

How many butterflies can you spot?

Butterflies have been around for at least 50 million years. They are an important element of the food chain and are prey for birds, bats and other insect-eating animals. Butterflies can taste with their feet, helping them find the right plant to lay eggs on. When their caterpillars hatch, they have lots of tasty available food. Let's see how many butterflies you can find!

Spotted



Painted Lady

This is a pale orange butterfly. It has distinct black-tipped wings decorated with white spots. It is known as a long-distance migrant – spreading from North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, to reach Britain in the late summer.

Spotted



Small Tortoiseshell

This medium-sized pretty butterfly flies throughout the summer months. Males are very territorial – they court by 'drumming' their antennae on the females' hindwings.

Spotted



Large White

These big white butterflies have white wings with black tips. Females have two black spots and a black streak on each wing. Males have two black spots on the underside of their wings.

Spotted



Red Admiral

These black, orange and white butterflies arrive from Europe and North Africa as early as March. The eggs they lay produce a fresh emergence of adults in late summer. They are often found feeding on buddleia.

Spotted



Peacock

A large butterfly named after its striking eye spot. This 'eye' marking has evolved to confuse any likely predators.

Spotted



Meadow Brown

This common species is often found in meadows. Look out for it flying upwards as you walk through the grass.

Spotted



Comma

The colour, and the scalloped edges of its wings, make this butterfly almost impossible to spot when overwintering in dead leaves.

Spotted



Brimstone

This vivid yellow butterfly can easily be mistaken for a leaf when its wings are closed.

Spotted



Common Blue

This is the most common blue butterfly in the UK. Can you spot one in the flower borders or the herb beds in the kitchen garden at Chatsworth?

Spotted



Speckled Wood

This butterfly loves sunny spots in woodland, gardens and hedgerows. Their distinctive yellow markings fade during the summer months.