

## New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 18

Another major dip in numbers this week and with the rain we have had it is difficult to imagine anything but further declines.

2693 butterflies in total, a density of 36/km, 30% down on last week and even less than the same week last year.

Gatekeeper by far the most abundant and still a few Silver-studded Blue around.

Once again, all recorded Brown Argus were at Mockbeggar, also both Clouded Yellow sightings.

To date, a total of thirty-five different species have been recorded on our routes this year.

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	21	Janesmoor Plain	51
Badminton	89	Keeping Marsh	61
Barton Common	39	Kings Copse	77
Beaulieu Heath	44	Lepe	89
Blackwater	12	Mockbeggar	338
Breamore	223	Normandy Marsh	18
Broadley	24	Perrywood Ivy	394
Dibden Bottom	39	Pignal	68
Fields Heath	154	Pondhead	48
Frohawk	161	Pondhead Wood	39
Godshill	13	Rockford	83
Hasley	62	Standing Hat	69
Hawkhill	122	Studland Common	
Holmsley	53	Vales Moor	8
Ibsley	21	Warren Farm	91
Janesmoor	80		

Species	Count	Species	Count
Gatekeeper	1163	Grayling	18
Meadow Brown	852	Holly Blue	13
Speckled Wood	133	Silver-studded Blue	8
Silver-washed Fritillary	97	Brown Argus	8
Common Blue	75	Small Skipper	5
Red Admiral	50	Green-veined White	5
Ringlet	45	Painted Lady	3
Small/Essex Skipper	39	Small Heath	3
Large White	33	Clouded Yellow	2
Large Skipper	27	Small Tortoiseshell	1
Brimstone	27	Dark Green Fritillary	1
Small White	23		
Comma	23		
Peacock	21		
Small Copper	18		

### Images



Common Blue at Breamore – Chris Humphries



Meadow Brown at Janesmoor Plain – Cathy Dyason



Gatekeeper at Dibden Bottom – Mandy Smith