

## New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 11

A big increase in counts this week, even on the heathland transects.

Plenty of Silver-studded Blue about and a great count of fourteen White Admiral in Kings Copse. Silver-washed Fritillary are beginning to emerge as well and Ringlet have been recorded at Breamore & Godshill.

A total of 534 butterflies were seen at a rate of 7.77/km. This compares very favourably with the last three years (0.90; 4.21; 2.18). May it well continue!

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	4	Janesmoor Plain	2
Badminton	5	Keeping Marsh	14
Barton Common	3	Kings Copse	59
Beaulieu Heath	9	Lepe	26
Blackwater	3	Mockbeggar	103
Breamore	46	Normandy Marsh	17
Broadley	18	Perrywood Ivy	
Dibden Bottom	36	Pignal	
Fields Heath	34	Pondhead	5
Frohawk	14	Pondhead Wood	5
Godshill	12	Rockford	26
Hasley	21	Standing Hat	14
Hawkhill	3	Studland Common	13
Holmsley	10	Vales Moor	2
Ibsley	3	Warren Farm	23
Janesmoor	4		

Meadow Brown have increased from 15 to 246 in a week, and Silver-studded Blue from 9 to 97.

We seem to have lost Green Hairstreak, but a lone Orange-tip turned up at Blackwater.

Hopefully another good week for White Admiral ahead and numbers should also be boosted with more Silver-washed Fritillary and Ringlet on the wing.

Marbled White are flying now and Gatekeeper will be along very soon.

### Information

If you are going to have problems walking your route, don't forget there are a number of recorders prepared to do 'Back-ups', so let us know as early as possible. With numbers now beginning to rise dramatically it is going to take you longer to walk your route.

Please ensure you start early in order not to overrun the acceptable finish time of 15.45.

Images



Large Skipper – John Levell



Silver Washed Fritillary – Allan Orme





Silver studded Blue – Bob Annell



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