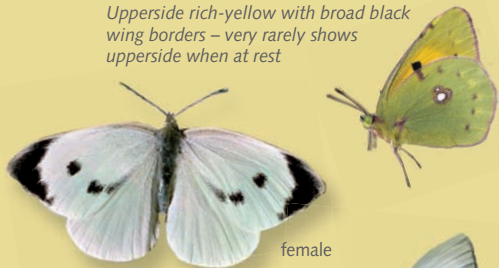


CLOUDED YELLOW

Upperside rich-yellow with broad black wing borders – very rarely shows upperside when at rest



female



male

LARGE WHITE



male

SMALL WHITE



GREEN-VEINED WHITE



male



female

Female pattern as male but lacks orange

ORANGE-TIP



MARBLED WHITE

BRIMSTONE



male

female

Always rests with closed wings



SMALL COPPER



No blue on wings

female

Underwing brown – black hindwing spots in no shape

BROWN ARGUS

Female Common Blues can be brown with orange spots – but always have some blue on the wings



male

Underwing grey to brown – black hindwing spots in 'D' shape

COMMON BLUE



male

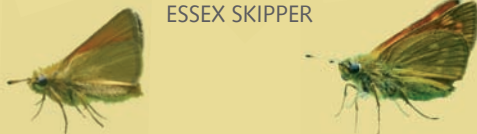
Underwing pale blue with no trace of orange

HOLLY BLUE

Antennae tips orange on underside *Antennae tips all black* *Wings with faint chequered pattern*



ESSEX SKIPPER



SMALL SKIPPER

LARGE SKIPPER



RINGLET

Smaller and brighter than Meadow Brown



GATEKEEPER



MEADOW BROWN



SCOTCH ARGUS



Grayling has a similar underside

WALL BROWN



SPECKLED WOOD

SMALL HEATH

Beige-orange upperside (less golden than skippers) obvious in flight – always rests with closed wings

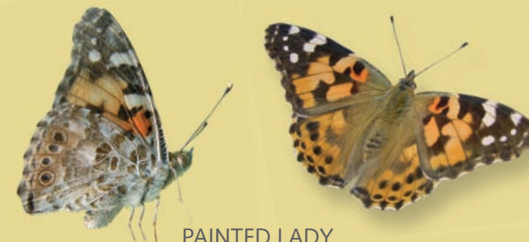


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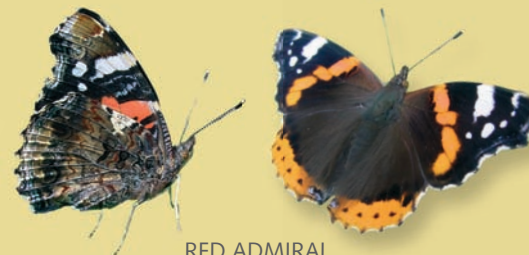
Can look like a fritillary in flight



SMALL TORTOISESHELL



PAINTED LADY



RED ADMIRAL



PEACOCK

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Where and When

The distribution and flight period of each of the species illustrated is shown here in alphabetical order.

Flight times are a guideline, showing peak abundance as the darkest shade of green. Note that species may be on the wing earliest in the south/west, and latest in the north/east.

Brimstone J F M A M J J A S O N D	Brown Argus J F M A M J J A S O N D	Clouded Yellow J F M A M J J A S O N D	Comma J F M A M J J A S O N D	Common Blue J F M A M J J A S O N D		
Essex Skipper J F M A M J J A S O N D	Gatekeeper J F M A M J J A S O N D	Green-veined White J F M A M J J A S O N D	Holly Blue J F M A M J J A S O N D	Large Skipper J F M A M J J A S O N D	Large White J F M A M J J A S O N D	Marbled White J F M A M J J A S O N D
Meadow Brown J F M A M J J A S O N D	Orange-tip J F M A M J J A S O N D	Painted Lady J F M A M J J A S O N D	Peacock J F M A M J J A S O N D	Red Admiral J F M A M J J A S O N D	Ringlet J F M A M J J A S O N D	Scotch Argus J F M A M J J A S O N D
Small Copper J F M A M J J A S O N D	Small Heath J F M A M J J A S O N D	Small Skipper J F M A M J J A S O N D	Small Tortoiseshell J F M A M J J A S O N D	Small White J F M A M J J A S O N D	Speckled Wood J F M A M J J A S O N D	Wall Brown J F M A M J J A S O N D

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This identification guide covers the 26 species that are most commonly seen in the wider countryside across the UK.

Not all of the 59 resident and regular migrant species are included. Therefore if you are unsure of a species' identity in the field then use a guide book or take a photo and identify it later.

If you are in doubt, do not include the butterfly on your recording form.

Thank you for taking part

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