We are down to under a thousand total butterflies for the week now (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects), with the density of 12.20 butterflies/km being the lowest for Week 20 since 2014 (when 7.60/km were recorded).

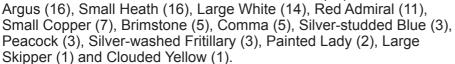


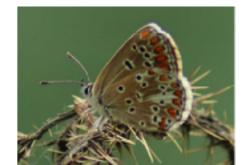
Clouded Yellow at Mockbeggar John Levell

388 Speckled Wood top the species list (a further 208 were seen on our two trial transects in Roe Inclosure) and summer brood Holly Blue are reasonably abundant. Both Gatekeeper and Common Blue numbers are around half of last week's counts. A Brown Argus at Kings Copse was the first to be recorded there during a transect walk and at last we have a photograph of a Clouded Yellow on

transect (Mockbeggar).

Twenty-one different species were seen this week: Speckled Wood (388), Meadow Brown (125), Small White (114), Gatekeeper (74), Holly Blue (68), Common Blue (62), Grayling (32), Greenveined White (22), Brown





Brown Argus at Kings Copse Mandy Smith

Results

Week 19: Total - 1,290 Week 20: Total - 1,192 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		W	Weeks		Weeks	
19	20	19	20	19	20	
Acres Down12	3	Hasley56	24	Normandy Marsh21	3	
Badminston41	28	Hawkhill18	44	Perrywood Ivy90	64	
Barton Common6	4	Hightown4	4	Pignal13	23	
Beaulieu Heath35	21	Holmsley45	39	Pondhead22	19	
Blackwater14	11	Ibsley15	10	Pondhead Wood22	26	
Breamore279	147	Janesmoor6	7	Rockford18	12	
Broadley22	21	Janesmoor Plain2	3	Roe North48	68	
Dibden Bottom6	1	Keeping Marsh7	30	Roe South63	152	
Fields Heath63	48	Kings Copse30	43	Standing Hat28	21	
Frohawk18	16	Lepe37	26	Studland Common1	20	
Godshill8	0	Little Linford28	19	Vales Moor15	22	
Great Linford26	48	Mockbeggar150	143	Warren Farm21	22	

Please don't forget you can record in zero sun as long as the temperature is 17 degrees or above and please do keep within the permitted time frame because Hampshire are very strict on this and we do not want your efforts wasted.



Holly Blue at Vales Moor John French

Moth to Spot: This week's focus is the male Vapourer (https://ukmoths.org.uk/species/orgyia-antiqua/), which is a relatively common moth that can be seen flying during the day at this time of year. It is seen most frequently during August but can be on the wing as late as October. The larvae feed on a range of broad-leaved trees and shrubs so it is relatively widespread. Only the male will be seen on the wing as the female is flightless and has virtually no wings! Follow the link above to see photos of both male and female.



Common Blue at Pignal Jill Gower