

A brighter week has resulted in more butterflies being recorded although some routes have once again experienced very low numbers. A total of 670 butterflies were seen (28% higher than Week 23) at a density of 5.54 butterflies/km (once again the lowest since 2014 for this week).

A total of 16 different species were recorded. Speckled Wood was the most abundant species as might be expected, followed by Small White and Large White, with all these three species being seen on over 30 transect routes. Grayling made a further appearance on four of the heathland transects.



Results Week 24 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down2	2	Fields Heath47	6	Normandy Marsh3	1
Badminton.....15	5	Frohawk.....1	1	Perrywood Ivy5	1
Ballard15	6	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal3	3
Barton Common15	6	Godshill1	1	Pimlico Fields.....14	5
Beaulieu Heath3	2	Great Linford.....11	5	Pitts Wood.....16	2
Black Down.....3	3	Hasley19	7	Pondhead.....4	1
Blackwater3	2	Hawkhill8	4	Pondhead Wood6	2
Blashford North.....38	6	Hightown Common.....3	3	Rockford.....9	3
Blashford South.....24	6	Holmsley.....17	5	Roe North.....15	4
Breamore41	5	Ibsley9	4	Roe South15	5
Broadley3	2	Janesmoor.....7	4	Roydon The Commons3	2
Brockishill.....11	4	Janesmoor Plain.....8	3	Southern Fields.....9	5
Broomy Plain10	4	Keeping Marsh11	5	Standing Hat4	2
Claypits Bottom4	3	Kings Copse11	2	Studland Common19	8
Cloven Hill52	13	Lepe25	5	Vales Moor3	2
Dibden Bottom.....0	0	Little Linford.....10	3	Warren Farm11	5
Dur Hill.....6	2	Mockbeggar.....92	12	Wilverley Plain6	4

l/d - still subject to lockdown.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Speckled Wood.....	208	35	Meadow Brown.....	26	10	Peacock.....	10	8
Small White.....	153	33	Green-veined White	16	6	Comma.....	8	4
Large White.....	91	31	Holly Blue.....	14	9	Grayling.....	5	4
Small Heath.....	52	18	Brimstone.....	13	5	Brown Argus.....	2	1
Small Copper.....	33	13	Common Blue.....	11	5	Gatekeeper.....	2	2
Red Admiral.....	26	12						



Red Admiral - Margaret le Cornu

Moth Report: Silver Y moths are still around so please continue to look out for these swift flying greyish moths with a distinctive silver 'Y' marking visible on the wing when they land. Other migrant moths that can be around at this time of year are the delightful Hummingbird Hawk-moth and the rather small and indistinct Rush Veneer.



Common Blue - Mide Gibson

Looking at the more native species, Ruby Tiger, Vapourer and Mother of Pearl are all said to fly at this time of year in this area and may be seen during the daytime.