

There was a real drop in the total count this week, with only 55% of the numbers seen in Week 18. This is no doubt due to the extreme heat as, like us humans, insects avoid being out and about. We were surprised that we didn't have some zero counts, particularly on the heathland transects.

It was no surprise that Gatekeeper dominated once again making up 47% of the total numbers recorded. Grayling remain abundant, up over 12% on the Week 18 total. Last year Grayling peaked on transect in Week 17 with a total count of 141, so this seems to be a good year. If any new recorders have not seen one yet then this is a good time to seek them out on our heathland routes. For the second week running, Clouded Yellow were recorded at Breamore.



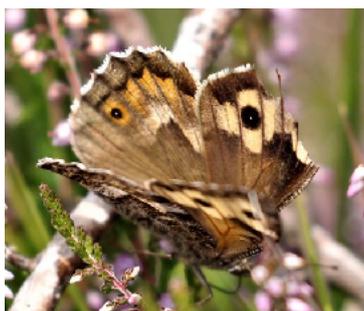
Essex Skipper - Trevor Bumfrey

Results Week 19 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down12	2	Fields Heath144	11	Normandy Marsh27	9
Badminton.....44	8	Frohawk.....51	6	Perrywood Ivy43	9
Ballard29	6	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal12	1
Barton Common38	8	Godshill21	5	Pimlico Fields.....71	7
Beaulieu Heath27	5	Great Linford49	6	Pitts Wood.....122	10
Black Down.....14	4	Hasley71	12	Pondhead.....26	6
Blackwater26	2	Hawkhill35	4	Pondhead Wood15	6
Blashford North.....25	7	Hightown Common.....2		Rockford.....58	6
Blashford South.....65	9	Holmsley.....43	10	Roe North.....26	9
Breamore288	15	Ibsley53	5	Roe South94	13
Broadley15	4	Janesmoor.....15	6	Roydon The Commons20	4
Brockishill106	6	Janesmoor Plain.....11	3	Southern Fields.....90	6
Broomy Plain4	3	Keeping Marsh18	5	Standing Hat33	5
Claypits Bottom41	5	Kings Copse67	8	Studland Common88	6
Cloven Hill10	4	Lepe65	9	Vales Moor45	3
Dibden Bottom.....6	1	Little Linford.....43	7	Warren Farm46	7
Dur Hill81	6	Mockbeggar.....91	14	Wilverley Plain51	7

l/d - still subject to lockdown.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Gatekeeper1,151	49	Small Heath.....43	16	Peacock.....9	4			
Meadow Brown375	37	Green-veined White29	8	Small/Essex Skipper...7	7			
Grayling.....172	12	Silver-studded Blue23	8	Brown Argus3	1			
Speckled Wood159	27	Silver-washed Fritillary ..19	12	Clouded Yellow2	1			
Small White141	24	Small Copper17	8	Comma2	2			
Holly Blue.....86	27	Red Admiral.....16	11	Marbled White2	2			
Large White.....71	22	Ringlet.....13	9	Essex Skipper.....1	1			
Common Blue64	12	Large Skipper.....9	5	Small Tortoiseshell.....1	1			
Brimstone.....60	15							



Grayling (unusual shot with open wings)
Dave Strudwick

Moth Report: Many thanks to all those who have spotted moths in recent weeks. At this time of year, few are seen in high numbers but there are an interesting range being spotted. Six-spot Burnet are still being recorded on a few transects and there have also been sightings of the Common Purple and Gold, which is definitely at the lower end of our size range, and a Yellow Shell. If walking a heathland route, please keep an eye open for the Bordered Grey, which is easily disturbed during daytime and is about the size of a Grayling. The distinctive Jersey Tiger continues to be seen in gardens in the south of the New Forest but has yet to be spotted on transects and there is always the possibility that the delightful Humming-bird Hawkmoth may put in an appearance in this warm weather.