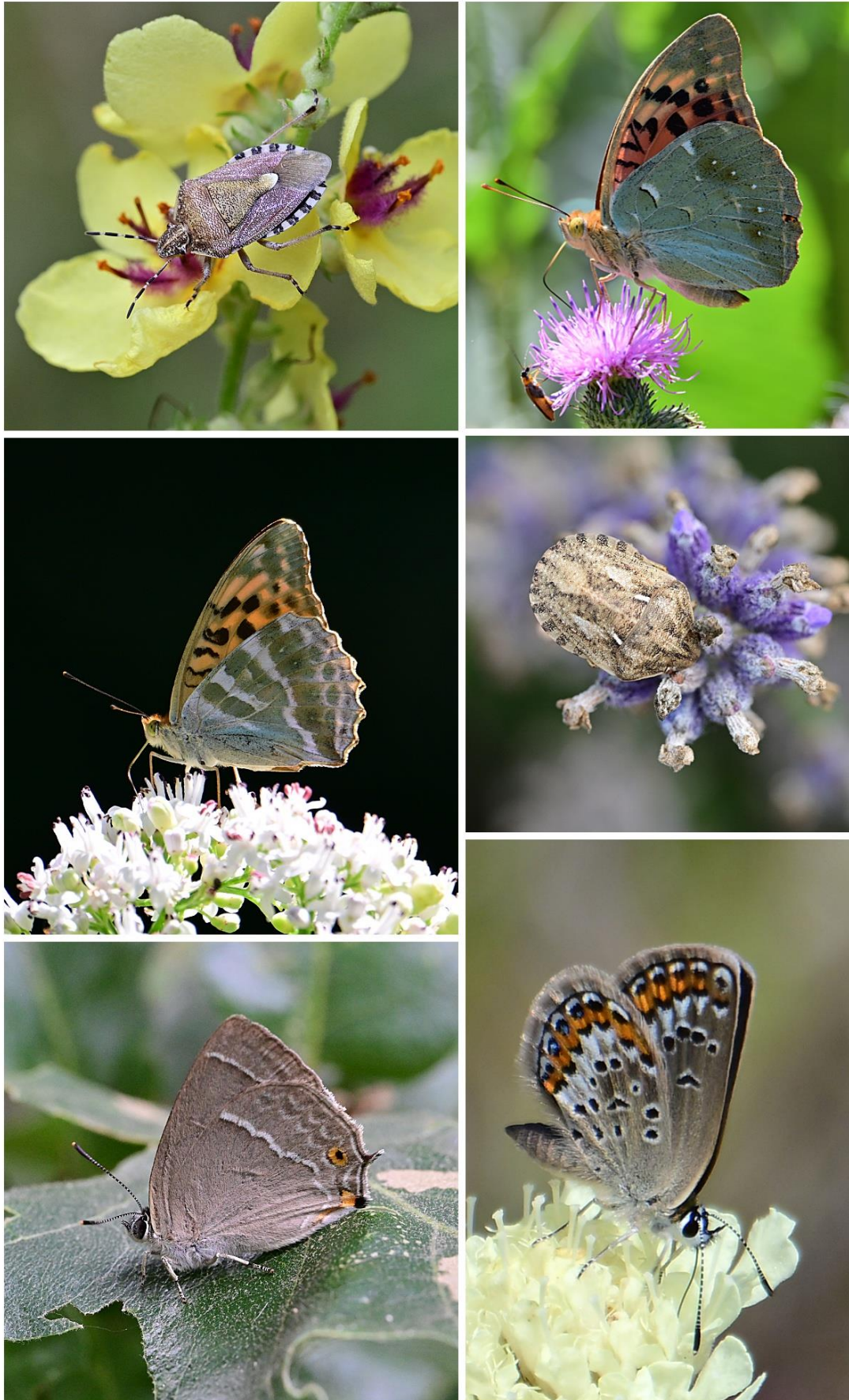
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#	Provençal Short-tailed Blue <i>Cupido alcetas</i>				✓				
	Daily total:	21	48	57	58	41	38	50	
	Running total:	21	50	69	74	74	80	87	

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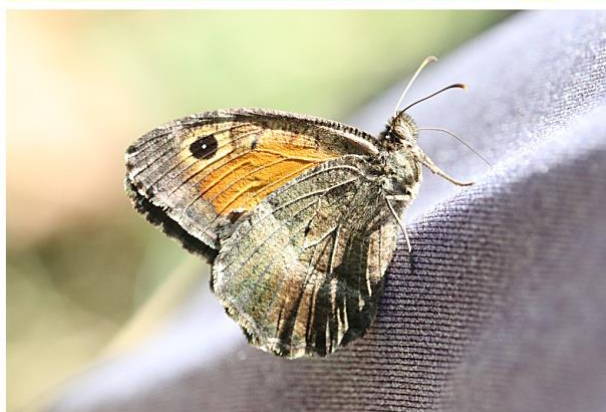
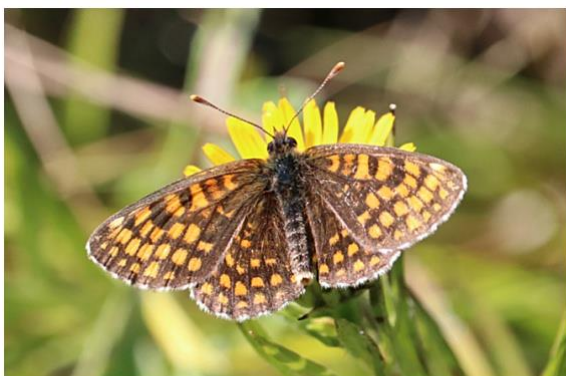
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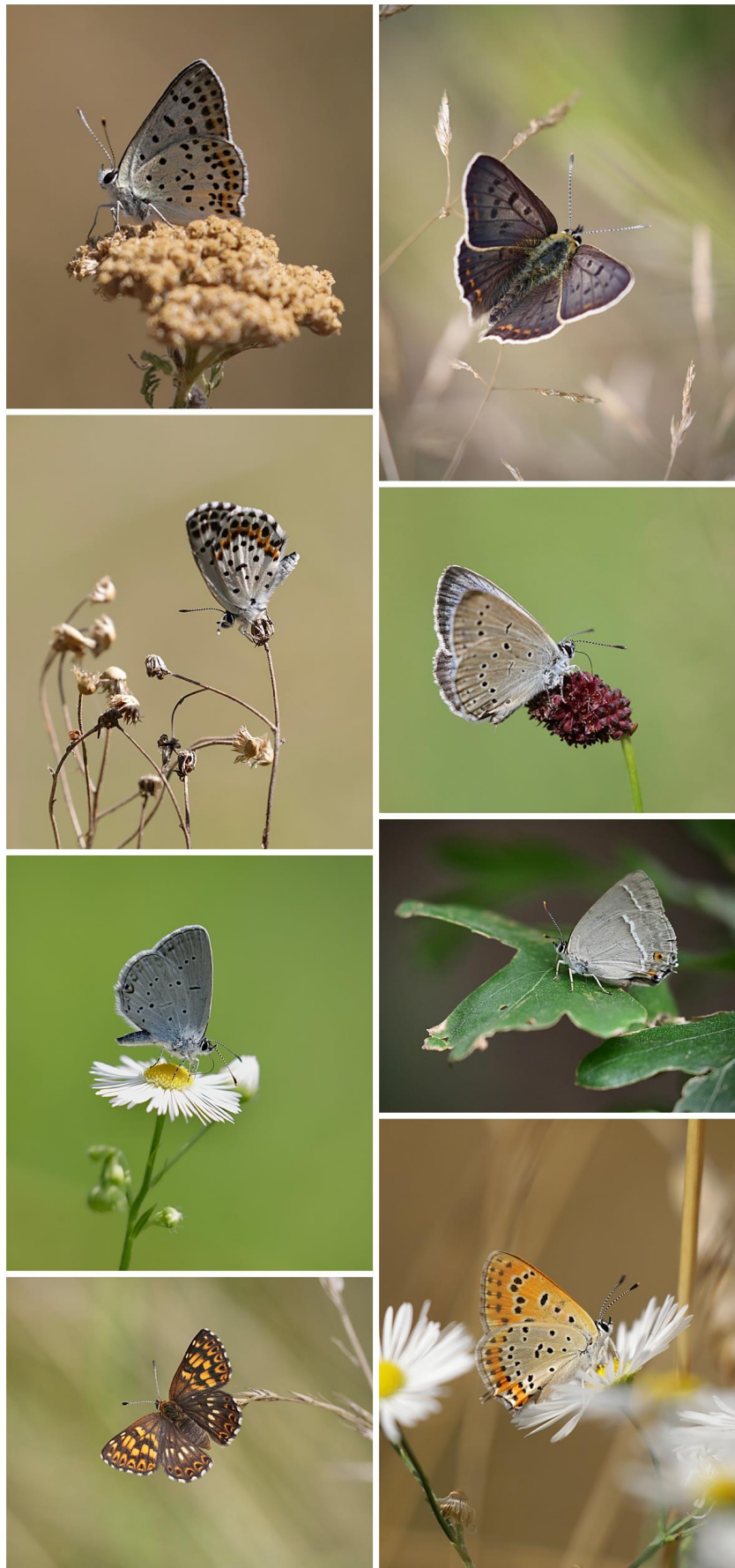
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