

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 - Valerie Baldry (VB), Daniel Bound (DB), Steve Budd (SB), Ruth Budd (RB), Connor Church (CC), Tony Flecchia (TFI), Rosalyn Heaton (RH), Frank Kippin (FK), Lauren LeMasurier (LL), 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.

BUTTERFLIES																	
Whites & Yellows	1978	Notes	Pre 2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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)
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)
Large White	Y			24 Jul	26 Jul		18 Jul			22 Apr		12 July	8 July	17 Apr (RB)	10 May (RB)	1 Sept (VB)	
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)
Small White	Y			30 Apr	1 Jun			4 Aug				1 Jul	17 July	19 May (RB)	14 May (DB)	4 May (TFI)	
Brush Foot Butterflies	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	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)
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)		14 July (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)
Purple Emperor		First seen in 2020										12 July				28 June (RB)	
Red Admiral	Y		1/7/11				31 Jul					24 Mar	24 June	29 May (HG)	12 Mar (RB)	7 June (VB)	4 Apr (DB)
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)	
Small Tortoiseshell	Y				23 Aug	10 Jun	22 May			5 Apr		19 Jun		23 Mar (RB)	4 Apr (DB)		8 Mar (TFI)
White Admiral	Y		1/7/11	28 Jun								6 July	8 July	16 June (RB)	26 June (DB)	29 June (RB) *	
Browns and Ringlets	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			
Gatekeeper				11 Aug	4 Aug		1 Aug					27 Jun	17 July	17 July (RB)	28 June (RB)	12 July (RB)	
Marbled White				21 Jul	12 Jul							20 Jun	30 Jun	18 June (RB)	26 June (RB)	29 June (RB) *	
Meadow Brown	Y			12 Jul	27 Jul		1 Jul					7 Jun	13 Jun	3 June (RB)	7 June (RB)	12 June (RB)	
Small Heath	Y			28 Jun	18 Jun						31 May	27 Jun	13 Jun	19 May (RB)	14 June (DB)	12 June (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)
Ringlet	Y			21 Jul								28 Jun	4 July	19 June	26 June (DB)	19 Apr (TFI)	
Blues, Hairstreaks & Coppers	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			
Brown Hairstreak									July			11 Aug	14 Aug	26 Aug (RB)		23 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)	23 May (VB)	
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)	13 Apr (TFI)	
Purple Hairstreak	Y			19 Jul									29 July	11 July	9 July (DB)	1 July (RB)	17 July (RB)	
Small Copper	Y			11 Aug	9 Aug								12 July	7 May	17 July (RB)	7 June (DB)	28 July (RB)	
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)	29 June (RB) *		
Small Skipper	Y		29/6/10										23 July			8 July (DB)*	14 July (SB)	
MOTHS																		
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)	
Coarse Hazel Pigmy, Stigmella floslactella																1 Aug (TFI)		
Scarce Maple Pigmy Moth, Stigmella aceris																21 Aug (TFI)		
Erebidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	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					16 Jun											
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)		
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))	16 Aug (RB)	
Mother Shipton Moth, Euclidia mi														19 May (SB)	17 June (HG)			
Pale Tussock Moth Larva, Calliteara pudibunda																1 Oct (TFo)		
Rosy Footman Moth, Miltochrista miniata																16 Aug (TFI)	1 Aug (RB)	
Ruby Tiger						30 Jul			19 Jul									
The Snout - Hypena proboscidalis													20 Sep					
White Ermine Moth	Y						6 Aug											
Tortricidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Cnephasia asseclana		Flax Tortrix moth													31 May (RB)			
Cnephasia sp								12 Aug										
Acleris forsskaleana										11 July								
Cnephasia longana								12 Aug										
Grapholita internana		Gorse		10 Jun														
Green Oak Tortrix										19 Jul					2 June (RH)		16 June (RB)	
Large Fruit Tree Tortrix Moth		On trees				14 May		30 Apr					31 May			19 May (TFI)		
Pammene aurana, Orange Spot Piercer						19 Jun							23 Jun	20 June (TFI)	3 July (TFI)			
Pammene spiniana						16 Jun												
Small Spruce Bell, Epinotia nanana										18 July								
White Cloaked Shoot, Gypsonoma sociana														12 July (TFI)				
Crambidae	1978	Notes		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022				
Anania lancealis										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)	27 Aug (TFI)	
Garden Grass Veneer Moth						7 Jun							3 June (SB)		5 Aug (TFI)	
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 ambigualis								7 July								
Small Magpie	Y					30 Jul										
Straw Grass Veneer moth, <i>Agriphila straminella</i>														10 July (TFI)	19 July (TFI)	
Yellow Satin Grass Veneer									15 Jul		30 May		25 Aug (TFI)		13 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. obtusa													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)			
Lunar-spotted Pinion moth, <i>Cosmia pyralina</i>															11 Aug (TFI)	
Marbled Minor Moth	Y							23 Jun								
Mottled Rustic, <i>Caradrina morpheus</i>												30 Sep		3 Oct (TFI)		
Small Quaker Moth	Y				6 Jun											19 Mar (RB)
Small Square-spot, <i>Diarsia rubi</i>														3 Oct (TFI)		
Southern Brindled Moth								16 Jun								
Silver Y Moth	Y			14 Aug								20 May			15 May (TFI)	
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	2023	2024
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>Epirrhoe 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		<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>				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 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>				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</i>							11 July				16 July (TFI)		16 Aug (RB)	
Small Grass Emerald			6/7/06													
Small White Wave	Y	<i>Asthena albulata</i>					16 Aug									
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, <i>Eupithecia tripunctaria</i>													21 July (TFI)			
Willow Beauty, <i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>													6 Aug (TFI)	2 July (TFL)	18 Aug (TFI)	
Winter Moth, <i>Operophtera brumata</i> (larva)															12 May (TFI)	
Winter Moth, <i>Operophtera brumata</i> (female)															3 Sept (RB)	
Yellow Shell			6 Jul												18 Sept (TFI)	
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)	17 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								19 June (VB)	
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			
Acrocercops brongniardella, (Leaf Mine)									18 June							
Alabonia geoffrella									20 May							
Ash Bud Moth									23 May							

Bagworm Moth Larval Case																5 Jun (TFI)	
Bee Moth, Aphomia sociella																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, Deilephila elpenor		Caterpillar only so far											27 Aug				
Esperia sulphurella								13 May									
Four Spotted Obscure, Oegoconia quadripuncta agg																4 July (TFI)	
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 (TFII)			
Hogweed Leaf Miner								1 July									
Hummingbird Hawkmoth		First seen in 2020								2 July							
Leaf Miner, Stigmella basigutella (mine)								13 July									
Brassy Long-horn Moth, Nemophora metallica							17 Jul										
Meadow Long-horn Moth, Cauchas rufimitrella			6 May	8 Jun								29 May	21 May (TFI)			13 Apr (TFI)	
Nettle Tap Moth, Anthophila fabriciana				10 Jun								6 Sept	9 June (TFI)				
Oak Micromoth								15 May									
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)		
Tischeria ekebladella								19 July									
Woundwort Case Bearer, Coleophora lineolea																4 July (TFI)	