

BUTTERFLIES AT LANDGUARD

2025

The following is a brief summary of casual records collected at Landguard Bird Observatory for the whole of the Landguard recording area in 2025. 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 11th to July 25th, max. 81 June 21st.

SMALL SKIPPER

Noted June 21st to July 11th, max. five.

LARGE SKIPPER

Singles June 15th, 21st, 24th & 27th.

ORANGE-TIP

Singles May 3rd, 9th & 12th.

LARGE WHITE

Noted April 8th to October 17th.

SMALL WHITE

Noted March 19th to November 9th, max. 30+ September 30th.

SOUTHERN SMALL WHITE

One August 3rd. First site record.

GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Noted April 5th to May 13th, June 12th, 25th to July 9th & August 6th to September 9th, max. two.

CLOUDED YELLOW

One June 15th, two 21st & most days August 6th to November 14th, max. 25+ September 30th & 24 October 8th.

PALE/BERGER'S CLOUDED YELLOW

Male of one of these similar species October 10th. First site record.

BRIMSTONE

Singles March 26th & April 24th.

WALL

Singles May 2nd, 6th, 16th & September 9th.

SPECKLED WOOD

Noted April 12th to May 27th, June 10th & 11th, July 10th to August 13th & September 9th to October 10th, max. two.

SMALL HEATH

Noted April 27th & May 13th to September 30th, max. 34 June 21st & 46 August 30th.

MEADOW BROWN

Noted May 29th to August 24th + one September 29th, max. 104 June 21st.

GATEKEEPER

Noted June 27th to September 1st.

GRAYLING

One August 10th & 11th.

RED ADMIRAL

One February 24th & noted April 30th to November 21st, max. eight.

PAINTED LADY

One April 18th & noted May 2nd to October 22nd, max. eight May 30th.

PEACOCK

Hibernating in buildings January to March. 15 Left Battery & 8 Mine Station January 7th. Noted March 19th to May 3rd, June 13th, June 21st to August 15th, September 2nd, October 21st & 30th. Hibernating in buildings noted from August. 28 in Mine Station November.

SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Noted March 19th to May 11th & June 8th to 25th, July 31st, August 2nd, 3rd, September 21st & 30th.

COMMA

Noted March 8th to April 30th & June 15th to August 14th, September 9th, October 7th, 17th, 19th, November 8th & 9th, max. four.

SMALL COPPER

Noted April 3rd to 23rd & June 17th to November 14th, max. ten April 17th.

GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Noted April 24th to June 18th, max. five May 13th.

HOLLY BLUE

Noted May 11th to October 19th.

BROWN ARGUS

Noted April 22nd to September 18th, max. 50+ April 30th.

COMMON BLUE

Noted April 20th to October 22nd + three November 8th & two 9th.

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