

**FIELD TRIPS** (species lists in order of first appearance)

**May 22 Martin Down**

Ten people arrived, all were BNSS members. 10 species of butterfly were seen, including a rare glimpse of Marsh Fritillary. 8 species of macro and 4 species of micro moths were seen and identified. A large number of Roman snails were also seen, in the usual area, on the Kit's Grave side of the road.

Butterflies

- (1) Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*, x2 plus eggs found
- (2) Green-veined White, *Pieris napi*, x1.
- (3) Peacock, *Inachis io*, x1
- (4) Small White, *Pieris rapae*, x1
- (5) Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*, x1
- (6) Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*, x1
- (7) Dingy Skipper, *Erynnis tages*, x5
- (8) Marsh Fritillary, *Euphydryas aurinia*, x1
- (9) Small Blue, *Cupido minimus*, x1
- (10) Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*, x1

Macro moths

- (1) White-pinion Spotted, *Lomographa bimaculata*, x1
- (2) Scarlet Tiger, *Callimorpha dominula*, x1 (larva )
- (3) Small Purple-barred, *Phytometra viridaria*, x1
- (4) Drinker moth, *Euthrix potatoria*, x1 (larva)
- (5) Cinnabar, *Tyria jacobaea*, x1
- (6) Burnet Companion, *Euclidia glyphica*, x1
- (7) Silver-ground Carpet, *Xanthorhoe montanata*, x1
- (8) Small Argent and Sable, *Epirrhoe tristata*, x1

Micro moths

- (1) Hemp Agrimony Plume, *Adaina microdactyla*, x1
- (2) *Anania fuscalis*, x1
- (3) Nettle Tap, *Anthophila fabriciana*, x1
- (4) Goldenrod Plume, *Platiptilia calodactyla*, x1

**June 26 Martin Down**

21 people turned up, on this joint meeting with Butterfly Conservation. 9 were BC members, 12 were BNSS. 15 species of butterflies were seen including larvae, 10 species of larger moths and 1 species of micro moths were identified and recorded.

Butterflies

- (1) Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*, x5+
- (2) Marbled White, *Melanargia galathea*, x6
- (3) Dark Green Fritillary, *Argynnis aglaja*
- (4) Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*, x3
- (5) Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*, x3
- (6) Large Skipper, *Ochlodes venata*, x2 29

- (7) Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta* (larvae)
- (8) Peacock, *Inachis io*, (larvae)
- (9) Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*, (larvae)
- (10) Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*, x1
- (11) Adonis Blue, *Lysandra bellarus*
- (12) Ringlet, *Aphantopus hyperantus*, x4
- (13) Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*, x1
- (14) Large White, *Pieris brassicae*, x1
- (15) Small Skipper, *Thymelicus sylvestris*, x1.

Macro moths

- (1) Five-spot Burnet, *Zygaena trifolii*, (larvae and cocoons)
- (2) Common Heath, *Ematurga atomaria*, x3
- (3) Silver Y, *Autographa gamma*, x2
- (4) Burnet Companion, *Euclidia glyphica*, x1
- (5) Yellow Shell, *Camptogramma bilineata*, x1
- (6) Chimney Sweeper, *Odezia atrata*, x1
- (7) Vapourer, *Orgyria antiqua* (larva)
- (8) Puss, *Cerura vinula*, (larvae x6)
- (9) Scarlet Tiger, *Callimorpha dominula*, x2
- (10) Cinnabar, *Tyria jacobaea*.

Micro moths

- (1) Brown Plume, *Stenoptila pterodactyla*, x3.

**July 31 Martin Down**

18 people arrived initially (3 were non-members) and most stayed for lunch and the afternoon continuation to the Kit's Grave side of the road. We recorded 19 species of butterfly, but only 2 species of larger moths and 1 of micro moths, unusually low for this site in high summer.

Butterflies

- (1) Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*, x2
- (2) Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*, x many
- (3) Small Skipper, *Thymelicus sylvestris*, x1
- (4) Gatekeeper, *Pyronia tithonus*, x2
- (5) Marbled White, *Melanargia galathea*, x4
- (6) Clouded Yellow, *Colias croceus*, x2
- (7) Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*, x5+
- (8) Small White, *Pieris rapae*, x2
- (9) Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*, x2
- (10) Dark Green Fritillary, *Argynnis aglaja*, x2
- (11) Essex Skipper, *Thymelicus lineola*, x1
- (12) Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*, x1
- (13) Chalkhill blue, *Lysandra coridon*, x1
- (14) Green-veined White, *Pieris napi*, x1
- (15) Ringlet, *Aphantopus hyperantus*, x many
- (16) Silver-washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia*, x3
- (17) White Admiral, *Limenitis camilla*, x1
- (18) Peacock, *Inachis io*, x2
- (19) Large White, *Pieris brassicae* 30

Macro Moths

- (1) Six-spot Burnet, *Zygaena filipendulae*, x3
- (2) Cinnabar, *Tyria jacobaea*

Micro Moths

- (1) *Pyrausta purpuralis*

**August 14 Martin Down, Sillers Lane end**

14 turned up for this BNSS walk (4 were non-members) though there was a simultaneous Butterfly Conservation walk at the same place and time. 16 species of butterflies were seen including just one of our main target species, the Silver-spotted Skipper. 6 species of macro and 2 of micro moths were identified.

Butterflies

- (1) Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*, x many
- (2) Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*, x4
- (3) Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*, x2
- (4) Dark Green Fritillary, *Argynnis aglaja*, x2
- (5) Small White, *Pieris rapae*, x1
- (6) Large White, *Pieris brassicae*, x1
- (7) Brown Argus, *Aricia agestis*, x2
- (8) Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*, x1
- (9) Small Skipper, *Thymelicus sylvestris*, x1
- (10) Peacock, *Inachis io*, x2
- (11) Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*, x1
- (12) Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*, x1
- (13) Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*, x1
- (14) Gatekeeper, *Pyronia tithonus*, x3
- (15) Silver-spotted Skipper, *Hesperia comma*, x1
- (16) Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*, x1

Macro moths:

- (1) Shaded Broad-bar, *Scotopteryx chenopodiata*, x3
- (2) Silver Y, *Autographa gamma*, x3
- (3) Six-spot Burnet, *Zygaena filipendulae*
- (4) Lead Belle, *Scotopteryx mucronata*, x1
- (5) Orange Swift (dark form of female), *Hepialus sylvina*, x1
- (6) Cinnabar, *Tyria jacobaea*, x3

Micro moths

- (1) *Agriphila tristella*, x1
- (2) *Agapeta zoegana*, x1.

Throughout the summer several mothings were organised at both Martin Down and Bentley Woods at which a few members of the BNSS were present, the records for these are available for anyone interested, but I will not list them here due to lack of space.

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