

2021 Garden Butterfly Survey

As always a big thank you to all those recorders who participated in the Garden Butterfly Survey. Records were received from 57 gardens which is actually the fewest since this survey became quantitative in 2016.

A total of 5,137 records were received amounting to 8,791 butterflies of 33 different species.

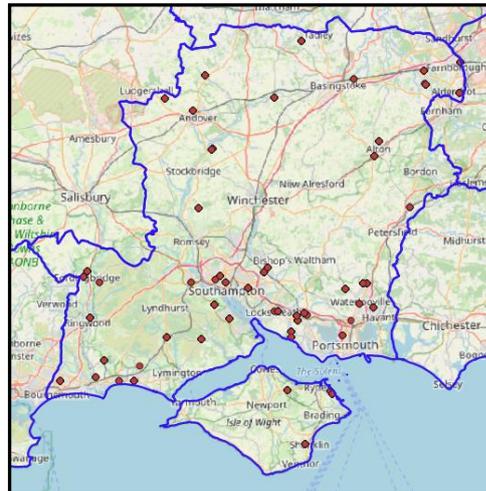
Species	Records	Individuals	Position (by Records)					
			2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Small White	903	1,789	1 (1)	1	1	1	2	1
Red Admiral	656	1,302	2 (4)	4	3	8	1	3
Large White	609	1,058	3 (3)	2	2	2	6	2
Brimstone	364	495	4 (7)	6	7	6	3	4
Meadow Brown	350	703	5 (2)	7	5	5	9	7
Peacock	347	774	6 (6)	5	9	10	8	6
Gatekeeper	331	636	7 (5)	9	6	9	10	10
Holly Blue	298	340	8 (17)	3	13	3	7	5
Speckled Wood	268	296	9 (11)	8	4	4	5	9
Comma	222	296	10 (8)	10	10	7	4	11

Small White was once again the most abundant species recorded followed by Red Admiral with Holly Blue falling back to eighth place from third in 2020. Comma has remained in tenth position for the last three years..

The bracketed figures denote the species records position in the Common Species Table in our 2021 Annual Butterfly Report. Once again, Holly Blue appeared to fare better in gardens than in the wider countryside.

Individuals	Gardens
1	2
2-9	11
10-29	9
30-100	16
100+	19

Once again a garden near Andover recorded over 1,000 butterflies. 65% of the participating gardens were in South Hampshire, 28% in North Hampshire and 7% on the Isle of Wight.



In 2021, gardens participating in the survey covered less than 4% of the tetrads (2km squares) within our Branch boundary, even fewer than in the previous year. So if you are interested, please sign up at [Garden Butterfly Survey](#) as our gardens are becoming a very special environment and haven for butterflies and other insects etc.

The website has been re-constructed and even those submitting records previously will need to register again (but then can be linked to their historical entries).

Enjoy your gardens this year and I look forward to receiving your 2022 records.

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