

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 May.

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 spring Butterflies?

The Tiny Butterflies

Grizzled Skipper



Might be found on bare ground near low-growing wildflowers.

Dingy Skipper



Might be found in warm, sunny, rough grassland.

Holly Blue



Light Blue, often in/near gardens. Our only Blue that flies up high.

Small Copper



Strong markings. Found in rough grassland and meadows.

Small Heath



Could be on very short grassy areas, even in windy places.

Green Hairstreak



Our only small green butterfly. Looks deep brown in flight. Look out for these on Gorse or Broom.

Medium & Big Butterflies

Peacock



Our only butterfly with large 'eyespots'. Often basks on paths.

Red Admiral



Fast flyer. Red or orange bands.

Comma



Our only butterfly with a 'ragged' wing. Deep orange.

Small Tortoiseshell



Tawny colour near nettle beds

Brimstone



Our only bright greeny-yellow butterfly

Speckled Wood



Found in dappled light and shade

Can you find these spring Butterflies?

The Whites

Small White



Grey markings, pale yellow underside

Large White



Has large, dark markings.

Green-veined White



'Double' green lines.

Orange-tip



Speckled underside.
Flies April to June.

