

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION UPPER THAMES BRANCH

Adonis Blue Report 2012

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Although early spring was warm and dry, by late May when the first brood Adonis was expected to appear the weather had deteriorated and the butterfly was only seen in ones and twos on most of the known sites. The greatest number recorded was at Yoesden Bank in the Chilterns.

By August, when the second brood emerged, most days were wet and cool with the result that again the number of Adonis sightings was down with only single numbers being reported. For most species of butterflies this was a similar story and the Blues in general were well down in number though the Chalkhill Blues fared rather better than the Adonis or Common Blues.

First Brood Adult 2012:

1st sighting: 23rd May - 1 at Yoesden Bank
Most seen: 29th May - several at Yoesden Bank
Last sighting: 26th June - 1 at Aston Rowant

Second Brood Adult 2012:

First sighting: 10th August - 1 at Lardon Chase
Most seen: 28th August - 9 at Lardon Chase
Last sighting: 8th September - 7 at Aston Rowant



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