

BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD

2024

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2024. 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 24th to August 2nd.

SMALL SKIPPER

Noted June 29th to July 24th, max. two.

ORANGE-TIP

One May 9th.

LARGE WHITE

Noted April 22nd to October 18th.

SMALL WHITE

Noted April 13th to October 25th.

GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Noted April 6th to May 9th & July 1st to September 19th, max. three.

CLOUDED YELLOW

Singles September 6th & 16th.

BRIMSTONE

Singles March 18th, April 1st, two 6th, two 10th, singles 11th, 26th, 29th, May 12th, July 24th & August 14th.

WALL

One September 6th.

SPECKLED WOOD

Singles May 1st, 2nd, 13th, noted July 14th to 24th & September 24th to 28th.

SMALL HEATH

Noted May 27th to July 19th & August 17th to October 4th.

MEADOW BROWN

Noted June 10th to August 29th.

GATEKEEPER

Noted July 4th to September 30th.

RED ADMIRAL

Noted April 12th to November 17th, max. 20 September 6th.

PAINTED LADY

19 noted April 14th to October 11th, max. two May 17th & September 6th.

PEACOCK

Hibernating in buildings January to March. Noted March 14th to May 13th & July 8th to November 28th. Hibernating in buildings noted from August 22nd. 24 in Mine Station November 2nd. Ten in Left Battery November 11th.

SMALL TORTOISESHELL

One in observatory building February 8th. Noted March 18th to May 5th & June 29th to July 25th. One in Mine Station November 2nd. One in Left Battery November 11th.

COMMA

Noted March 18th, 20th & June 6th to September 4th + October 18th, max. two.

SMALL COPPER

Noted April 29th to May 27th & July 6th to October 22nd, max. five May 27th.

GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Noted May 5th to June 6th, max. three.

HOLLY BLUE

Noted April 18th to October 2nd.

BROWN ARGUS

Noted May 9th to October 7th, max. 60 August 28th.

COMMON BLUE

Noted May 9th to July 4th & July 17th to October 27th.

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