

What a difficult week this was to get a valid result with even a few 'zero' counts now creeping in. A total of 936 butterflies were seen, the lowest weekly count this year since Week 11 (1,690). The density of 7.74 butterflies/km of transect length was the lowest for Week 21 since 2014 (5.88). Gatekeeper numbers have dived to under 100 following a peak of 3,092 in Week 17. Only one Silver-studded Blue was recorded but Small Heath numbers have increased. Although Grayling numbers have also declined the current total for 2020 (704) has passed the 2019 figure of 584 and we hopefully have a couple of weeks of their flight period to come.



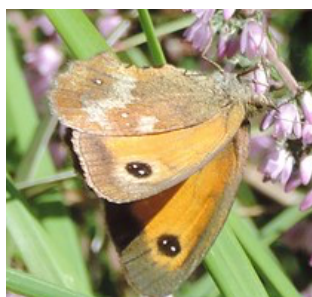
Common Blue - Peter Bates

**Results Week 21** (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down .....0	0	Fields Heath .....45	8	Normandy Marsh .....2	2
Badminton.....12	4	Frohawk.....0	0	Perrywood Ivy .....12	7
Ballard .....16	5	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal .....11	3
Barton Common .....4	4	Godshill .....6	5	Pimlico Fields.....12	6
Beaulieu Heath .....44	6	Great Linford .....9	4	Pitts Wood.....13	5
Black Down.....18	4	Hasley .....7	4	Pondhead.....3	2
Blackwater .....4	3	Hawkhill .....39	7	Pondhead Wood .....6	2
Blashford North.....44	12	Hightown Common.....1	1	Rockford.....0	0
Blashford South.....43	8	Holmsley.....10	5	Roe North.....15	5
Breamore .....89	10	Ibsley .....0	0	Roe South .....23	7
Broadley .....3	2	Janesmoor.....7	3	Roydon The Commons ....12	6
Brockishill .....13	3	Janesmoor Plain.....2	2	Southern Fields.....55	11
Broomy Plain .....33	5	Keeping Marsh .....2	2	Standing Hat .....8	1
Claypits Bottom .....4	1	Kings Copse .....51	8	Studland Common .....37	5
Cloven Hill .....2	2	Lepe .....22	5	Vales Moor .....1	1
Dibden Bottom.....5	1	Little Linford.....10	4	Warren Farm.....26	6
Dur Hill.....21	6	Mockbeggar.....122	13	Wilverley Plain .....12	4

l/d - still subject to lockdown.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Speckled Wood .....174	32	Holly Blue .....47	14	Comma.....12	4			
Meadow Brown .....163	19	Common Blue.....46	8	Brimstone .....9	7			
Gatekeeper .....97	28	Green-veined White ....17	5	Painted Lady .....6	3			
Small White .....90	21	Red Admiral.....17	9	Silver-washed Fritillary .4	4			
Grayling.....90	12	Small Copper.....14	7	Brown Argus .....3	3			
Small Heath .....80	14	Peacock.....14	10	Silver-studded Blue .....1	1			
Large White.....52	19							



Gatekeeper - Leisa Chapple

**Moth Report:**

For the second week running, Silver Y moths were seen in good numbers on many transects. Hopefully they will still be around this week as well, so please keep eyes open for this quick flying grey moth with the distinctive 'Y' marking visible when they settle. Two other species that might be spotted at this time of year are the Treble-bar and Lesser Treble-bar. If seen, please try to get a photo to help clarify which you've seen!



Silver Y - Anne Hobbs

Just a quick plug for national 'Moth Night' which, despite the name, takes place from the evening of Thursday 27 August to the evening of Saturday 29 August. The focus this year is on four of the red underwing moths found in the UK, although all moths seen are of interest. See the Moth Night website - <https://www.mothnight.info/> - for further information on how to attract moths and take part.