

New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 14

Another good week, 5514 butterflies in total which is 73.9/km, once again the highest the group has ever recorded.

Gatekeepers are not out in great numbers. White Admirals are coming to the end. Silver-studded Blue have reached their peak but still no Grayling on our routes.

The Brockenhurst routes are dominated by Silver-washed Fritillary, Large Skipper & Ringlet. A large number of Essex Skippers were seen at Normandy Marsh.

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	29	Janesmoor Plain	41
Badminton	86	Keeping Marsh	72
Barton Common	33	Kings Copse	194
Beaulieu Heath	25	Lepe	142
Blackwater	71	Mockbeggar	744
Breamore	661	Normandy Marsh	243
Broadley	63	Perrywood Ivy	614
Dibden Bottom	27	Pignal	283
Fields Heath	188	Pondhead	124
Frohawk	446	Pondhead Wood	218
Godshill	35	Rockford	72
Hasley	82	Standing Hat	366
Hawkhill	124	Studland Common	116
Holmsley	77	Vales Moor	42
Ibsley	33	Warren Farm	120
Janesmoor	143		

Species	Count	Species	Count
Meadow Brown	1936	Small Skipper	28
Ringlet	1161	Green-veined White	27
Large Skipper	583	White Admiral	26
Marbled White	370	Peacock	26
Silver-washed Fritillary	329	Essex Skipper	23
Small/Essex Skipper	209	Brimstone	19
Gatekeeper	198	Common Blue	10
Silver-studded Blue	184	Small Tortoiseshell	10
Small White	396	Dark Green Fritillary	10
Comma	84	Small Copper	4
Speckled Wood	50	Brown Argus	1
Large White	49		
Red Admiral	48		
Small Heath	33		

Information

Other news;

- 1 - Three Valezinas seen near Standing Hat.
- 2 - White-letter Hairstreak on Mockbeggar transect, the day after the walk.
- 3 - Purple Hairstreak at Studland Common but outside of the recording box.

Coming events:

- 1 15th July - If anyone else is going to the Small/Essex Skipper day at Linkenholt ? Please let us know.
- 2 19th July - We will be at The Swan, Lyndhurst from 6.30pm if anyone wants to join us to chat about the season so far. Nothing formal!
- 3 22nd July - ID walk from Standing Hat Car Park. About 2 or 3 hours. We're hoping that some Team Leaders/experienced recorders will join us to help newcomers with their ID skills.



Images

Valezina – Keith Brook



White-letter Hairstreak – John Levell



Essex Skippers – Trevor Bumfrey