

BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD

2017

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2017. Many sightings, particularly of common species, go undocumented and dates for first & last sightings should be treated as an absolute minimum.

SMALL SKIPPER

Noted on eight dates June 14th to July 12th.

ESSEX SKIPPER

Noted June 14th to August 11th.

CLOUDED YELLOW

Singles on 1st June & 31st July. A minimum of 18 in August, max. four on 11th. September minima of 23, max. five on 30th. October minima of 35, max. six on 25th. Last were two November 2nd.

LARGE WHITE

Noted April 16th to October 29th.

SMALL WHITE

Noted April 1st to November 3rd.

GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Noted April 5th to June 9th & July 11th to September 30th.

ORANGE TIP

Singles April 23rd and May 6th.

PURPLE HAIRSTREAK

One July 6th was the second site record.

GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Noted April 22nd to June 10th.

SMALL COPPER

Noted April 22nd to May 28th, June 21st to 17th July & August 13th to September 9th. Later individuals were noted October 3rd and November 6th.

BROWN ARGUS

A single on 26th June, then noted July 12th to September 26th. A later individual on October 12th.

COMMON BLUE

Noted May 14th to November 6th.

HOLLY BLUE

Noted April 14th to June 22nd & July 14th to September 4th.

RED ADMIRAL

Noted April 14th to November 22nd. Counts of 24 and 16 moving south on October 26th & 27th.

PAINTED LADY

Noted May 13th to October 25th.

SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Noted March 9th to September 10th.

THE PEACOCK

Noted March 23rd to May 31st & June 23rd to August 29th.

THE COMMA

Noted March 13th to April 22nd & June 18th to September 12th. Four records in October plus the last on November 3rd.

SPECKLED WOOD

Noted April 16th to September 8th.

THE GATEKEEPER

Noted July 4th to August 31st.

MEADOW BROWN

Noted June 9th to August 28th.

SMALL HEATH

Noted May 26th to September 30th.

THE RINGLET

Noted June 14th to July 19th, max. three July 13th.

THE GRAYLING

Singles on August 28th and September 6th.

Compiled by Matt May, Landguard Bird Observatory, View Point Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 3TW Tel: 01394 673782

E.mail : landguardbo@yahoo.co.uk

January 2018

