

Exactly a thousand total overall this week (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects) so slightly better than last week at 12.55 butterflies/km (highest since 2013 when it was 18.7/km). Breamore, Mockbeggar & Fields Heath still have reasonable numbers and some woodland routes are having good counts thanks to Speckled Wood. Heathland routes are not so good, with our first zero of late summer at Dibden Bottom.



Speckled Wood at Janesmoor
Nigel Owen

Common Blue are still abundant, but Gatekeeper have dropped right down as have Grayling, so those on heathland transects please look carefully this week.

Twenty different species were seen this week: Speckled Wood (421), Small White (193), Meadow Brown (100), Common Blue (57), Holly Blue (50), Small Heath (40), Brown Argus (27), Green-veined White (23), Large White (17), Brimstone (14), Small Copper (13), Comma (13), Gatekeeper (12), Grayling (7), Red Admiral (5), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Peacock (2),



Chalk Hill Blue at Mockbeggar
John Levell

Small/Essex Skipper (1), Chalk Hill Blue (1) and Painted Lady (1).

Results

Week 20: Total - 1,192 Week 21: Total - 1,116 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

	Weeks			Weeks			Weeks	
	20	21		20	21		20	21
Acres Down	3	3	Hasley.....	24	14	Normandy Marsh.....	3	11
Badminton.....	28	27	Hawkhill	44	20	Perrywood Ivy.....	64	24
Barton Common.....	4	12	Hightown.....	4	1	Pignal.....	23	25
Beaulieu Heath	21	7	Holmsley	39	45	Pondhead	19	11
Blackwater	11	11	Ibsley	10	26	Pondhead Wood.....	26	38
Breamore	147	209	Janesmoor	7	23	Rockford	12	10
Broadley.....	21	9	Janesmoor Plain.....	3	3	Roe North	68	43
Dibden Bottom.....	1	0	Keeping Marsh.....	30	6	Roe South.....	152	73
Fields Heath.....	48	75	Kings Copse	43	42	Standing Hat.....	21	23
Frohawk.....	16	18	Lepe.....	26	32	Studland Common....	20	16
Godshill.....	0	16	Little Linford	19	33	Vales Moor.....	22	4
Great Linford.....	48	43	Mockbeggar.....	143	151	Warren Farm	22	12



Comma at Pondhead
Trevor Bumfrey

The current temperatures are still reasonable so transect walks can take place in zero sun provided it is 17 degrees or over.

Moth to Spot: As with butterflies, the number of moths on the wing at present is reducing. One still to look out for is the **Silver Y** (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/autographa-gamma/>) which has already been seen in good numbers this year. This flies quickly for short distances before plonking down in vegetation. Look out for the distinctive 'Y' mark when at rest.



Silver Y at Standing Hat
Keith Brook

At this time of year you may also see 'grass veneers' - tiny pale moths that fly for a short distance and then flatten themselves on blades of grass. These actually come in a number of different species that are very difficult to tell apart, even with a good quality photo, so please feel free to continue to ignore them! Our focus is on moths that are similar in size to the butterflies we spot.