Garden Butterfly Survey

As in previous years our Annual Butterfly Report had gone to print before we could access records from the Garden Butterfly Survey.

The following table summarises the results of the Garden Butterfly Survey in Hampshire and Isle of Wight over the last four years for the top ten species of 2019.

| Species | Records | Individuals | Position (by Records) | | | |
|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| | | | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Small White | 787 | 1,437 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Large White | 590 | 1,172 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Red Admiral | 567 | 858 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| Speckled Wood | 379 | 473 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Meadow Brown | 346 | 1,540 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| Gatekeeper | 339 | 882 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Brimstone | 290 | 523 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Painted Lady | 283 | 538 | 8 | 19 | 14 | 14 |
| Peacock | 233 | 399 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| Comma | 210 | 266 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 11 |

Very similar placings to 2018 except for the notable inclusion of Painted Lady. Records of Small White rose by nearly 16% although the number of individuals seen remained approximately the same.

Records of Red Admiral were double those of 2018 and although Peacock records were up by over 30% the species fell one place in the rankings.

There are still only 64 gardens using this facility for recording with ten returning 60-69 records, 14 had 2-9 records and 13 gardens reporting over 100 records.

A garden in Denmead has featured in the top five gardens since this quantitive system became available in 2016.

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