

Butterflies seen on IMG 2014

Sunday March 9th – a warm sunny day. At the work party we saw a number of brimstones, a comma and a peacock.

Sunday April 13th – first orange tips (2) comma, peacock. Another warm, sunny day

Thursday April 24th – a number of orange tips and peacocks and a green veined white

Very few butterflies about in May and early June – common blue seen plus various common whites.

Around 23rd June – a good number of meadow browns, some ringlets, a tortoiseshell.

So far no marbled whites. School party found peacock caterpillars on nettle and watermint in small stream valley (and bright green beetles on water mint which I think are 'mint beetles'). Also a caterpillar on figwort which appears to be a mullein moth caterpillar!?

July 1st – one pristine marbled white on red clover near pond 2. Also a good number of meadow browns and ringlets and one tortoiseshell. A number of other groups of black peacock? caterpillars on nettles around site.

July 10th – at least 6 marbled whites in field 2 and a couple in F1. A number of meadow browns, ringlets and tortoiseshells plus some small whites. Gareth saw 16 individual Mws in the afternoon.

July 22nd – big butterfly survey – 15 min walk from entrance to Millennium Seat plus what seen on return route

Butterfly	Entrance to seat upper path	Return by lower route	Total
Green veined white	2	3	5
Gatekeeper	32	10	42
Large skipper	1	3	4
Large white	2	1	3
Meadow brown	46	24	70
Peacock	9	3	12
Ringlet	5	4	9
Small skipper	1	6	7
Small tortoiseshell	3	1	4
Small white	11	9	20
Marbled white	2	1	3
Sixspot burnet moth	1		1
Total	115	65	180

Sept 7th warm and sunny. Comma, red admiral, small tortoiseshell on water mint. Small copper near upper seat in F1