

A close-up photograph of a chipmunk with brown and black stripes on its back, climbing a tree trunk covered in green moss. The chipmunk is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing right. The background is a soft-focus green forest. The word "France" is written in a white, elegant script font in the upper right quadrant.

France

10th April – 18th April

Notable Sightings

A Bank vole trapped in the mammal traps at Forêt de Chambiers.

A very confiding family of Coypu in Parc de Keravéon where I was moth trapping.

Pine vole and Fire Salamander at Forêt domaniale de Senonches while moth trapping.

A very nice flyby Montagu's harrier as I was driving near Nr Tours.

Siberian chipmunks in a park in Versailles.

Some nice moths - Red headed chestnut, ringed carpet, three humped prominent and the very impressive Tau Emperor trapped at two sites.

Kerry lily at Forêt de Chambiers was an unexpected find.



Firecrest



Montagu's Harrier

Birds - 77

Rook	Carrion Crow	Jay
Magpie	Woodpigeon	Collared Dove
Rock Dove	Herring Gull	Lesser Black Backed Gull
Black Headed Gull	Greater Black Backed Gull	Jackdaw
Tawny owl	Mallard	Little Egret
Blackbird	Song Thrush	Robin
Blue Tit	Great Tit	Goldcrest
Chiffchaff	Pheasant	Skylark
Yellowhammer	White Wagtail	Chaffinch
House Sparrow	Tree Sparrow	Linnet
Starling	Swallow	Kestrel
Buzzard	Dunnock	Goldfinch
Cetti's Warbler	Sedge Warbler	Meadow Pipit
Serin	Wren	Grasshopper Warbler
Nightjar	Cormorant	Greater Spotted Woodpecker
Stonechat	Corn Bunting	Cuckoo
Black redstart	Mute Swan	Lapwing
Coot	Great White Eagle	Shelduck
Black Winged Stilt	Grey Heron	Great Crested Grebe
Shoveler	House Martin	Moorhen
Garganey	Cattle Egret	Reed Warbler
Whitethroat	Sparrowhawk	Montagu's Harrier
Nightingale	Woodcock	Blackcap
Marsh Tit	Ring Necked Parakeet	Canada Goose
Firecrest	Little Grebe	Green Woodpecker
Coal Tit	Nuthatch	



Mammals - 12

Coypu	Rabbit	Brown hare
Roe Deer	Stone Marten	Badger
Hedgehog	Red Fox	Bank Vole
Pine Vole	Wood Mouse	Siberian Chipmunk





Tau Emperor

Moths - 78

Pine beauty	Orange Footman	Clouded drab
Brindled Pug	Nut Tree tussock	Swallow Prominent
Lesser Swallow Prominent	Common Quaker	Hebrew Character
Powered Quaker	Early Grey	Lunar Marbled Brown
Chestnut	Red Green carpet	Oak tree Pug
Peacock Moth	Square Spot	Great prominent
Barred Hooktip	Silver Y	Least Black Arches
Chocolate Tip	Streamer	March Moth
Clay Triple Lines	Dyseriocrania subpurpurella	Angle Shades
Engralied	Muslin Moth	Shuttle Shaped dart
Ordered white	Horse Chestnut	Lobster Moth
Oak Hooktip	Brown Silver Lines	Scalloped Hooktip
Seraphim	Green Silver Lines	Waved Umber
Scorched Carpet	Elegia similella	Pale Tussock
Puss Moth	Golden Rod Pug	Pyrausta despicata
Silver Cloud	Grey Pine Carpet	Peach Blossom
Ringed Carpet	Narrow Winged Pug	Purple Thorn
Three Humped Prominent	Early Tooth Striped	Scorched Wing
Agonopterix yeatiana	False Mocha	Spruce Carpet
Birch Mocha	Neofaculta ericetella	Red Headed Chestnut
Bright-line brown-eye	Blossom Underwing	Water Carpet
Tau Emperor	Capua vulgana	Maple Prominent
Incurvaria koeneriella	Mocha	V Pug
Small White wave	Agonopterix heracliana / ciliella	Brindled Beauty
Early Thorn	Barred Umber	Incurvaria masculinella
Ypsolopha mucronella	Wormwood Pug	Iron Prominent



Three Humped Prominent

Selected Others

Spiny Toad	Fire Salamander	Common Wall Lizard
Alpine Newt	Marsh Frog	
Peirates stridulus	Forest Bug	
Green Winged Orchid	Early Purple Orchid	Kerry lily
Tassel Hyacinth	Meadow Saxfrage	
Holly Blue	Speckled Wood	Orange Tip
Brimstone	Red Admiral	



Fire Salamander



Early Purple Orchid

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