

Danbury Ridge Living Landscape

Butterfly Survey 2017

It is vital to wildlife conservation that we understand what we have got in order that we may know what we must protect. This is important not just within nature reserves but across the landscape. Therefore, through the 'Living Landscapes' initiative (www.essexwt.org.uk/living-landscapes) we are aiming to understand more about the wildlife of Danbury Ridge (including Little Baddow, Bicknacre and other villages) starting with butterflies.

To achieve this we are calling upon the local community to assist us by recording sightings of butterflies using the form overleaf.

There are fifty-nine species of butterfly in Great Britain and Ireland of which only twenty-two may be commonly seen locally, an additional eight species may be rarely seen locally.

Each species may typically only be seen at a certain time of year during their flight period.

Two recommended websites for butterfly identification are www.butterfly-conservation.org and www.ukbutterflies.co.uk

It may be easier to identify a butterfly by photographing it then referencing your photo against a website or butterfly identification books. We would love to receive your butterfly photographs and publish best monthly photograph on the Little Baddow Parish Council website. Photographs should be emailed to keith.ferguson@kferg.co.uk

Photos by John McCrindle



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Green-veined white

Meadow brown

Ringlet

Gatekeeper

Large skipper



Small tortoiseshell

Red admiral

Comma

Speckled wood

Silver-washed fritillary



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Name:

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Species	Date 1st seen	Habitat, e.g. garden / woodland / farmland	Flight period
Brimstone			Feb / March to June (2 nd generation late July and August)
Holly Blue			Late March to late June (2 nd generation late July to September)
Speckled Wood			March to October
Comma			March and April but generally July / August
Large White			April onwards (2 nd generation July onwards)
Green-veined White			April (2 nd generation early July to late August)
Peacock			April for peak numbers
Orange Tip			Mid-April to mid-June
Small Heath			Late April until September.
Small Copper			May and June (2 nd generation August into September)
Small White			May and June (2 nd brood July onwards)
Common Blue			May and June (2 nd generation August and September)
Silver-Washed Fritillary			Mid-June to late August
Small Skipper			Mid-June to mid-September
Meadow Brown			June until as late as October
Painted Lady			June is peak time
Large Skipper			June peaking in early July
Small Tortoiseshell			Late June or July (2 nd generation late August onwards)
Ringlet			End June peaking in third week in July
Red Admiral			July is peak time (flying into October)
Gatekeeper			Mid July peaking in early August
Essex Skipper			Late July or early August

Occasional / rare species

Brown Argus			May until end June (2 nd generation mid-July to mid-September)
Green Hairstreak			May and early June
White Admiral			Late June to mid-August
Marbled White			Mid-June peaking in July
Clouded Yellow			August is peak time continuing until early September
Purple Emperor *			Late June to mid-August
White-Letter Hairstreak *			Early July to mid-August
Purple Hairstreak *			Early July until early September

* Please notify us of these species' sightings by email as soon as possible

Please return completed forms by the end of October to:

- Living Landscapes Co-ordinator, Essex Wildlife Trust, Abbots Hall Farm, Great Wigborough, Colchester CO5 7RZ
- emmao@essexwt.org.uk