

Butterflies seen on the Millennium Green during Summer 2003

Can anyone add to these?

The dry later summer was good for butterflies but the wet period in the early summer was rather poor. However the numbers seen on the MG were in line with those in the rest of the area and all the species seen in previous years were present this year. Speckled woods, gatekeepers and meadow browns were present in good numbers and common blues did particularly well in August.

The Marbled whites were present in similar numbers to last year and under the present grassland management regime the colony seems to be doing well.

butterfly	when	comments
Brimstone*	March, April	A few
Speckled Wood*	April / May and Aug/Sept	Some; good number
Gatekeeper*	July / Aug	Good number
Large White	June / July	some
Small White*	April / July	One / some
Marbled White*	June / July	Some
Meadow Brown*	July	lots
Skipper (Small?)*	July	some
Red Admiral*	Jan! / May and Aug/Sept	One / a few some
Blue (Holly*?)	April	A few
Orange Tip*	April	some
Small Tortoiseshell*	April	A few
Ringlet*	July	some
Green Veined White	May / June	A few
Peacock*	March, April	A few
Blue (Common)	Aug	A good number
Small Copper	Aug?	one
Painted Lady	Aug	A few vagrants

A good number of Burnet Moths in June – the management of the good quality grassland seems to suit these.

Hummingbird Hawk moths were seen in late summer – they were reported from many areas this year.

(Range:- a few, some, good number, lots)

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