

BUTTERFLIES IN 1972

During 1972 an attempt was made to record all species of butterflies seen on each day, with some estimation of abundance. In the following complete list, Holly Blue has not previously been recorded on Lundy. Six species that have been recorded in earlier years were not seen, namely: Orange Tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*), Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni*), Comma (*Polygonia c-album*), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (*Clossiana selene*), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (*Clossiana euphrosyne*), Brown Argus (*Aricia agestis*).

Large White (*Pieris brassicae*). Recorded from 14th May to 7th October, abundant from July to September.

Small White (*Pieris rapae*). Recorded from 15th April to 22nd May, during July when numerous, with a single late flier on 1st September.

Green-veined White (*Pieris napi*). Only recorded on 9th July when several in Millcombe.

Peacock (*Inachis io*). One seen on 14th April and several next day, then from 3rd August to 27th September, never common, and one late flier on 18th December.

Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*). Recorded from 14th July to 23rd October never more than a few.

Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*). This immigrant species was recorded from 19th July to 28th October, usually only a few, but many from 26th July to 3rd August and on 26th and 27th September.

Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae*). Recorded from 9th April to 10th May and from 3rd to 27th September, never more than a few.

Grayling (*Hipparchia semele*). Recorded from early August to 4th September, usually abundant.

Meadow Brown (*Maniola jurtina*). Recorded from 5th July to 1st September, usually abundant.

Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus*). Recorded from 1st July to late August usually abundant.

Gatekeeper (*Pyronia tithonus*). Only positively identified from 8th to 20th August, in small numbers, but probably flew for a longer period.

Small Heath (*Coenonympha pamphilus*). Recorded from 11th June to 1st September, usually abundant.

Small Copper (*Lycaena phlaeas*). Recorded from 18th May to 28th June and from 25th August to 4th September, never more than a few.

Holly Blue (*Celastrina argiolus*). Several seen from 2nd to 9th May and one on 15th June, all on the East Sidelands.

Common Blue (*Polyommatus icarus*). Singles on 18th April and 9th July and several from 28th August to 4th September, all on the East Sidelands.

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