

New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 12

Another massive leap in numbers this week although Janesmoor Plain returned a zero and only one butterfly was recorded at Blackwater. A total of 2248 at a rate of 30.13/km, which is over four times the rate of last week and nearing ten times that recorded for the same Week in 2016!

Sixteen different species were seen at Breamore and twelve at Mockbeggar. Even Acres Down had seven different species.

At last the heathland sites are proving their worth!

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	56	Janesmoor Plain	0
Badminston	54	Keeping Marsh	37
Barton Common	16	Kings Copse	110
Beaulieu Heath	123	Lepe	94
Blackwater	1	Mockbeggar	216
Breamore	374	Normandy Marsh	71
Broadley	13	Perrywood Ivy	56
Dibden Bottom	180	Pignal	40
Fields Heath	80	Pondhead	23
Frohawk	27	Pondhead Wood	32
Godshill	18	Rockford	125
Hasley	47	Standing Hat	29
Hawkhill	44	Studland Common	43
Holmsley	23	Vales Moor	82
Ibsley	27	Warren Farm	186
Janesmoor	9		

Species	Count	Species	Count
Meadow Brown	904	Large White	8
Silver-studded Blue	623	Comma	7
Ringlet	186	Common Blue	5
Large Skipper	104	Small Tortoiseshell	3
Small Heath	95	Painted Lady	2
Marbled White	77		
Speckled Wood	57		
Silver-washed Fritillary	55		
White Admiral	30		
Small/Essex Skipper	25		
Brimstone	22		
Small White	17		
Red Admiral	15		

Information

We should have mentioned last week that in very hot weather, it is better to start early as butterflies (together with most insects) may go to ground when it gets very hot and often stay there until the evening.

If you would like to join us for the Small/Essex Skipper ID day on 15th July, then please let us know as soon as possible.

Images



Clouded Buff Moth – Chris Humphries



Painted Lady – Eric Read



Ringlet – John Levell



Marbled White – Michael Barnes