

We are down to under a thousand total butterflies for the week now (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects), with the density of 12.20 butterflies/km being the lowest for Week 20 since 2014 (when 7.60/km were recorded).



Clouded Yellow at Mockbeggar
John Levell

388 Speckled Wood top the species list (a further 208 were seen on our two trial transects in Roe Inclosure) and summer brood Holly Blue are reasonably abundant. Both Gatekeeper and Common Blue numbers are around half of last week's counts. A Brown Argus at Kings Copse was the first to be recorded there during a transect walk and at last we have a photograph of a Clouded Yellow on transect (Mockbeggar).

Twenty-one different species were seen this week: Speckled Wood (388), Meadow Brown (125), Small White (114), Gatekeeper (74), Holly Blue (68), Common Blue (62), Grayling (32), Green-veined White (22), Brown

Argus (16), Small Heath (16), Large White (14), Red Admiral (11), Small Copper (7), Brimstone (5), Comma (5), Silver-studded Blue (3), Peacock (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Painted Lady (2), Large Skipper (1) and Clouded Yellow (1).



Brown Argus at Kings Copse
Mandy Smith

Results

Week 19: Total - 1,290 Week 20: Total - 1,192 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

	Weeks			Weeks			Weeks	
	19	20		19	20		19	20
Acres Down	12	3	Hasley.....	56	24	Normandy Marsh.....	21	3
Badminton.....	41	28	Hawkhill	18	44	Perrywood Ivy.....	90	64
Barton Common.....	6	4	Hightown.....	4	4	Pignal.....	13	23
Beaulieu Heath	35	21	Holmsley	45	39	Pondhead	22	19
Blackwater	14	11	Ibsley	15	10	Pondhead Wood.....	22	26
Breamore	279	147	Janesmoor	6	7	Rockford	18	12
Broadley.....	22	21	Janesmoor Plain.....	2	3	Roe North	48	68
Dibden Bottom.....	6	1	Keeping Marsh.....	7	30	Roe South.....	63	152
Fields Heath.....	63	48	Kings Copse	30	43	Standing Hat.....	28	21
Frohawk.....	18	16	Lepe.....	37	26	Studland Common.....	1	20
Godshill.....	8	0	Little Linford	28	19	Vales Moor.....	15	22
Great Linford.....	26	48	Mockbeggar	150	143	Warren Farm	21	22

Please don't forget you can record in zero sun as long as the temperature is 17 degrees or above and please do keep within the permitted time frame because Hampshire are very strict on this and we do not want your efforts wasted.



Holly Blue at Vales Moor
John French

Moth to Spot: This week's focus is the male Vapourer (<https://ukmoths.org.uk/species/orgyia-antiqua/>), which is a relatively common moth that can be seen flying during the day at this time of year. It is seen most frequently during August but can be on the wing as late as October. The larvae feed on a range of broad-leaved trees and shrubs so it is relatively widespread. Only the male will be seen on the wing as the female is flightless and has virtually no wings! Follow the link above to see photos of both male and female.



Common Blue at Pignal
Jill Gower