

Thursday 25 June Day 88 of the garden journal - hottest day of the year so far.



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Comma butterfly enjoying the morning sunshine. Named after the silver mark on the hindwing that is supposed to resemble the punctuation mark. The ragged edge to the wing is not a sign that it is old and battered, but to assist in making it look like a dead leaf. The food plant of the caterpillars is hop or common nettle, not foxglove as suggested by its perch.

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The contrast between these two dragonflies couldn't be greater: one is big bold and colourful (male broad-bodied chaser),...

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...the other is small delicate and dull brown. However, the dull brown one will soon become bright red and is much less common. I is an immature ruddy darter. Delighted to have both in the garden. Enjoy.

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Purple seems to be the colour of the day!

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I'm longing for my clematis to cover my fences but they don't seem willing. ...



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... Any tips would be most welcome.

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