

Inkberrow Millennium Green Big Butterfly Count

18/07/2022

Temperature 27C at 10am!

Butterfly	From entrance to Millennium Seat in field 2 via upper path	Return via main steps, lower path and copse.	Total
Meadow brown	28	17	45
Gatekeeper	60	25	85
Small white	4	6	10
Large white	0	1	1
Marbled white	2	1	3
Green veined white	2	1	3
Ringlet	1	7	8
Brimstone	1	0	1
Small skipper	11	4	15
Large skipper	2	3	5
Total	111	65	
Overall total			176

This survey was carried out only two days later than in 2021 but the balance of types of butterflies is different although the species recorded is the same and what would be expected.

The very large numbers of **gatekeepers** is typical of this time of year in grassland and they mostly emerges in the last few days with the very hot weather. **Ringlets** are mostly over ; there were large numbers during the school visits in late June and early July. There were also quite good numbers of marbled whites at this time but numbers declined again rapidly.

Once again butterfly numbers were low earlier in the year with very few blues or the colourful species such as peacocks, red admirals, tortoiseshells and commas.

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