

It was another week of high counts with a total of 6,927 butterflies seen overall at a density of 60.30 butterflies/km of transect length. Only 2018 had a higher figure for Week 13 (73.67). The highest count of the year so far was recorded at Blackdown and an impressive sixteen species were seen at Mockbeggar. This is probably the final week that Silver-studded Blue will head the Species Table and we should be seeing more Gatekeepers, Large Skippers (294 on the four Brockenhurst transects this week) & Ringlet soon.



Comma - Peter Bates

Results Week 13 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down42	3	Fields Heath339	11	Normandy Marsh75	7
Badminton.....68	10	Frohawk.....256	8	Perrywood Ivy244	8
Ballard134	6	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal.....153	8
Barton Common46	8	Godshill54	8	Pimlico Fields.....229	8
Beaulieu Heath33	3	Great Linford19	4	Pondhead.....52	7
Black Down.....716	5	Hasley215	8	Pondhead Wood42	8
Blackwater4	2	Hawkhill78	7	Rockford.....131	4
Blashford North.....73	10	Hightown Common.....9	3	Roe North.....102	7
Blashford South.....60	11	Holmsley.....74	6	Roe South118	8
Breamore460	14	Ibsley32	5	Roydon The Commons..124	7
Broadley49	5	Janesmoor.....35	4	Southern Fields.....200	7
Brockishill128	9	Janesmoor Plain.....15	3	Standing Hat.....137	9
Broomy Plain357	6	Keeping Marsh66	7	Studland Common237	7
Claypits Bottom44	4	Kings Copse.....107	7	Vales Moor.....358	3
Cloven Hill58	10	Lepe130	8	Warren Farm.....47	4
Dibden Bottom.....370	2	Little Linford.....76	10	Wilverley Plain190	4
Dur Hill*	*	Mockbeggar.....336	16		

*'Single species' transects due to start in Week 14.. l/d - still subject to lockdown.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Silver-studded Blue.....	2350	21	Small White	107	24	Peacock.....	15	5
Meadow Brown	2176	44	Gatekeeper.....	66	7	Comma.....	14	10
Large Skipper.....	535	26	Large White.....	54	22	Dark Green Fritillary ...	7	6
Marbled White.....	505	20	Red Admiral.....	53	15	Brimstone	5	3
Small/Essex Skipper	301	25	Green-veined White ..	31	9	Common Blue.....	4	4
Ringlet.....	242	19	Small Skipper	23	4	Holly Blue	4	3
Silver-washed Fritillary...	217	25	Speckled Wood	16	9	White Admiral	4	3
Small Heath	172	16	Small Copper.....	15	7	Small Tortoiseshell.....	2	2

The Dur Hill transect will be commencing in Week 14 which means we will only have Furzey Gardens remaining on 'lockdown'.



Silver-washed Fritillary (valezina) - Judy Hunt

Moth Report: As we move into summer, the Silver Y has been spotted on a number of transects. This migrant is seen most years and can arrive in good numbers so look out for a fast flying, greyish brown moth, similar in size to a Gatekeeper, that will tend to plonk down in vegetation as it lands. A quick search should reveal the moth with a distinctive silver 'Y' shape on the wing. Also keep an eye out for Burnet moths, particularly the Six-spot Burnet, which should be on the wing soon. The other moths you are likely to stir up as you walk your transect are the small, pale 'grass veneers' that will fly a short distance and then disappear as they fold up their wings and settle as a thin streak beneath a blade of grass or fern leaf. Please do not take time trying to identify or photograph these as there are many different species that are very hard, in some cases impossible, to tell apart even with the best picture.