

Woodcote Conservation Group, Butterfly Walk 2020

Due to the COVID situation, the annual butterfly walk will not be proceeding this weekend (18th July). Instead the wider WCG membership is invited to do their own self-guided butterfly walk during the rest of July 2020 to see what species can be seen. The suggested route starts at the Catholic Church, walking down South Stoke Road, following the edge of Dean Wood, and then joining the footpath that runs towards the A4074. The return route follows the footpath through Dean Wood. It is recommended to spend the majority of time in the wilder area denoted by 'A' on the map. (The section on South Stoke road can be avoided, if preferred, by following any path through Dean Wood). Please send details of anything that you see to info@woodcotecg.org.uk, or if you need any assistance!



A Butterfly “pre-Walk” was carried out by Phil Roberts and Helen Walkington (as 2 members of a single household) on July 11th, when the weather was sunny with light winds, approx 20°C. In line with recent membership sightings, the number of Marbled Whites recorded on the pre-Walk was impressive. The other excitement centred around discriminating Brown Argus from female Common Blue, the former of which were in abundance close to point 'A'. This would have been impossible without the photos, and the help of https://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/species_similarities.php!

Species Observed

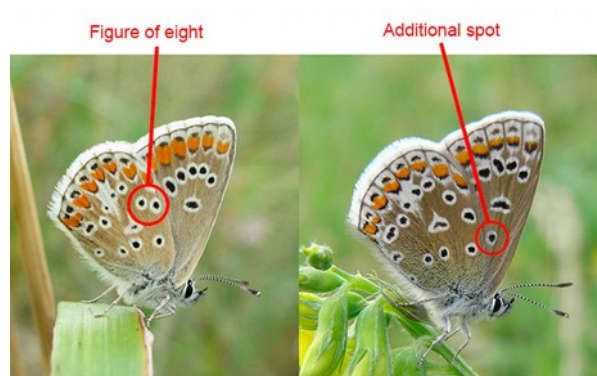
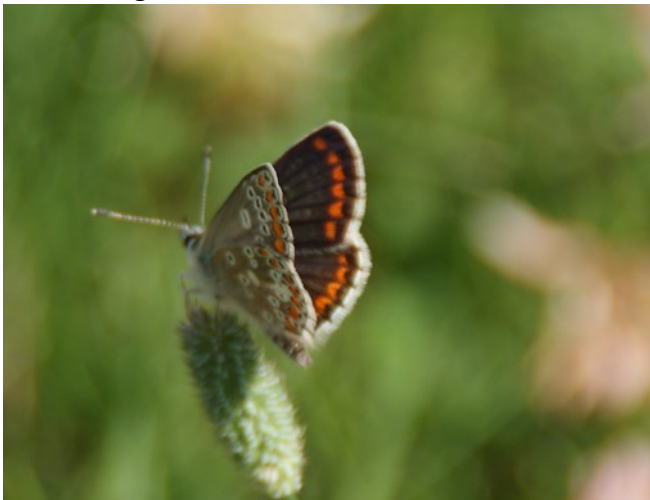
1. Comma
2. Marbled White
3. Large White
4. Small Skipper
5. Common Blue
6. Brown Argus
7. Meadow Brown
8. Gatekeeper
9. Ringlet
10. Speckled Wood

Photos from the “pre-Walk”

Common Blue (female): 1



Brown Argus: >10



Brown Argus (left) and Common Blue (right)

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Marbled White: >20, all looking a little ragged



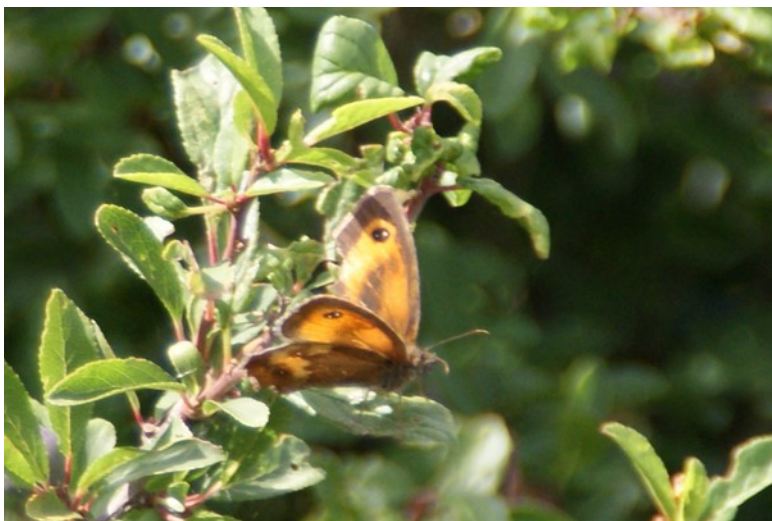
Ringlet: >10



Small Skipper: >10



Gatekeeper: >10



Meadow Brown: >20 (no photo)

Comma: 1 adjacent to Long Close (no photo)

Speckled Wood: 1 in Dean Wood (no photo)

Large White: >20 (no photo)