

A total of 5,360 butterflies were recorded this week at a density of 45.49 butterflies/km, the lowest for Week 14 since 2016 (23.31) and more significantly a lower figure than Week 13. This could be an indication of an early peak this year which would be the earliest in our New Forest Group records (most annual peaks have been in Week 17).

Most significant this week is the first Grayling of the year, recorded on Broomy Plain transect. Silver-studded Blue have definitely passed their annual peak but Gatekeeper numbers are on the increase at last. Red Admiral were present on 22 of the 49 recorded routes.



Results Week 14 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down 15	4	Fields Heath 348	19	Normandy Marsh 18	4
Badminton..... 76	10	Frohawk..... 186	8	Perrywood Ivy 219	10
Ballard 60	8	Furzey Gardens..... l/d		Pignal 168	9
Barton Common 34	11	Godshill 17	4	Pimlico Fields..... 155	12
Beaulieu Heath 23	4	Great Linford 71	8	Pondhead..... 23	4
Black Down..... 76	2	Hasley 212	9	Pondhead Wood 35	3
Blackwater 64	6	Hawkhill 37	5	Rockford..... 65	9
Blashford North..... 97	14	Hightown Common..... 24	7	Roe North..... 130	12
Blashford South 120	14	Holmsley..... 173	8	Roe South..... 89	6
Breamore 600	12	Ibsley 22	8	Roydon The Commons.. 139	9
Broadley..... 115	8	Janesmoor..... 56	5	Southern Fields..... 238	10
Brockishill 79	6	Janesmoor Plain..... 31	4	Standing Hat..... 157	10
Broomy Plain 33	3	Keeping Marsh 26	7	Studland Common 152	10
Claypits Bottom 12	4	Kings Copse..... 208	15	Vales Moor..... 203	4
Cloven Hill 43	9	Lepe 104	12	Warren Farm..... 40	8
Dibden Bottom..... 46	5	Little Linford..... 165	9	Wilverley Plain 60	1
Dur Hill..... 45	4	Mockbeggar..... 251	18		

l/d - still subject to lockdown.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Meadow Brown 1,504	44	Large White 129	24	Small Copper..... 31	14			
Ringlet..... 976	26	Green-veined White 121	16	Brimstone 23	4			
Silver-studded Blue..... 715	22	Red Admiral..... 104	22	Common Blue..... 21	8			
Large Skipper..... 425	27	Peacock..... 93	16	Dark Green Fritillary ... 9	3			
Marbled White..... 267	19	Speckled Wood 47	12	White Admiral 8	3			
Gatekeeper 223	29	Small Skipper 46	8	Brown Argus 7	3			
Silver-washed Fritillary... 173	20	Holly Blue 35	7	Small Tortoiseshell..... 1	1			
Small/Essex Skipper..... 169	19	Small Heath..... 33	9	Grayling 1	1			
Small White..... 167	26	Comma..... 32	11					



Ringlet - John French

The only species likely to be seen but not yet recorded on our transects this year are Purple Hairstreak and Clouded Yellow. Also only one Painted Lady has been seen so far.

Moth Report: Fewer moths overall were spotted last week, with many of the spring species having finished their flight periods. Silver Y were recorded again and may be seen over the rest of summer and autumn. Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet have also been seen and, based on previous years, the more common Six-spot Burnet should be on the wing soon and may be seen in good numbers in grassland areas and occasionally along woodland rides. Last week was also notable for some interesting one off sightings of moths, including a Green Silver-lines, so do keep a lookout to see what's around.