

High Weald Butterflies July & August

More than 30 different types of butterfly can be found in the High Weald. Here are the butterflies you are most likely to see in July & August.

Butterflies help to pollinate wild flowers, fruits and vegetables. Areas that are good for butterflies are often also good for birds, bats, bugs and other wonderful wildlife.

Butterflies are often found in areas that are:

- warm
- sunny
- sheltered
- rich in wild flowers

Can you find these summer Butterflies?

Silver-washed Fritillary



Big and orange. Look for this patrolling woodland paths and rides.

BIG Beautiful butterflies
White Admiral



Might be found in woodland clearings or on woodland edges.

Peacock



The only butterfly with big blue eye spots.

Red Admiral



Fast. Red or Orange bands.

Small Tortoiseshell



Bright orange with black stripes.
Look on nettles.

Painted Lady



Orange, black and white.
Look on thistles.

Comma



The only butterfly with ragged wings.

Brimstone



Greeny-yellow. Plain but pointed wings.

Clouded Yellow



Bright golden-yellow. Lots of dots.
The male has black wing tips.

Tiny Orange Butterflies

Large Skipper



Light squares on wings.

Small Skipper



No light squares on wing.
Dark or grey antennae tips.

Essex Skipper



No light squares on wing.
Black antennae tips.

Small Copper



Bright orange. Likes rough grasses.

Small Heath



Low flying. Likes very short grass.

Blues

Purple Hairstreak



Look out for these at the tops of oak trees on sunny evenings after school.

Holly Blue



Light blue. Found near gardens or holly.

Common Blue



Likes yellow flowers.

Silver-studded Blue



Wide black edge to the wings.

Rare. Only in Ashdown Forest

The Browns

Meadow Brown



Brown with some orange.
Found in fields & meadows.

Ringlet



All brown with a white border.
Likes brambles and hedgerows.

Gatekeeper



Orange with some brown. 2 white dots.
Found near hedgerows and gates.

Speckled Wood



Found in dappled shade

The Whites

Small White



Small, black spot.

Large White



Big, black spot.

Green-veined White



'Double' green lines.

Butterfly Survey

School:

Your Name:

Your Class:

Time & Date of survey:

Tips for butterfly hunting:

Warm, still days are best. Check sunny, sheltered spots where there are some wild flowers.

What butterfly?	Where? (Location)	How many? (Tally)	Total
Example: Red Admiral	School garden	IIII	4

Investigate Further:

- Carry out the survey again at another time of day, in different weather or at a different location – is there a big change in your results? Why do you think this might be?
- Collect the results as a class – can you create different graphs and charts to display your findings?
- Find out what plants or areas are attractive to butterflies – how can you encourage more butterflies to come and visit? How can areas with no butterflies be improved?