

It was definitely cooler towards the end of this week and that is reflected in the reduction of butterflies recorded - a total of 652, at 6.25 butterflies per kilometre compared to 8.77 last week. This is still an excellent number for Week 5, the highest since 2011.



Orange-tip *Jo Shorrocks*



Small White *Trevor Bumfrey*

Only twelve different species were seen this week compared to 14 in Week 4. Most species reduced both in number and in the number of routes where they were seen. Brimstone, for example, were only seen on 24 routes this week compared to 38 in Week 4.

Pearl-bordered Fritillary have emerged and were seen in New Copse Inclosure on Sunday morning. Hopefully there will be some recorded on transect during the coming week.

Results for Week 5

Transect	Count	No of Species	Transect	Count	No of Species	Transect	Count	No of Species
Acres Down	10	3	Fields Heath	50	6	Mockbeggar	20	7
Badminton	31	4	Frohawk	11	1	Normandy Marsh	6	5
Ballard	7	2	Furzey Gardens	9	3	Perrywood Ivy	28	4
Barton Common	14	5	Godshill	4	2	Pignal	8	2
Beaulieu Heath	0	0	Great Linford	10	2	Pimlico Fields	5	4
Black Down	*	*	Hasley	6	2	Pondhead	12	3
Blackwater	5	1	Hawkhill	17	3	Pondhead Wood	12	3
Blashford North	21	6	Hightown Common	1	1	Rockford	0	0
Blashford South	26	8	Holmsley	49	4	Roe North	24	1
Breamore	63	7	Ibsley	1	1	Roe South	26	2
Broadley	9	3	Janesmoor	2	2	Roydon Commons	0	0
Broomy Plain	*	*	Janesmoor Plain	4	2	Southern Fields	29	7
Claypits Bottom	*	*	Keeping Marsh	4	1	Standing Hat	11	2
Cloven Hill	9	4	Kings Copse	62	5	Studland Common	15	7
Dibden Bottom	4	1	Lepe	17	6	Vales Moor	0	0
Dur Hill	*	*	Little Linford	9	5	Warren Farm	1	1
						Wilverley Plain	*	*

*Single species' transects due to start in Week 9.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Speckled Wood	224	31	Small White	31	13	Red Admiral	6	6
Brimstone	205	24	Peacock	30	16	Comma	5	4
Orange-tip	78	18	Green-veined White	20	8	Green Hairstreak	4	2
Holly Blue	34	10	Small Copper	13	5	Large White	2	1

Moths to Spot: As we advance into May, do look out for moths on your transect as many can be seen at this time. New Forest heaths are about the only place in Hampshire that the Grey Scalloped Bar may be seen, particularly on burnt areas, so please look out for these as well as Common Heath, Latticed Heath and the more distinctive Emperor Moth. Brown Silver-line started to be seen in Week 6 last year so remember to look for this if you're near an area of Bracken.

Our visit to Martin Down this year will be on Friday 24th May. Meet in Sillens Lane Car Park for 10am start.



Brown Silver-line *Margaret Le Cornu*