

A pretty miserable week for many transects with 19 having single figure counts and one even a zero. Only 464 butterflies in total, with Breamore once again providing the highest count of 81 (8 species) and Kings Copse second (count of 60 with 6 species).



Small Copper at Warren Farm
Richard Branch

However, historically, the density per kilometre (5.83) is the second highest since we began recording back in 2010. This time of year is very often low in numbers and the imminent disappearance of Brimstone will not improve the situation over the next couple of weeks.

It was encouraging to see Brown Argus at Mockbeggar and Green Hairstreak on a good number of transects. Sixteen different species were seen overall: Brimstone (162), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (73), Speckled Wood (51), Large White (40), Small White (32), Green-veined White (26), Holly Blue (21), Orange-tip (18), Common Blue (10), Peacock (9), Comma (8), Red Admiral (4), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Heath (3), Small Copper (2) and Brown Argus (2).

Brown Argus at Mockbeggar
John Levell



Well done with moths as well, Small Yellow Underwing, Mother Shipton, Common Carpet, Muslin, Silver Y to name just a few.

Results

Week 7: Total - 571 Week 8: Total - 480. (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		Weeks		Weeks	
7	8	7	8	7	8
Acres Down	7 9	Hasley	20 3	Normandy Marsh	9 10
Badminton	23 7	Hawkhill	9 9	Perrywood Ivy	11 42
Barton Common	17 5	Hightown	1 4	Pignal	13 10
Beaulieu Heath	4 0	Holmsley	40 11	Pondhead	8 7
Blackwater	5 3	Ibsley	1 2	Pondhead Wood	15 2
Breamore	104 81	Janesmoor	10 14	Rockford	4 5
Broadley	9 8	Janesmoor Plain	3 10	Roe North	18 8
Dibden Bottom	1 1	Keeping Marsh	11 11	Roe South	17 8
Fields Heath	28 17	Kings Copse	51 60	Standing Hat	6 13
Frohawk	22 35	Lepe	26 27	Studland Common	14 9
Godshill	8 4	Little Linford	5 8	Vales Moor	7 3
Great Linford	19 3	Mockbeggar	19 30	Warren Farm	6 1

Definitely look out for Silver-studded Blue in the coming week, and this might be the last chance to record Pearl-bordered Fritillary this year.

Moths to Spot: With recent warm weather, there are a number of moths on the wing during the day, with Speckled Yellow, Cinnabar, Brown Silver-line, Common Heath, Mother Shipton, Burnet Companion and others all being seen in recent weeks.

Common Carpet moth
Bob Annell



The first to highlight this week, the **Silver Y** (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/autographa-gamma/>), is a common immigrant from the continent and the moth that has been most recorded by the group prior to this year. A fast flying moth that can be seen in any habitat, look for the distinctive 'Y' mark on its wing when it settles in vegetation or stops to take nectar.

The second moth to feature is the **Fox Moth** (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/autographa-gamma/>), one of our larger moths, where the reddish brown males may be seen flying in the afternoon during May and June.