

Hawkshill Freedown Butterfly Transect Results Summer 2019

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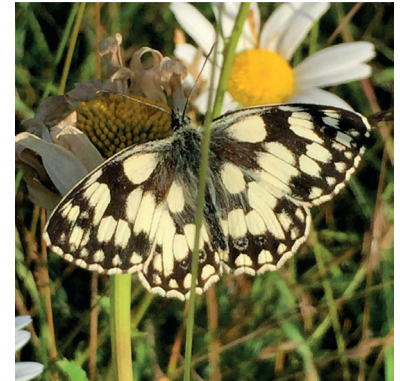
I started my transect walk late in July so figures for this month will be low, also the Freedown was mown early and this impacted on the species count due to lack of flowering plants and grasses.

Species recorded:

Marbled White (<i>Melanargia galathea</i>).....	10+
Meadow Brown (<i>Maniola jurtina</i>).....	8
Common Blue (<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>).....	8
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>).....	7
Small Heath (<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>).....	5
Gatekeeper (<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>).....	3
Small Copper (<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>).....	3
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>).....	3
Holly Blue (<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>).....	3
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>).....	2
Ringlet (<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>).....	2
Speckled Wood (<i>Pararge aegeria</i>).....	1
Large Skipper (<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>).....	1



Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*)



Marbled White (*Melanargia galathea*)

August 2019

I was away on holiday for a portion of August so I missed two weekends. However the Freedown struggled to return to its natural state in terms of flowering plants with most butterfly species seen on the margins where it hadn't been mown.

Species recorded:

Painted Lady (<i>Vanessa cardui</i>).....	10+
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>).....	10+
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>).....	10+
Meadow Brown (<i>Maniola jurtina</i>).....	9
Speckled Wood (<i>Pararge aegeria</i>).....	9
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>).....	9
Common Blue (<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>).....	9
Small Heath (<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>).....	8
Ringlet (<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>).....	7
Holly Blue (<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>).....	5
Gatekeeper (<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>).....	5
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>).....	2
Small Copper (<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>).....	1
Brown Argus (<i>Aricia agestis</i>).....	1



Large White (*Pieris brassicae*)



Red Admiral (*Vanessa Atalanta*)

September 2019

September was warm and dry and East Kent got its fair share of the Painted Lady invasion as reflected in the figures below.

Species recorded:

Painted Lady (<i>Vanessa cardui</i>).....	50+
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>).....	10+
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>).....	10+
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa Atalanta</i>).....	8
Common Blue (<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>).....	5
Small Heath (<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>).....	4
Meadow Brown (<i>Maniola jurtina</i>).....	4
Holly Blue (<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>).....	3
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>).....	2
Ringlet (<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>).....	1
Speckled Wood (<i>Pararge aegeria</i>).....	1
Gatekeeper (<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>).....	1
Brown Argus (<i>Aricia agestis</i>).....	1
Wall (<i>Lasiommata megera</i>).....	1



Common Blue (*Polyommatus icarus*)