

BUTTERFLIES OF EARLHAM CEMETERY, NORWICH

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This list of butterflies (order Lepidoptera, superfamilies Hesperioidea and Papilionoidea) found in the Cemetery is a work in progress and will be updated as new information comes in.

Records are from 1992 onwards.

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Species	Comments
Small Skipper, <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	Recorded in July 2015. Previously one definite record, in 1997. Species has probably been overlooked as it is superficially similar to the Essex Skipper.
Essex Skipper, <i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	Seen 2006 onwards in small numbers.
Large Skipper, <i>Ochlodes faunus</i>	Observed most years.
Brimstone, <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Observed most years in spring. Recent record: male 23/03/16 (CP), 08/05/16 (JC).
Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Observed every year.
Small White, <i>Pieris rapae</i>	Observed every year.
Green-veined White, <i>Pieris napi</i>	Observed most years.
Orange-tip, <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	Observed every year, including 2016 (CP, JC).
Purple Hairstreak, <i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>	Found in July to August at tops of large oak trees. Seen annually since 2007 but undoubtedly a long established previously overlooked resident.
Small Copper, <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Formerly more numerous but usually only seen as singletons in recent years. Recorded every year from 2007 to 2012 and in 2014. One record in June, otherwise July/August. Sites are east and west of the Burial Chapel and has been found in area close to Farrow Road.
Brown Argus, <i>Aricia agestis</i>	Occasional. First recorded in mid nineties when the species also began to colonise a number of other Norwich area sites. Most recent records are of singletons - July 2007 and July 2010 in areas east and north of burial chapel and also July 2013 and early August 2014, 2015.
Common Blue, <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Formerly more numerous but usually only seen as singletons in recent years. Recorded from 2007-2010 in July and August. Maximum 2 males July 2010. Sites are open grassland east and north of Burial Chapel.

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Holly Blue, <i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Observed most years, including April & May 2016 (CP, JC).
Red Admiral, <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Migrant; has also overwintered in recent years. Observed most years.
Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Migrant. Seen most years but especially those where there has been a strong influx such as 1996, 2009.
Small Tortoiseshell, <i>Aglais urticae</i>	Formerly common but now in decline in southern Britain. Seen every year until 2005 but more occasional until 2013 & 2014, when numbers increased again. Recent records: 23/03/16 & 13/04/16 (CP).
Peacock, <i>Inachis io</i>	Observed most years. Recent records: 11/04/16, 13/04/16 & 03/05/16 (CP).
Comma, <i>Polygonia c-album</i>	Observed most years. Larvae have been found on elm in the Cemetery although nettle is mostly used.
Silver-washed Fritillary, <i>Argynnis paphia</i>  Photo: Sandy Lockwood	One male seen and photographed on 15 th August 2015 by group members on the regular monthly walk around the Cemetery. First spotted by Thea Nicholls. Our largest fritillary. This species has been increasing its range in recent years and was recorded in Heigham Park in Norwich in 2010.
Speckled Wood, <i>Pararge aegeria</i>	Observed every year. Colonised Cemetery in mid eighties during a rapid expansion of range within the county. In mild autumns has been recorded as late as mid November. Recent record: 07/05/16 (CP).
Wall, <i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Former resident. Last recorded 1995. In decline in central, southern and eastern England and no longer found in Norwich, where it used to be quite common.
Gatekeeper, <i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	Observed every year.
Meadow Brown, <i>Maniola jurtina</i>	Observed every year.
Ringlet, <i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	Seen in 1996 and then present every year from 2004.

The UK Butterflies website, www.ukbutterflies.co.uk, is a useful online source of information on our butterflies.