

Butterflies & Moths - species seen in Selsdon Wood

We have a booklet entitled "Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve - Its history and Management: Some records of Flora and Fauna" which was produced in 1978 by Jack Penry-Jones on behalf of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. This contains a list of "Macro-lepidoptera" (butterflies and moths)" recorded by E H Wild prior to publication in 1978. These are indicated by a Y in the 1978 column but Mr. Wild's list includes around 200 more species (mostly moths) than we have seen and shown on this chart.

The dates in the other columns show first sightings in any one year. Dates in 2012 are drawn from Ted Forsyth's transects and other dates prior to 2018 are drawn from website photographs. In 2018, moths seen on 11th July were caught on the test of the new moth trap and those on 19th July during the Bat & Moth Walk.

Species are listed in the same order as they are shown on the FSW website. Only the English names are given here (except in the few cases of moths with no English name) although the Latin names are given on the website. **Red text shows species (or varieties) seen for the first time this year.**

From 2022 the initials of the person making the sighting are given - Valerie Baldry (VB), Daniel Bound (DB), Steve Budd (SB), Ruth Budd (RB), Connor Church (CC), Chris Green (CG), Tony Flecchia (TFI), Rosalyn Heaton (RH), Frank Kippin (FK), Annette Lawrence (AL), Lauren LeMasurier (LL), Stefan Morris (SM), Lucina Offer (LO) and Nicola Webster (NW). Daniel's sightings were made on his weekly transect (but not photographed), the two 2023 sightings marked * were seen on the annual Butterfly Walk on 8th July and the 2024 sightings marked * were seen on the Butterfly Walk on 29th June.

Whites & Yellows	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Brimstone	Y			30 Apr	6 Aug	8 Jun		26 Mar		24 Mar	19 Mar	9 Feb (SB)	24 Mar (RB)	14 Mar (RB)	9 Mar (NW)	24 Feb (RB) (m)
Clouded Yellow					4 Aug							26 Aug (RB)				
Green-Veined White	Y			11 May	4 Aug			21 Apr		23 Apr	18 Apr	15 Apr (RB)	20 May (RB)	11 Apr (DB)	4 Apr (DB)	7 May (RB)
Large White	Y			24 Jul	26 Jul			22 Apr		12 July	8 July	17 Apr (RB)	10 May (RB)	1 Sept (VB)	10 May (RB)	19 Apr (RB)
Orange Tip	Y		2/5/05	30 Apr	16 May	31 May		21 Apr		25 Apr	18 Apr	12 Apr (RB)	29 Apr (RB)	11 Apr (DB)	7 Apr (f) (SB)	6 Apr (LO)
Small White	Y			30 Apr	1 Jun					1 Jul	17 July	19 May (RB)	14 May (DB)	4 May (TFI)		10 Apr (RB)
Brush Foot Butterflies	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2017	2018		2020	2021	2022	2023		2025	
Comma	Y		19/7/11	22 May	16 May			5 May		22 Mar	19 Mar	15 Mar (RB)	3 Apr (CC)	16 Mar (RB)	6 Mar (SB)	25 Feb (TFI)
Dark Green Fritillary		First seen in 2020 - rare in this area								15 Jun	4 July					
Large Tortoiseshell, <i>Nymphalis polychlores</i>																17 Apr (LO)
Painted Lady		First seen in 2019							22 Aug		23 July	1 June (RB)		14 July (RB)	3 May (TFI)	9 May (RB)
Peacock	Y			30 Apr	7 Aug	26 Jun		14 Apr		24 Mar	25 Mar	15 Mar (RB)	4 Apr (LL)	16 Mar (RB)	9 Mar (NW)	24 Feb (RB)
Purple Emperor		First seen in 2020								12 July				28 June (RB)		
Red Admiral	Y		1/7/11							24 Mar	24 June	29 May (HG)	12 Mar (RB)	7 June (VB)	4 Apr (DB)	5 June (RB)
Silver Washed Fritillary	Y		1/7/11	21 July	12 Aug	3 Jul				2 July	24 June	27 June (RB)	26 June (DB)	10 July (RB)	13 June (RB)	
Silver Washed Fritillary var. valesina female															3 June (DB)	
Small Tortoiseshell	Y				23 Aug	10 Jun		5 Apr		19 Jun		23 Mar (RB)	4 Apr (DB)		8 Mar (TFI)	24 May (AL)
White Admiral	Y		1/7/11	28 Jun						6 July	8 July	16 June (RB)	26 June (DB)	29 June (RB) *	18 June (RB)	5 June (RB)
Browns and Ringlets	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022				
Gatekeeper				11 Aug	4 Aug					27 Jun	17 July	17 July (RB)	28 June (RB)	12 July (RB)	3 July (RB)	
Marbled White				21 Jul	12 Jul					20 Jun	30 Jun	18 June (RB)	26 June (RB)	29 June (RB) *	11 June (RB)	
Meadow Brown	Y			12 Jul	27 Jul					7 Jun	13 Jun	3 June (RB)	7 June (RB)	12 June (RB)	29 May (RB)	27 May (LO)
Small Heath	Y			28 Jun	18 Jun				31 May	27 Jun	13 Jun	19 May (RB)	14 June (DB)	12 June (RB)	28 Apr (RB)	23 May (RB)
Speckled Wood	Y			28 Jun	31 May			1 May		23 Apr	7 May	13 Apr (RB)	30 Apr (RB)	15 Apr (RB)	4 Apr (DB)	19 Apr (RB)
Ringlet	Y			21 Jul						28 Jun	4 July	19 June	26 June (DB)	19 Apr (TFI)	23 June (TFI)	

Blues, Hairstreaks & Coppers	1978	Notes	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022						
Brown Hairstreak						July			11 Aug	14 Aug	26 Aug (RB)		23 Aug (RB)	28 July (RB)			
Brown Argus				3 Aug	13 Aug				15 July	4 July	23 July (RB)						
Common Blue	Y			8 Aug					17 May	31 May	22 May (RB)	4 June (RB)	23 May (VB)	2 May (DB)	23 Apr (TFI)		
Small Blue		Seen on the BB									16 June (RB)	23 May (RB)		17 May (RB)	21 May (SM)		
Green Hairstreak														12 May (RB)			
Holly Blue	Y		2 Jun			13 Apr	5 May		6 July	9 May	15 Apr (RB)	28 Apr (RB)	13 Apr (TFI)	17 Apr (SB)	6 Apr (LO)		
Purple Hairstreak	Y		19 Jul						29 July	11 July	9 July (DB)	1 July (RB)	17 July (RB)	1 July (RB)			
Small Copper	Y		11 Aug	9 Aug					12 July	7 May	17 July (RB)	7 June (DB)	28 July (RB)	2 May (DB)	26 Apr (SM)		
White-letter Hairstreak										16 July							
Skippers	1978	Notes	2010	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				
Small Essex Skipper			24 Jul										8 July (DB)*				
Dingy Skipper	Y								31 May			8 May (RB)	30 May (DB)	7 May (RB)	2 May (RB)		
Large Skipper	Y		30 Jul	12 Jul						23 Jun	23 Jun	11 June (RB)	19 June (DB)	29 June (RB) *	29 May (RB)		
Small Skipper	Y		29/6/10								23 July		8 July (DB)*	14 July (SB)	23 June (TFI)		
													2023				
Nepticulidae													2023				
Black Headed Pigmy Moth, Stigmella atricapitella													28 May (TFI)				
Golden Pigmy, Stigmella aurella – leaf mine													21 Sept	9 Feb (TFI)	9 Aug (TFI)	11 Apr (TFI)	7 Apr (TFI)
Coarse Hazel Pigmy, Stigmella floslactella															1 Aug (TFI)		
Scarce Maple Pigmy Moth, Stigmella aceris															21 Aug (TFI)		
Erebidae	1978	Notes	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024				
Black Arches Moth	Y			7 Aug					20 Aug		20 July (HG)		16 Aug (TFI)				
Blackneck Moth		Woodland															
Buff Ermine Moth	Y				3 Jul		11 Jul				23 May (TFI)						
Buff Footman, Eilema depressa										3 Aug							
Burnet Companion Moth			29 May	1 Jun				6 June		31 May	21 May (SB)	27 May (RB)	21 May (RB)	12 May (RB)	21 May (RB)		
Cinnabar Moth		Caterpillar seen 2014/2015 - Moth seen 2020			19 Jul				21 Jun					27 June (LO)			
Common Footman Moth							11 Jul										
Jersey Tiger Moth				17 Aug	14 Aug					28 Aug		8 Aug (FK)	16 Aug (RB)	2 Aug (RB)			
Mother Shipton Moth, Euclidia mi											19 May (SB)	17 June (HG)		2 May (RB)	21 May (RB)		
Pale Tussock Moth Larva, Calliteara pudibunda												1 Oct (TFo)					
Rosy Footman Moth, Miltochrista miniata												16 Aug (TFI)	1 Aug (RB)				
Ruby Tiger							19 Jul										
The Snout - Hypena proboscidalis										20 Sep							
The Vapourer, Orgyia antiqua														8 Aug (RB)			
White Ermine Moth	Y																
Yellow Tail Moth, Euproctis similis														4 June (TFI)			
Tortricidae	1978	Notes	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024				
Cnephasia asseclana		Flax Tortrix moth										31 May (RB)					
Cnephasia sp																	
Acleris forsskaeana							11 July										
Cnephasia longana																	
Grapholita internana		Gorse		10 Jun													
Green Oak Tortrix							19 Jul				2 June (RH)		16 June (RB)				
Large Fruit Tree Tortrix Moth		On trees				30 Apr				31 May		19 May (TFI)		27 June (TFI)			
Pammene aurana, Orange Spot Piercer										23 Jun	20 June (TFI)	3 July (TFI)					
Pammene spiniana																	

Brown Silverline Moth		<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>									19 June				31 May (TFI)	27 May (LO)
Common Carpet Moth		<i>Epirrhoe alternata</i>									12 June					
Common Marbled Carpet Moth		<i>Dysstroma truncata</i>									6 June					
Common White Wave		<i>Cabera pusaria</i>								12 July					13 June (RB)	
Cream Wave		<i>Scopula floslactata</i>					11 Jul		23 May				17 May (SB)		16 May (LO)	
Dwarf Cream Wave		<i>Idaea fuscovenosa</i>					11 July								9 May (TFI)	
Engrailed Moth	Y	<i>Ectropis crepuscularia</i>		20 Aug												
Geometer Moth or Inchworm		<i>Geometridae sp</i>									6 Sept					
Grass Rivulet		<i>Perizoma albulata</i>					27 May									
July Highflier	Y	<i>Hydriomena furcata</i>					19 Jul									
Lace Border Moth		<i>Scopula ornata</i>		20 Jun												
Large Emerald Moth	Y	<i>Geometra papilionaria</i>			13 Jul											
Least Carpet Moth		<i>Idaea rusticata</i>											14 July (TFI)	23 July (TFI)		
Light Emerald Moth,		<i>Campaea margaritaria</i>														24 May (HG)
Little Emerald		<i>Jodis lactearia</i>					11 July									
Mottled Grey, Colostygia multistrigaria														19 May (TFI)		
Mottled Umber		<i>Erannis defoliaria</i>														
Northern Winter Moth		<i>Operophtera fagata (male)</i>								3 Dec						
November Moth		<i>Epirrita dilutata</i>									14 Dec					
Old Lady		<i>Mormo maura</i>								12 Sept						
Orange Underwing	Y	<i>Archicaris parthenias</i>														19 Mar (RB)
Pale Brindled Beauty		<i>Phigalia pilosaria</i>											13 May (TFI)			
Pale Oak Beauty	Y	<i>Hypomecis punctinalis</i>				20 Jun				9 Sept			13 July (TFI)			
Phoenix Moth		<i>Eulithis prunata</i>				17 Jul										
Riband Wave	Y	<i>Idaea aversata</i>														
Scalloped Hazel Moth,		<i>Odontopera bidentata</i>														11 May (CG)
Scalloped Oak Moth		<i>Crocallis elinguaris</i>				24 July				9 June						
Scorched Carpet Moth		<i>Ligdia adustata</i>						24 May					15 Aug (TFI)			
Single Dotted Wave		<i>Idaea dimidiata</i>									19 June					
Small Fan-footed Wave		<i>Idaea biselata</i>					11 July						16 July (TFI)		16 Aug (RB)	
Small Grass Emerald			6/7/06													
Small White Wave	Y	<i>Asthenes albulata</i>														
Speckled Yellow		<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>														2 May (LO)
The Seraphim		<i>Lobophora halterata</i>												15 Aug (TFI)		
The Streamer		<i>Anticlea derivata</i>									12 Apr (TFI)					
Treble Brown Spot Moth		<i>Idaea trigeminata</i>				20 Jun								30 June (TFI)		
White Pinion Spotted Moth	Y	<i>Lomographa bimaculata</i>		24 Jun												
White-spotted Pug, Eupithecia tripunctaria												21 July (TFI)				
Willow Beauty, Peribatodes rhomboidaria												6 Aug (TFI)	2 July (TFL)	18 Aug (TFI)		
Winter Moth, Operophtera brumata (larva)														12 May (TFI)		
Winter Moth, Operophtera brumata (female)														3 Sept (RB)		
Yellow Shell				6 Jul										18 Sept (TFI)	18 June (RB)	1 May (TFI) (I)
Zygaenidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2025		
Burnett Moth - 6 spot				4 Jul	12 Jul			11 Jul		20 July	26 July			23 July (RB)	17 July (RB)	25 June (RB)
Burnet Moth - 5 spot	Y	(Narrow Bordered)		15 Jul												
Pterophoridae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Beautiful Plume, Amblyptilia acanthadactyla											24 Sept	24 Aug (TFI)	6 Sept (TFI)			
Common Plume Moth				14 Mar										11 Apr (TFI)		

Large White Plume Moth														19 June (VB)		
Spotted White Plume Moth		Pterophorus galactodactyla					19 Jul					9 Aug (TFI)				
Gracillariidae	1978	Notes	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		2025		
Gold-bent Midget Moth, Phyllonorycter roboris												19 Aug (TFI)				
Golden Apple Slender, Callisto denticulella,												6 July (TFI)				
Nut Leaf Blister Moth, Phyllonorycter coryli							26 June				27 Aug (TFI)	8 Oct (TFI)		26 June (TFI)		
Western Midget, Phyllonorycter muelleriella												7 Aug (TFI)				
Other Moths	1978	Notes	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Acrocercops brongniardella, (Leaf Mine)							18 June									
Alabonia geoffrella							20 May									
Ash Bud Moth							23 May									
Bagworm Moth Larval Case													5 Jun (TFI)	2 Aug (TFI)	22 May (TFI)	
Bee Moth, Aphomia sociella												28 June (TFI)			29 May (TFI)	
Brassy Long-horn Moth, Nemophora metallica														2 May (TFI)	24 Apr (TFI)	
Common Oak Purple Moth				15 Oct												
Degeers Longhorn Moth				16 Jun		4 Jun					9 June (HG)	2 June (SB)				
Diurnea fagella, March dagger moth		Larva hanging from tree									12 May (SB)					
Ectoedemia albifasciella						2 Sept										
Elephant Hawk Moth, Deilephila elpenor		Caterpillar only so far								27 Aug						
Esperia sulphurella							13 May								17 Apr (RB)	
Four Spotted Obscure, Oegoconia quadripuncta agg													4 July (TFI)			
Ghost Moth	Y										5 May (TFI) larv					
Green Longhorn, Adela reaumurella															17 Apr (RB)	
Green Silver-lines Moth	Y				30 Apr											
Hawthorn Moth																
Hazel Slender, Paronix devoniella												22 Oct (TFI)				
Hogweed Leaf Miner							1 July									
Hummingbird Hawkmoth		First seen in 2020							2 July							
Leaf Miner, <i>Stigmella basigutella</i> (mine)							13 July									
March Dagger Moth, Diurnia fagella																11 Mar (TFI)
Meadow Long-horn Moth, Cauchas rufimitrella			6 May	8 Jun						29 May	21 May (TFI)		13 Apr (TFI)	30 Apr (TFI)		
Nettle Tap Moth, Anthophila fabriciana				10 Jun						6 Sept	9 June (TFI)					
Oak Micromoth							15 May									
Orange Swift, Triodia sylvina													11 Aug (TFI)	25 Aug (TFI)	24 May (TFI) (f)	
Orchard Ermine Moth, Yponomeuta padella												15 June (TFI)				
Parsnip Moth, Depressaria radiella										7 June						
Pointed Groundling Moth, Scrobipalpa acuminatella												10 July (TFI)				
Rose Flounced Tabby							11 July									
Spruce argent, Argyresthia glabratella												28 June (TFI)				
Tachystola acroxantha, Australian Orange Tip															17 Sept (TFI)	
Tischeria ekebladella							19 July									
Woundwort Case Bearer, Coleophora lineolea													4 July (TFI)			