

It was a better week for numbers but only because of the stronger emergence of Silver-studded Blue, which had a decent count of 51 on the short Dibden Bottom transect and were present on six other transects. Numbers of this species will be building up over the next couple of weeks as more females emerge. There were also good counts of Small Heath in Week 9. We didn't warn you about Meadow Brown emergence because we thought it was too early for this area, but sure enough, they turned up on six routes. Shows how wrong we can be!



Silver-studded Blue - Mike Curnow

So this week the density shoots up to 4 butterflies/transect kilometre which is typical for Week 9 and in fact a little higher than 2019 (3.62).

**Results Week 9** (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down.....9	2	Fields Heath.....10	6	Normandy Marsh.....7	3
Badminton.....1	1	Frohawk.....19	3	Perrywood Ivy.....6	2
Ballard.....22	5	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal.....6	4
Barton Common.....8	4	Godshill.....1	1	Pimlico Fields.....11	2
Beaulieu Heath.....1	1	Great Linford.....3	1	Pondhead.....4	2
Black Down.....12	1	Hasley.....7	2	Pondhead Wood.....6	1
Blackwater.....0	0	Hawkhill.....4	3	Rockford.....12	2
Blashford North.....	l/d	Hightown Common.....4	2	Roe North.....2	1
Blashford South.....	l/d	Holmsley.....4	2	Roe South.....18	3
Breamore.....56	10	lbsley.....7	2	Roydon The Commons.....	l/d
Broadley.....3	2	Janesmoor.....0	0	Southern Fields.....	l/d
Brockishill.....1	1	Janesmoor Plain.....3	2	Standing Hat.....6	1
Broomy Plain.....19	1	Keeping Marsh.....0	0	Studland Common.....11	4
Claypits Bottom.....19	2	Kings Copse.....12	3	Vales Moor.....8	2
Cloven Hill.....2	2	Lepe.....12	4	Warren Farm.....15	3
Dibden Bottom.....51	1	Little Linford.....1	1	Wilverley Plain.....12	1
Dur Hill.....*	*	Mockbeggar.....4	2		

\*'Single species' transects due to start in Week 14. l/d - still subject to lockdown

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Silver-studded Blue.....	95	7	Holly Blue.....	6	4
Small Heath.....	86	19	Dingy Skipper.....	3	1
Speckled Wood.....	79	21	Green-veined White.....	2	1
Brimstone.....	33	7	Small Copper.....	2	2
Pearl-bordered Fritillary.....	31	4	Red Admiral.....	2	2
Common Blue.....	22	7	Grizzled Skipper.....	1	1
Meadow Brown.....	21	7	Green Hairstreak.....	1	1
Small White.....	19	5	Painted Lady.....	1	1
Large White.....	8	5	Peacock.....	1	1
Orange-tip.....	6	2			

Small Heath - Nigel Owen



We really should be seeing Large Skippers particularly in the forest inclosures this coming week and we will be on the lookout for White Admiral which emerged on 3rd June last year. The weather is changing so Week 10 may present a few problems as the temperature is very likely to fall below 17°C so you will need at least 60% average sun for a valid result.

**Moth Report:** In Week 9, 50 moths of seven different species were reported from 15 transects. Brown Silver-line was the most widespread, being seen on ten transects. Together with Common Heath, it was also the most numerous with 18 of both species seen. Please continue to look out for these species over the next week. A moth to spot in the coming week is Cinnabar. This is a distinctive and widespread moth which can be seen wherever Ragwort, its larval food plant flourishes. When in flight, its red hind wings catch the eye but when it settles, the forewings are black with red stripes along the edges and four red spots furthest from the head. This moth has a lengthy flight period and has already been seen on a number of transects so please look out for it.