

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 seen for the first time this year.

From 2022 the initials of the person making the sighting are given - Steve Budd (SB), Tony Flecchia (TFI), Ruth Budd (RB), Connor Church (CC), Frank Kippin (FK), Lauren LeMasurier (LL) and Daniel Bound (DB). Daniel's sightings were made on his weekly transect and the two 2023 sightings marked * were seen on the annual Butterfly Walk on 8th July.

BUTTERFLIES															
Whites & Yellows	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brimstone	Y			30 Apr	6 Aug	8 Jun				26 Mar		24 Mar	19 Mar	9 Feb (SB)	24 Mar (RB)
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)
Large White	Y			24 Jul	26 Jul		18 Jul			22 Apr		12 July	8 July	17 Apr (RB)	10 May (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)
Small White	Y			30 Apr	1 Jun			4 Aug				1 Jul	17 July	19 May (RB)	14 May (DB)
Brush Foot Butterflies	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Comma	Y		19/7/11	22 May	16 May					5 May		22 Mar	19 Mar	15 Mar (RB)	3 Apr (CC)
Dark Green Fritillary		First seen in 2020 - rare in this area										15 Jun	4 July		
Painted Lady		First seen in 2019									22 Aug		23 July	1 June (RB)	
Peacock	Y			30 Apr	7 Aug	26 Jun				14 Apr		24 Mar	25 Mar	15 Mar (RB)	4 Apr (LL)
Purple Emperor		First seen in 2020										12 July			
Red Admiral	Y		1/7/11				31 Jul					24 Mar	24 June	29 May (HG)	12 Mar (RB)
Silver Washed Fritillary	Y		1/7/11	21 July	12 Aug	3 Jul						2 July	24 June	27 June (RB)	26 June (DB)
Small Tortoiseshell	Y				23 Aug	10 Jun	22 May			5 Apr		19 Jun		23 Mar (RB)	4 Apr (DB)
White Admiral	Y		1/7/11	28 Jun								6 July	8 July	16 June (RB)	26 June (DB)
Browns and Ringlets	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gatekeeper				11 Aug	4 Aug		1 Aug					27 Jun	17 July	17 July (RB)	28 June (RB)
Marbled White				21 Jul	12 Jul							20 Jun	30 Jun	18 June (RB)	26 June (RB)
Meadow Brown	Y			12 Jul	27 Jul		1 Jul					7 Jun	13 Jun	3 June (RB)	7 June (RB)
Small Heath	Y			28 Jun	18 Jun						31 May	27 Jun	13 Jun	19 May (RB)	14 June (DB)
Speckled Wood	Y			28 Jun	31 May					1 May		23 Apr	7 May	13 Apr (RB)	30 Apr (RB)
Ringlet	Y			21 Jul								28 Jun	4 July	19 June	26 June (DB)
Blues, Hairstreaks & Coppers	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brown Hairstreak									July			11 Aug	14 Aug	26 Aug (RB)	
Brown Argus					3 Aug	13 Aug	21 Jul					15 July	4 July	23 July (RB)	

Common Blue	Y				8 Aug							17 May	31 May	22 May (RB)	4 June (RB)	
Small Blue		Seen on the BB												16 June (RB)	23 May (RB)	
Green Hairstreak																
Holly Blue	Y			2 Jun					13 Apr	5 May		6 July	9 May	15 Apr (RB)	28 Apr (RB)	
Purple Hairstreak	Y			19 Jul								29 July	11 July	9 July (DB)	1 July (RB)	
Small Copper	Y			11 Aug	9 Aug							12 July	7 May	17 July (RB)	7 June (DB)	
White-letter Hairstreak													16 July			
Skippers	1978	Notes		2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Small Essex Skipper					24 Jul											8 July (DB)*
Dingy Skipper	Y							13 May				31 May			8 May (RB)	30 May (DB)
Large Skipper	Y				30 Jul	12 Jul							23 Jun	23 Jun	11 June (RB)	19 June (DB)
Small Skipper	Y			29/6/10										23 July		8 July (DB)*
MOTHS																
Nepticulidae																2023
Black Headed Pigmy Moth, <i>Stigmella atricapitella</i>																28 May (TFI)
Bramble Leaf Miner (Leaf Mine)													21 Sept	9 Feb (TFI)		9 Aug (TFI)
Coarse Hazel Pigmy, <i>Stigmella flosactella</i>																1 Aug (TFI)
Scarce Maple Pigmy Moth, <i>Stigmella aceris</i>																21 Aug (TFI)
Erebidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Black Arches Moth	Y				7 Aug							20 Aug		20 July (HG)		
Blackneck Moth		Woodland					16 Jun									
Buff Ermine Moth	Y					3 Jul					11 Jul				23 May (TFI)	
Buff Footman, <i>Eilema depressa</i>													3 Aug			
Bumet Companion Moth				29 May	1 Jun							6 June	31 May	21 May (SB)		27 May (RB)
Cinnabar Moth		Caterpillar seen 2014/2015 - Moth seen 2020				19 Jul	1 Aug					21 Jun				
Common Footman Moth											11 Jul					
Jersey Tiger Moth					17 Aug	14 Aug							28 Aug			8 Aug (FK)
Mother Shipton Moth, <i>Euclidia mi</i>														19 May (SB)		17 June (HG)
Pale Tussock Moth Larva, <i>Calliteara pudibunda</i>																1 Oct (TFo)
Rosy Footman Moth, <i>Mitochondria miniata</i>																16 Aug (TFI)
Ruby Tiger						30 Jul				19 Jul						
The Snout - <i>Hypena proboscidalis</i>													20 Sep			
White Ermine Moth	Y						6 Aug									
Tortricidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<i>Cnephasia asseclana</i>		Flax Tortrix moth												31 May (RB)		
<i>Cnephasia</i> sp								12 Aug								
<i>Acleris forsskaleana</i>										11 July						
<i>Cnephasia longana</i>								12 Aug								
<i>Grapholita internana</i>		Gorse			10 Jun											
Green Oak Tortrix										19 Jul						
Large Fruit Tree Tortrix Moth		On trees					14 May		30 Apr				31 May			19 May (TFI)
<i>Pammene aurana</i> , Orange Spot Piercer							19 Jun						23 Jun	20 June (TFI)		3 July (TFI)
<i>Pammene spiniana</i>							16 Jun									
Small Spruce Bell, <i>Epinotia nanana</i>											18 July					
White Cloaked Shoot, <i>Gypsonoma sociana</i>														12 July (TFI)		
Crambidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<i>Anania lancealis</i>										8 Aug						
Box Tree Moth, <i>Cydalima perspectalis</i>											22 July		12 Sept			28 June (TFI)

Dark-inlaid Grass Veneer, <i>Crambus lathoniellus</i>										1 June						1 June (TFI)
Dusky Pearl moth, <i>Udea prunalis</i>																9 June (TFI)
Elbow-stripe Grass-veneer, <i>Agriphila geniculea</i>																24 Aug (TFI) 21 Aug (TFI)
Garden Grass Veneer Moth										7 Jun						3 June (SB)
Grass Moth, <i>Agriphila straminella</i>										July/Aug						8 Aug 17 July 2 Aug (TFI) 9 Aug (TFI)
Grass Veneer Moth																17 July
Hook Streak Grass Veneer, <i>Crambus lathoniellus</i>																10 June 5 July (TFI)
Inlaid Grass Veneer, <i>Crambus pascuella</i>																27 Aug (TFI)
Platytes cerussella																19 July
Scoparia ambigua																7 July
Small Magpie	Y															30 Jul
Straw Grass Veneer moth, <i>Agriphila straminella</i>																10 July (TFI)
Yellow Satin Grass Veneer																15 Jul 30 May 25 Aug (TFI)
Noctuidae		Notes														2022
Antler Moth																Jul
The Clay Moth																30 Jul
Coronet Moth																11 Jul 16 July (TFI)
Double Square Spot Moth																11 Jul
Dun-bar Moth																19 Jul
Dusky Brocade Moth - <i>Apamea remissa</i> , var. <i>obtusa</i>																27 June (TFI) 17 May (RB)
Flame-shoulder Moth																19 Jul
Green Brindled Crescent																28 Oct
Hebrew Character Moth	Y															12 Jun
Knot Grass Moth																21 May
Large Yellow Underwing																27 April 13 Sept (TFI)
Marbled Minor Moth	Y															23 Jun
Mottled Rustic, <i>Caradrina morpheus</i>																30 Sep 3 Oct (TFI)
Small Quaker Moth	Y															6 Jun
Small Square-spot, <i>Diarsia rubi</i>																3 Oct (TFI)
Southern Brindled Moth																16 Jun
Silver Y Moth	Y															14 Aug 20 May
Small Yellow Underwing																First seen in 2021 20 May 12 May (SB)
Square-spotted Clay																18 July
Square-spot Rustic, <i>Xestia xanthographa</i>																13 Sept (TFI)
The Rustic - <i>Hoplodrina blanda</i>																9 Sept 17 Aug (TFI) 17 Aug (TFI)
Geometridae	1978	Notes														2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022
Blue Bordered Carpet Moth		<i>Plemyria rubiginata</i>														12 July
Brimstone Moth	Y	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>														14 Aug 14 Aug 21 July (HG)
Brown Silverline Moth		<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>														19 June
Common Carpet Moth		<i>Epirhoe alternata</i>														12 June
Common Marbled Carpet Moth		<i>Dysstroma truncata</i>														6 June
Common White Wave		<i>Cabera pusaria</i>														12 July
Cream Wave		<i>Scopula floslactata</i>														11 Jul 23 May 17 May (SB)
Dwarf Cream Wave																11 July
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>														30 Jul 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)	
Little Emerald		<i>Jodis lactearia</i>							11 July						
Mottled Grey, <i>Colostygia multistrigaria</i>														19 May (TFI)	
Mottled Umber		<i>Erannis defoliaria</i>				29 Aug									
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>Archiearis parthenias</i>				24 Apr									
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>				30 Jul									
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, var. fimbriolata</i>							11 July					16 July (TFI)	
Small Grass Emerald			6/7/06												
Small White Wave	Y	<i>Asthena albulata</i>						16 Aug							
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, <i>Eupithecia tripunctaria</i>														21 July (TFI)	
Willow Beauty, <i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>													6 Aug (TFI)	2 July (TFL)	
Yellow Shell				6 Jul											
Zygaenidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Burnett Moth - 6 spot				4 Jul	12 Jul	22 Jul				11 Jul		20 July	26 July		23 July (RB)
Burnet Moth – 5 spot	Y	(Narrow Bordered)		15 Jul											
Pterophoridae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Beautiful Plume, <i>Amblyptilia acanthadactyla</i>													24 Sept	24 Aug (TFI)	6 Sept (TFI)
Common Plume Moth				14 Mar											11 Apr (TFI)
Large White Plume Moth								3 Jul							
Spotted White Plume Moth		<i>Pterophorus galactodactyla</i>								19 Jul				9 Aug (TFI)	
Gracillariidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gold-bent Midget Moth, <i>Phyllonorycter roboris</i>															19 Aug (TFI)
Golden Apple Slender, <i>Callisto denticulella</i> ,															6 July (TFI)
Nut Leaf Blister Moth, <i>Phyllonorycter coryli</i>										26 June				27 Aug (TFI)	8 Oct (TFI)
Western Midget, <i>Phyllonorycter muelleriella</i>															7 Aug (TFI)
Other Moths	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Acrocercops brongiardiella, (Leaf Mine)										18 June					
Alabonia geoffrella										20 May					
Ash Bud Moth										23 May					
Bee Moth, <i>Aphomia sociella</i>															28 June (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, <i>Deilephila elpenor</i>		Caterpillar only so far											27 Aug		

Esperia sulphurella										13 May					
Ghost Moth	Y						23 May								5 May (TFI) larv
Green Silver-lines Moth	Y					30 Apr									
Hawthorn Moth							11 Aug								
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					
Brassy Long-horn Moth, <i>Nemophora metallica</i>							17 Jul								
Degeers Longhorn Moth, <i>Nemophora degeerella</i>					16 June				4 June						9 June (HG)
Meadow Long-horn Moth, <i>Cauchas rufimitrella</i>			6 May	8 Jun								29 May			21 May (TFI)
Nettle Tap Moth, <i>Anthophila fabriciana</i>				10 Jun								6 Sept			9 June (TFI)
Oak Micromoth										15 May					
Orchard Ermine Moth, <i>Yponomeuta padella</i>															15 June (TFI)
Parsnip Moth, <i>Depressaria radiella</i>												7 June			
Pointed Groundling Moth, <i>Scrobipalpa acuminatella</i>															10 July (TFI)
Rose Flounced Tabby										11 July					
Spruce argent, <i>Argyresthia glabratella</i>															28 June (TFI)
Tischeria ekebladella										19 July					