

Tunbridge Wells Common Butterfly Records 2023

<u>Species</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Sightings (1)</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Location</u>
Small Skipper } Essex Skipper }	8	Around 20 sightings at four locations. No attempt to split These two species	1,2,4,6
Large skipper	1	2 records	4,6
Brimstone	2	A few records in April, no second brood records	
Large white	10	Common	
Small white	9	Common	
Green veined white	1	One record in May, Some small Whites in flight may have been Of this species	
Orange tip	2	a few April sightings	
<i>Purple Hairstreak</i>	1	<i>a probable record, not fully Confirmed</i>	5
Small copper	2	8 sightings in all	2,4,5
Brown argus	1	one record. The only one I have ever seen in TW , I took a poor photo of underside to confirm identity	4
Common blue	1	only one record of a female	
Holly blue	25	very common throughout – a very Good year	
Red admiral	5	around 15 records in all	
Painted lady	1	one record one on 20 July	
Peacock	3	around 8 records in all	
Comma	4	9 records in all	
Silver washed fritillary	1	2 records at the same site	3
Speckled wood	12	good numbers throughout	
Gatekeeper	60+	abundant	
Meadow brown	50+	abundant	
Ringlet	10	reasonable numbers in July	

(1) Maximum number seen on a single walk of around 30 minutes
In recent years I have noted the following 3 species which I did not record in 2023: White admiral, Small tortoiseshell, small heath