

# **BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD**

## **2018**

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2018. 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 ten dates June 23rd to August 3rd.

### **ESSEX SKIPPER**

Noted June 20th to July 25th.

### **LARGE SKIPPER**

Noted on four dates June 9th to 24th. First since 2012.

### **CLOUDED YELLOW**

Noted on nine dates September 13th to October 17th, max. four on September 26th.

### **BRIMSTONE**

One April 14th.

### **LARGE WHITE**

Noted April 22nd to October 31st.

### **SMALL WHITE**

Noted April 18th to November 5th.

### **GREEN-VEINED WHITE**

Noted April 19th to June 6th & July 11th to September 14th.

### **ORANGE TIP**

Singles May 12th, 15th & 25th.

### **GREEN HAIRSTREAK**

Noted May 7th to June 24th.

### **SMALL COPPER**

Noted May 14th to June 9th, & July 1st to November 2nd.

### **BROWN ARGUS**

Noted May 19th to June 22nd & July 7th to October 9th.

### **COMMON BLUE**

Noted May 19th to June 26th & July 14th to October 31st.

### **HOLLY BLUE**

Noted May 7th to September 11th.

### **RED ADMIRAL**

Noted May 3rd to November 18th.

### **PAINTED LADY**

Noted on 51 dates June 2nd to November 8th.

### **SMALL TORTOISESHELL**

Noted March 26th to May 15th, June 9th to July 31st & September 20th to November 5th.

### **THE PEACOCK**

Several hibernating in observatory buildings at both ends of the year. Noted March 26th to May 15th, June 9th to July 31st & September to 1st November 8th.

### **THE COMMA**

Noted March 21st to April 22nd, June 29th to August 1st, October 11th & 20th.

**SPECKLED WOOD**

Noted April 18th to June 11th, July 19th to August 19th & September 7th to October 24th.

**WALL**

One September 17th, first since 2016 and second year since local extinction in 2005.

**THE GATEKEEPER**

Noted June 30th to September 11th.

**MEADOW BROWN**

Noted June 9th to September 14th.

**SMALL HEATH**

Noted May 15th to October 17th.

**THE RINGLET**

Noted June 19th to July 22nd, max. four June 24th.

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