

BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD

2023

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2023. Many sightings, particularly of common species, go undocumented and dates for first & last sightings should be treated as an absolute minimum.

ESSEX SKIPPER

Noted June 21st to August 6th.

SMALL SKIPPER

Noted June 21st to July 21st, max. one.

LARGE SKIPPER

One June 25th, two 26th.

ORANGE-TIP

Singles May 9th, 10th, 16th & 18th.

LARGE WHITE

Noted May 15th to October 14th.

SMALL WHITE

Noted April 14th to November 6th.

GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Noted on six dates April 31st to May 22nd, July 29th, August 11th & September 6th to 15th, max. three.

CLOUDED YELLOW

One September 9th.

BRIMSTONE

Singles May 2nd, 16th, June 3rd & 10th.

WALL

One October 8th.

SPECKLED WOOD

Singles May 27th, 28th, June 15th, July 26th, August 14th, September 11th & 30th.

SMALL HEATH

Noted June 8th to July 2nd & August 26th to September 24th.

RINGLET

Singles June 16th, July 2nd & 6th.

MEADOW BROWN

Noted June 11th to September 14th + one October 4th.

GATEKEEPER

Noted June 30th to September 9th.

RED ADMIRAL

Noted May 5th to November 23rd.

PAINTED LADY

Noted May 5th to October 12th, max. six July 21st.

PEACOCK

Hibernating in buildings January to March. Noted March 22nd to June 4th, June 15th, 26th & July 12th to November 3rd. Hibernating in buildings noted from August. 16 in Mine Station December 5th.

SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Noted April 5th to May 20th & June 23rd to August 12th. One in Mine Station
December 5th.

COMMA

Noted March 23rd, April 17th to 27th & June 31st to August 24th, max. one.

SMALL COPPER

Noted May 20th, 26th & June 28th to November 12th, max. five September 9th.

GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Noted April 16th & May 5th to June 16th, max. two.

HOLLY BLUE

Noted May 5th to October 28th.

BROWN ARGUS

Noted May 17th to September 14th + one October 26th, max. 16 July 6th.

COMMON BLUE

Noted May 23rd to June 26th & July 12th to October 28th.

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