

A total of 5,697 butterflies were recorded during Week 17. At 49.44 butterflies/km, this is much less than last year's figure of 73.60/km which was one week after last year's peak and we now seem to be four weeks after this year's peak numbers. Both Meadow Brown and Ringlet numbers are decreasing, but Gatekeeper are now flying in even greater abundance, nearly 20% higher than Week 16. It seems we have seen the last of White Admiral in the New Forest this year and both Large Skipper & Silver-studded Blue counts are down 50% on Week 16.



Gatekeeper - Trevor Bumfrey

A few Clouded Yellow have been recorded in Hampshire over the last week so there is still hope that one may appear on our transect routes, especially those near the coast.

Results Week 17 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down20	4	Fields Heath203	12	Normandy Marsh106	8
Badminton.....128	14	Frohawk.....335	13	Perrywood Ivy239	12
Ballard77	11	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal.....75	7
Barton Common32	3	Godshill62	11	Pimlico Fields.....137	9
Beaulieu Heath22	6	Great Linford135	8	Pondhead.....105	10
Black Down.....132	7	Hasley185	15	Pondhead Wood108	9
Blackwater135	8	Hawkhill68	6	Rockford.....59	8
Blashford North.....140	14	Hightown Common.....20	4	Roe North.....161	10
Blashford South....155	14	Holmsley.....226	12	Roe South212	10
Breamore459	13	Ibsley31	6	Roydon The Commons....62	8
Broadley90	11	Janesmoor.....39	8	Southern Fields.....132	12
Brockishilla/r		Janesmoor Plain.....10	3	Standing Hat203	7
Broomy Plain73	9	Keeping Marsh37	8	Studland Common124	9
Claypits Bottom29	4	Kings Copse201	12	Vales Moor105	5
Cloven Hill72	11	Lepe206	9	Warren Farm.....52	5
Dibden Bottom.....25	5	Little Linford110	7	Wilverley Plain60	8
Dur Hill.....92	7	Mockbeggar.....208	16		

l/d - still subject to lockdown. a/r - awaiting results

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Gatekeeper2,920	48	Silver-washed Fritillary	118	18	Marbled White22	4		
Meadow Brown793	43	Common Blue.....117	15	Small Heath11	7			
Ringlet.....275	21	Grayling.....91	13	Comma8	6			
Small White.....233	29	Peacock81	26	Brown Argus7	2			
Speckled Wood.....196	26	Green-veined White74	14	Small Skipper4	2			
Large Skipper.....175	22	Brimstone54	17	Essex Skipper.....3	1			
Large White.....146	29	Holly Blue45	20	Painted Lady.....2	2			
Small/Essex Skipper....125	18	Red Admiral.....41	18	Small Tortoiseshell.....1	1			
Silver-studded Blue.....120	17	Small Copper34	10	Dark Green Fritillary ...1	1			



Grayling - Michael Hedger

Following investigation of the Hampshire/Isle of Wight butterfly database a transect has been discovered at Pitts Wood which was walked from 1990 until 1997. With the help of Forestry England, we have been able to re-establish the route which will commence recording in Week 18. It will be interesting to compare current figures with historical as the landscape has changed somewhat since those days.

Moth Report: Very few moths were recorded in Week 17, in line with results from previous years. Six-spot Burnet was seen in highest numbers. These can be spotted both on grassy sites and woodland rides. Two of the most common day flying migrant moths, Silver Y and the Hummingbird Hawk-moth are also often around at this time of year. A second Jersey Tiger has been seen in a garden in the New Forest area so this may also appear on transect - particularly those that are coastal.