

Despite a difficult week weather wise, there was a big improvement in numbers mainly due to Silver-studded Blue. From results received so far, a total of 764 butterflies were recorded at a density of 7.87 butterflies/transect km. This is by far the highest density we have on record for Week 10 and nearly double that of 2019. Twenty different species were seen overall, with six at Fields Heath & Lepe. There were also some species 'firsts' for the year; Gatekeeper, Marbled White, White Admiral, Dark Green Fritillary, Silver-washed Fritillary, Large Skipper and Small/Essex Skipper.



Red Admiral - Steve King

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

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down ..... 103	1	Fields Heath ..... 25	6	Normandy Marsh ..... 1	1
Badminton..... 10	3	Frohawk..... 3	3	Perrywood Ivy ..... a/r	
Ballard..... 11	4	Furzey Gardens..... l/d		Pignal..... a/r	
Barton Common ..... 7	2	Godshill ..... 7	2	Pimlico Fields..... a/r	
Beaulieu Heath ..... 23	2	Great Linford ..... 1	1	Pondhead..... 3	2
Black Down..... 7	2	Hasley ..... 72	4	Pondhead Wood ..... 6	2
Blackwater ..... 1	1	Hawkhill ..... 0	0	Rockford..... 59	2
Blashford North..... l/d		Hightown Common..... 1	1	Roe North..... 3	2
Blashford South ..... l/d		Holmsley..... 1	1	Roe South..... 19	4
Breamore ..... 25	5	Ibsley ..... 16	3	Roydon The Commons..... l/d	
Broadley ..... 7	2	Janesmoor..... 2	2	Southern Fields..... l/d	
Brockishill ..... 27	3	Janesmoor Plain..... 2	2	Standing Hat..... 3	3
Broomy Plain ..... 16	2	Keeping Marsh ..... 7	2	Studland Common ..... 53	5
Claypits Bottom ..... 7	3	Kings Copse..... 13	3	Vales Moor..... 45	2
Cloven Hill ..... 2	2	Lepe ..... 50	6	Warren Farm..... 23	4
Dibden Bottom..... 46	1	Little Linford..... 2	1	Wilverley Plain ..... 15	3
Dur Hill ..... *	*	Mockbeggar..... 40	4		

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

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Silver-studded Blue	366	16	Brimstone	3	2
Meadow Brown	239	23	Gatekeeper	3	2
Small Heath	52	13	White Admiral	2	1
Speckled Wood	46	18	Peacock	2	2
Large Skipper	13	3	Small/Essex Skipper	1	1
Small Tortoiseshell	9	2	Large White	1	1
Red Admiral	7	6	Small Copper	1	1
Small White	6	5	Holly Blue	1	1
Common Blue	6	3	Dark Green Fritillary	1	1
Marbled White	4	2	Silver-washed Fritillary	1	1



Silver-studded Blue - Anne Hobbs

'Golden' Skippers should be increasing in numbers now, especially Large Skipper for which the New Forest Inclosures are renowned. As it is extremely difficult to distinguish between Small and Essex Skipper, especially under transect conditions, please record as Small/Essex Skipper unless you are absolutely certain of your identification. An exceptionally early Purple Hairstreak has been seen near Romsey so please be on the lookout for this fairly common but less often seen species (Lepe Section 6 is a possible location).

**Moth Report:** Fewer moths were seen this week but there were a good variety. Common Heath are still being seen particularly on heathland transects and Brown Silver-line are also around where there is Bracken. Cinnabar were seen on a couple of transect and a Mother Shipton was also recorded. Clouded Buff have been seen for the second week in a row and a Beautiful Yellow Underwing, which lives up to its name, has also been spotted - both on heathland transects. Please continue to look out for moths and remember to record any you see on your transect walk. The New Forest is a special place for moths and there are some gems to spot if you are lucky enough to see them.