

As expected, further falls in numbers over most routes this week, with eight transects having single figure counts. The weekly density of just under 15 butterflies/kilometre is the lowest we have had for Week 19 since the group was formed.



Speckled Wood at Little Linford
Chris Humphries

Species diversity is now dropping (20 this week) and this trend is expected to continue as we lose the summer species.

Speckled Wood topped the species count and Common Blue are still reasonably abundant. Numbers seen this week were: Speckled Wood (242), Gatekeeper (193), Small White (170), Meadow Brown (168), Common Blue (112), Large White (44), Holly Blue (42), Green-veined White (39), Grayling (34), Brown Argus (23 - Breamore & Mockbeggar only), Brimstone (20), Small Copper (20), Silver-washed Fritillary (18), Small Heath (15), Red Admiral (13), Comma (11), Ringlet (6), Silver-studded Blue (5), Large Skipper (2) and Painted Lady (2).



Red Admiral at Broadley
Ron Taylor

With cooler weather now with us, please remember to search bracken, brambles etc for butterflies as they sit with wings spread trying to warm up. Look out also for 'brown, species which you might disturb from the resting places deep in longer grass.

Results

Week 18: Total - 1,852 Week 19: Total - 1,290 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

	Weeks			Weeks			Weeks	
	18	19		18	19		18	19
Acres Down	7	12	Hasley.....	56	56	Normandy Marsh.....	18	21
Badminton.....	69	41	Hawkhill	88	18	Perrywood Ivy.....	41	90
Barton Common....	24	6	Hightown.....	11	4	Pignal.....	23	13
Beaulieu Heath	35	35	Holmsley	96	45	Pondhead	16	22
Blackwater	31	14	Ibsley	5	15	Pondhead Wood.....	47	22
Breamore	273	279	Janesmoor	26	6	Rockford	31	18
Broadley.....	14	22	Janesmoor Plain...	15	2	Roe North	84	48
Dibden Bottom.....	15	6	Keeping Marsh.....	24	7	Roe South.....	74	63
Fields Heath.....	31	63	Kings Copse	71	30	Standing Hat.....	37	28
Frohawk.....	54	18	Lepe.....	140	37	Studland Common....	49	1
Godshill.....	14	8	Little Linford	32	28	Vales Moor.....	9	15
Great Linford.....	34	26	Mockbeggar.....	210	150	Warren Farm	48	21



Holly Blue at Holmsley
Trevor Bumfrey

Moth to Spot: The Treble-bar (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/aplocera-plagiata/>) and Lesser Treble-bar (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/aplocera-efformata/>) are two very similar moths that may be seen in a number of different habitats including both moorland and woodland rides, with the larvae feeding on St Johns Wort. Both species have two broods and are seen in greater numbers in the second brood, during August and September. A photo would be helpful if you think you see either of these moths to help tell them apart.