

BUTTERFLIES TO LOOK OUT FOR AT MALLING DOWN July & August										
Week starting	1 July	8 July	15 July	22 July	29 July	5 Aug	12 Aug	19 Aug	26 Aug	Where to look
SMALL & ESSEX SKIPPER										Found in rough grassland
SILVER SPOTTED SKIPPER										Very sunny exposed areas with short turf
BRIMSTONE										A great wanderer often 'patrolling' an area, such as the hedgerows at the bottom of the Coombe
SMALL COPPER										Favours open land where nectar sources and food plant are found.
BROWN ARGUS										Easily confused for a female Common Blue
COMMON BLUE										Found in most grassy areas of the reserve
CHALKHILL BLUE										Found on the south facing areas of the Snout & Coombe
ADONIS BLUE male										Found on south facing areas - Snout & Coombe in short turf.
PAINTED LADY										Could be a very common sight in 2009
PEACOCK										Hibernates from mid Aug to next spring
COMMA										Sheltered areas of scrubby grassland
SPECKLED WOOD										Flies in partially shaded woodland & usually perches in a small pool of sunlight.
WALL BROWN										A scarce and localised species. Can be seen basking on bare earth or chalk
MARbled WHITE										Widespread in taller grassland, prefers purple flowers such as wild marjoram, field scabious, thistles, & knapweeds.
GATEKEEPER										Seen where clumps of flowers grow in gateways, along hedgerows & field edges.
MEADOW BROWN										The most abundant butterfly species.
SMALL HEATH										Occurs on grassland where there are fine grasses.
RINGLET										Tall grassland, partial shade. South side of Green pits.

KEY	
Peak abundance	
Frequently seen during these weeks	
Should be about	
Not usually seen or absent during these weeks	
Occasional second generation	?

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