

BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD

2019

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2019. 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 three dates July 9th to 14th. Others overlooked ?

ESSEX SKIPPER

Noted June 22nd to August 2nd.

CLOUDED YELLOW

Singles June 9th, August 20th, 22nd, 23rd, September 19th & October 15th.

LARGE WHITE

Noted April 8th to October 1st. Large numbers moving offshore July 14th.

SMALL WHITE

Noted March 26th to November 3rd.

GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Noted April 7th to May 25th & July 6th to September 6th.

ORANGE TIP

Singles April 17th, 26th and up to three May 18th to June 1st. A record year.

BRIMSTONE

Two March 29th.

GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Noted April 20th to July 1st, at least 15 May 31st.

SMALL COPPER

Noted April 29th to June 9th & July 1st to November 3rd.

BROWN ARGUS

Noted May 15th to September 23rd.

COMMON BLUE

Noted May 17th to June 17th & July 12th to October 29th.

HOLLY BLUE

Noted May 16th to September 22nd.

RED ADMIRAL

Noted April 24th to November 6th.

PAINTED LADY

Noted April 29th to November 9th, max. 50 June 26th.

SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Noted February 25th to May 2nd & June 18th to August 26th. A poor year.

THE PEACOCK

Several hibernating in observatory buildings at both ends of the year. Noted March 24th to June 1st & July 13th to October 14th.

THE COMMA

Noted April 20th & June 30th to September 23rd.

SPECKLED WOOD

Noted April 20th to July 5th & July 31st to October 8th.

GRAYLING

Two August 27th & singles 30th & 31st. First since 2017.

THE GATEKEEPER

Noted July 5th to September 3rd.

MEADOW BROWN

Noted June 11th to August 22nd.

SMALL HEATH

Noted May 8th to September 17th.

THE RINGLET

Noted June 24th to July 31st, max. ten July 4th.

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