

# France - Butterflies of La Brenne

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ilex Hairstreak by Lesley Latham



Group Photo by Lesley Latham



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## Summary

The weather was changeable, however most days were sunny with the occasional shower. The group members were friendly and enthusiastic with a wide interest and knowledge in natural history and photography. The focus of the tour was butterflies but attention was also paid to birds, dragonflies and wildflowers. By the end of the tour we had seen many of the rarer species, with a total of 47 butterflies recorded. Bird and dragonfly species totalled a respectable 92 and 23 respectively. The highlights were many, and included seeing Large Blue in the 'company' of the beautiful but primitive 'dragonfly-like' Ascalaphid, super-close views of a Woodland Grayling freshly emerged from its chrysalis and seeing both species of purple emperor side by side...feeding on a marten scat!

## Day 1

Thursday 26th June

Sunny with showers late afternoon

The clients were met in Poitiers, with both TGV trains arriving on time. With the minibuses loaded we departed for La Brenne. A little over an hour later and we were being shown to our rooms in the simple but charming Boeuf Couronné Hotel in Mézières-en-Brenne, which was to be our base for the next five days. Our first meal was excellent and set the standard for the rest of the tour. Tired but contented we all retired to our rooms ahead of what promised to be an interesting first full day in La Brenne.

## Day 2

Friday 27th June

Some cloud with lots of sunny spells

After enjoying breakfast, we set-off for Forêt de Lancosme with views of Red-backed Shrike, Turtle Dove and Black Kite along the way. Stopping by a grassy verge we were soon watching our first butterflies of the tour which included the impressive Great Banded Grayling posing briefly on a fence post. The next stop was at the edge of the forest where a large bramble was festooned with butterflies, these included a number of whites, skippers and both Marbled and Dark Green Fritillaries.

Walking down a small ride, a small, pale under-sided butterfly was spotted and we all gathered to admire a male Purple Hairstreak; this stunning, if fairly common, species is rarely seen at close quarters as it spends most of its life high in the woodland canopy. Amazingly, 200 metres further along, a female of the same species was found almost underfoot and delighted the group by posing with its wing held open. The ride had been chosen in the hope of seeing the rare Woodland Brown; a butterfly much let down by its common name. Two, perhaps three, were found after a short search and everyone enjoyed good views of this attractive butterfly.

Lunch was taken close to a small étang (lake) in the grounds of the Maison du Parc, the headquarters of the Natural Regional Park. After lunch, while some enjoyed a coffee in the restaurant, others explored the lake in search of dragonflies. The gaudy Broad Scarlet thrilled onlookers while the aptly named Dainty Bluet required closer views to appreciate its more subtle beauty.

Back in the minibuses we soon arrived at La Touche, a nature reserve owned and managed by the LPO (Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux) and a nationally important site for the Alcon Blue butterfly. The site also boasts an exceptional flora and we all enjoyed seeing the marsh gentian, the Alcon Blue's larval food plant. The short walk to the 'Alcon Blue' field provided us with good views of two Hares and a Southern Darter dragonfly. Under darkening skies, we soon found our first blue butterfly, an Idas Blue; a delicate species closely related to the more familiar Silver-studded Blue. Next up was a worn Common Blue before we eventually found a fresh Alcon Blue; the group gathered as we studied this smaller cousin of the Large Blue. A few of the group stumbled upon a Viperine Snake curled up in the grass, adding yet more excitement to the day. Heading back to the hotel we made a brief stop to see a Whiskered Tern colony.

## Day 3

Saturday 28th June

### Light rain at first, then overcast but dry

The 'early rain' arrived as forecast, so it was decided to visit the private bird hide overlooking Cistude Etang at the Maison de la Nature. Black-necked Grebe had established a breeding colony close to the hide and fabulous views of the remaining four nests was a real highlight. Reed Warbler and Reed Bunting flitted among the bushes and several newly emerged Southern and Ruddy Darter dragonflies were seen in rushes as they waited for their wings to dry ahead of their maiden flight.

A brief visit to the Maison de la Nature visitor centre alerted us to the presence of a Glossy Ibis at Etang Vigneaux, close to our next destination. On arrival, some interesting waders were seen; Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt and Green Sandpiper. However, after a short search the ibis was soon located and gave a superb fly-by as it crossed the lake. Moving on, we arrived at Etang Bellebouche, where a short walk ends in wonderful views over a heronry. Butterflies were scarce but we had close-up views of both Small and Migrant Spreadwing damselflies and a couple of toadlets on the path. The hide sits directly opposite the heron colony and we marvelled at the spectacle of four different species of juvenile heron (Purple and Night Heron, Cattle and Little Egret) clambering around the willows, impatiently waiting for their parents to return with the next meal.

With food on our minds, we headed round to the north shore of the lake for lunch. The picnic site sometimes holds Middle-spotted Woodpecker but we were out of luck on this occasion, but a singing Short-toed Treecreeper was good consolation. Fed and watered, the group members spread out in search of wildlife; a Tree Frog was a popular find.

Under cloudy skies, we headed to another bird hide, this time at Etang Foucault. The path leading to the hide is sheltered and can be alive with butterflies in sunny weather; on this occasion a few Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns were flying but it was a Bloody-nosed Beetle that created the most interest. From the hide a nesting Black-winged Stilt was seen on an island and a variety of ducks were scattered around the lake. Other interest came in the form of some Coypu that were swimming in front of the hide; this 'alien' species causes damage to the banks of lakes and eats the water lilies favoured by nesting terns but despite this, it's always interesting to watch their antics.

With the sun occasionally breaking through the clouds, en-route to the hotel we dropped into a site known for Camberwell Beauty. An 'interesting-looking' large butterfly was seen flying around the canopy of an oak but it didn't allow identification. However, the visit did result in us seeing Honey Buzzard, Melodious Warbler and some Small Red Damsels.

## Day 4

Sunday 29th June

### Sunny spells, very warm with a few showers

This morning we headed directly for the calcareous soils in the west of Brenne. We parked close to La Boudinière and walked the south facing valley slope. Soon after leaving the vehicles we saw our first Map butterfly of the tour which was soon followed by several others; these were second brood insects, quite different to the orange-coloured spring brood, and resembled small White Admirals. It was a delight to see Pearly Heath again, which we found among the clouds of Marbled Whites. New species were coming thick and fast, with an Ilex Hairstreak narrowly avoiding the net but not before it was positively identified, fortunately more were seen later. Moments after, a large grayling was netted and its identity was soon established as a Woodland Grayling which then obligingly posed for photographs on its release. Large Chequered Skippers were present in good numbers giving everyone the opportunity to observe their strange bouncing flight.

En-route to our picnic stop at Maison du Parc we stopped to observe a prisoner camp from WWII along with a repaired bridge, which had the middle section destroyed to impede the German army; stark reminders that we were in a part of France formerly occupied just 70 years ago. After lunch we headed west again, to a site where the enlightened owner of a goat farm manages his grasslands for wildlife, especially butterflies. We soon found ourselves in a meadow full of wildflowers and shortly after the gate was shut, a stunning female Large Blue butterfly was spotted. The group quickly gathered to view and photograph this 'blue chip' species. The meadow was very productive for butterflies but a trio of Ascalaphid, Praying Mantis and Great Green Bush-cricket almost stole the show. Venturing into the valley bottom we saw yet another new species in the form of a Silver-washed Fritillary but it was the diminutive Lulworth Skipper that had the group eagerly snapping photos. Hotel-bound, we stopped off to try for Camberwell Beauty once more, but alas, no luck again, but we were rewarded with great views of a White-tailed Skimmer dragonfly posing on a gorse bush.

## Day 5

Monday 30th June

### Sunny with some cloud

A brief stop was made at Etang de la Sous in the hope of increasing our bird list; we were not to be disappointed. Whiskered Terns were numerous and Black-necked Grebe and Red-crested Pochard both showed well. A Great Reed Warbler skulked in the reeds giving occasional snatches of its harsh song.

Once more in search of the enigmatic Camberwell Beauty, we headed for Etang de la Mer Rouge. A walk along the lake was enlivened by excellent views of a Night Heron before it flew off giving a guttural cry. Just as we started our return to the vehicles a shout went up “got one” and sure enough, our prize glided majestically over our heads before disappearing as swiftly as it came. Mission accomplished we headed to the next site.

High above the River Creuse, Bois des Roches nature reserve is an outcrop of chalk rich in wildflowers and other wildlife. Here we spent a very pleasant and productive hour or so watching butterflies and dragonflies. Woodland and Great Banded Grayling both made it onto the day list as did some new dragonflies included Small Pincertail, Western and Yellow Clubtail; all species associated with lowland rivers.

With lunch beckoning, we returned to the minibuses and headed for Lurais. The picnic was taken on the banks of the river Creuse, after which we all enjoyed the sight of thousands of jewel-like damselflies flitting over the river. Having not fully explored the riches of Fonterland two days previous, we returned to explore another field rich in butterflies and orchid; a large butterfly along the way proved to be a Woodland Brown, as it flitted among the canopy it was joined by two more, giving another chance to see this intriguing species. Continuing our walk, we arrived on a hillside dotted with Juniper bushes, where we found more than twenty spikes of the rare Mueller’s Helleborine, Weaver’s Fritillary and a Dingy Skipper. After a busy hour searching for butterflies, the group took a moment to relax on the bank and reflect on the past days in La Brenne before heading back to the hotel but not before a brief stop at Etang Purais where distant views of the largest Whiskered Tern colony in the park nicely rounded off another excellent day in the field.

Back at the hotel we convened for the last time to record the species of the day and chatted about some of the tour highlights. We all agreed that the group members, wildlife and hotel had combined to make this a truly memorable tour. Following another sumptuous dinner, several members of the group headed out for a session of moth trapping. Two different traps were set in the grounds of the Maison de la Nature and as darkness fell dozens of different species were drawn to the lamps. The shapes, sizes and colours, not to mention rarity of many of the moths, made for a fascinating evening.

## Day 6

Tuesday 1st July

### Sunny with some cloud

After another delicious breakfast, we bid Bernard and France farewell and headed for Poitiers enjoying a brief stop along the way at Angles-sur-l’Anglin, one of France’s prettiest villages. A smooth journey saw us arrive at the TGV station an hour before departure. All agreed the tour had been a great success despite the weathers best efforts to make life difficult. With farewells made, we headed for home...

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## Species Lists

Butterflies (✓ = commonly recorded)

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>					a few	
2	Large chequered skipper	<i>Heteropterus morpheus</i>		5+		10+		
3	Essex skipper	<i>T. lineola</i>		a few	a few	a few		
4	Small skipper	<i>T. flavus</i>		a few	1	a few		
5	Large skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>		a few	a few	a few	many	
6	Lulworth skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>				1	2	
7	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				1		
8	Large white	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		1		✓	✓	
9	Small white	<i>P. rapae</i>		✓		many	✓	
10	Green-veined white	<i>P. napi</i>				1	a few	
11	Black-veined white	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		4				
12	Clouded yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>				1		
13	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		a few		1	a few	
14	Wood white	<i>Leptidea sinapsis</i>		1		many	1	
15	Purple emperor	<i>Apatura iris</i>		1		1	1	
16	Lesser purple emperor	<i>A. ilia</i>		2-3				
17	White admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>		2		a few	many	
18	Southern white admiral	<i>Limenitis educta</i>					1	
19	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>			?	1	1	
20	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>		1		a few	a few	
21	Map butterfly	<i>Araschnia levana</i>				20+	2	
22	Red admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				a few	a few	
23	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>		1		a few	a few	
24	Silver-washed fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>				1	a few	
25	Dark-green fritillary	<i>Mesoacidalia aglaja</i>		a few		1		
26	Marbled fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>		a few		a few	1	
27	Violet (Weaver's) fritillary	<i>Clossiana dia</i>		2		a few	1	
28	Heath fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>		many		a few	a few	
29	Marbled white	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		many	many	many	many	
30	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi/alcyone</i>				4+	2-3	
31	Great banded grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>			20	2	20	
32	Meadow brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		many	many	many	many	
33	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>		many	a few	a few		
34	Small heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		a few	a few		a few	
35	Pearly heath	<i>C. arcania</i>		a few		a few	a few	
36	Speckled wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		1	1	1		
37	Wall brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					2	
38	Woodland brown	<i>Lopinga achine</i>		3			2	
39	Ilex hairstreak	<i>Nordmannia ilicis</i>				2	4	
40	Purple hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>		2				
41	Small copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			1			
42	Holly blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		1		2	1	
43	Large blue	<i>Maculinea arion</i>				5+		
44	Alcon blue	<i>M. alcon</i>		1				
45	Adonis blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>				20+	a few	
46	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>		1				
47	Common blue	<i>Polyommatus menelaos</i>			2			

## Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓				
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	✓		✓	
3	Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		2	10+		few	
4	Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		2	2+	2		
5	Black-necked grebe	<i>P. nigricollis</i>			4		2	
6	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			few			
7	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			1			
8	Black-crowned night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			20+		2	
9	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		few	40+		many	
10	Little egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	1		30+			
11	Great white egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		1	10+	1	1	
12	Grey heron	<i>A. cinerea</i>		few	few	many	few	
13	Purple heron	<i>A. purpurea</i>		few	40+	few	2	
14	Mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		✓	✓		✓	
15	Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>			20+			
16	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓		✓	
17	Gadwall	<i>A. strepera</i>			5			
18	Eurasian Teal	<i>A. crecca</i>			4			
19	Red-crested pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					4	
20	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			20+		10+	
21	Tufted Duck	<i>A. fuligula</i>			10+	3	few	
22	Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		few	few	few	few	
23	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1			
24	Honey buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1		2	
25	Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		few	few	few	few	
26	Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		few	few	few		
27	Water rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1juv			
28	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓	60+		✓	
29	Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			8-10			
30	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	10+		50+	
31	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			h			
32	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1		1	
33	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			4			
34	Black-headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
35	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			2			
36	Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>		many	20+	few	many	
37	Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓		✓	
38	Turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		many	few	few	few	
39	Collared dove	<i>S. decaocto</i>			✓	✓	✓	
40	Common swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓		
41	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			1		2	
42	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		3		1	1	
43	Green woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		1	3		h	
44	Great spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>			1			
45	Lesser spotted woodpecker	<i>D. minor</i>					h	
46	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		1		h	h	
47	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
48	House martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				2	h	

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
50	Yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					1	
51	White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓		few	
52	Grey wagtail	<i>M. cinerea</i>					1	
53	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			h			
54	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				h	1	
55	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				1		
56	Black redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				3		
57	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		few	few	few	few	
58	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓	✓	✓	
59	Song thrush	<i>T. philomelos</i>		h			1	
60	Mistle thrush	<i>T. viscivorus</i>			2		few	
61	Great reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					1	
62	Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		h				
63	Reed warbler	<i>A. scirpaceus</i>			3			
64	Melodious warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>			1		h	
65	Garden warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					h	
66	Whitethroat	<i>S. communis</i>			h			
67	Blackcap	<i>S. atricapilla</i>		h	few	h	h	
68	Bonelli's warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		h			h	
69	Chiffchaff	<i>P. collybita</i>		h	h	h	h	
70	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>					h	
71	Crested tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					h(L)	
72	Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2	✓	✓	
73	Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>		h	2			
74	Long-tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			6			
75	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		✓			h	
76	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			h	h	h	
77	Red-backed shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		2	1	2		
78	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Golden oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			h	h	h	
80	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
83	Carrion crow	<i>C. corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				h	1	
87	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>			3	2	2	
88	Goldfinch	<i>C. carduelis</i>				1	h	
89	Corn bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		h	2	1		
90	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		h		1	h	
91	Cirl bunting	<i>E. cirlcu</i>				h	2	
92	Reed bunting	<i>E. schoeniclus</i>			2			

## Dragonflies

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>		✓		✓	✓	
2	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>		✓				
3	Migrant Spreadwing	<i>Lestes barbarus</i>		✓		✓		
4	Small Spreadwing	<i>Lestes virens</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>		✓		✓	✓	
5	Common Winter Damsel	<i>Sympecma fusca</i>			✓	✓	✓	
6	Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>		✓	✓			
7	Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>		✓				
8	Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>			✓			
9	Dainty Bluet	<i>Coenagrion scitulum</i>		✓	✓	✓		
10	Blue-eye	<i>Goblet-marked Damselfly</i>					✓	
11	Small Red Damsel	<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>			✓			
12	Blue Featherleg	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Yellow Clubtail	<i>Gomphus simillimus</i>					✓	
15	Western Clubtail	<i>Gomphus pulchellus</i>					✓	
16	Small Pincertail	<i>Onychogomphus forcipatus</i>					✓	
17	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>				✓		
18	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>			✓	✓	✓	
20	Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>			✓	✓		
21	Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>		✓		✓	✓	
23	Blue-eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>		(L)				

## Moths (List by kind courtesy of Bob Smith)

Species seen by day			
Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
The Magpie	<i>Abraxas grossulariata</i>	Gypsy Moth (caterpillar)	<i>Lymantria dispar</i>
Forester species (1)	<i>Adscita statures/geryon</i>	Ensablantée de l'Oseille	<i>Lythria cruentaria</i>
-	<i>Agapeta zoegana</i>	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
Horse Chestnut Leaf-miner	<i>Cameraria ohridella</i>	Lime Hawkmoth	<i>Mimas tiliae</i>
Yellow Shell	<i>Campptogramma bilineata</i>	Thistle Ermine	<i>Myelois circumvoluta</i>
Red Underwing	<i>Catocala nupta</i>	-	<i>Nemophora metallica</i>
Light Crimson Underwing	<i>Catocala promissa</i>	Mother-of-Pearl	<i>Pleuroptya ruralis</i>
-	<i>Celypha lacunana</i>	-	<i>Pseudargyrotoza conwagana</i>
-	<i>Chrysocrambus linetella</i>	White Plume Moth	<i>Pterophorus pentadactyla</i>
Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>	Emperor Moth (caterpillar)	<i>Saturnia pavonia</i>
Riband Wave	<i>Idaea aversata</i>	Bird-cherry Ermine	<i>Yponomeuta evonymella</i>
Chequered Wave	<i>Idaea moniliata</i>	-	<i>Yponomeuta plumbella</i>
Forester species (2)	<i>Jordanita globulariae/subsolana</i>	Six-spot Burnett	<i>Zygaena filipendula</i>
Four-spotted Footman	<i>Lithosia quadra</i>	Five-spot Burnett	<i>Zygaena trifolii</i>
Species seen during light-trapping session			
The Sycamore	<i>Acronicta aceris</i>	Tawny Prominent	<i>Harpyia milhauseri</i>
Grey Dagger or Dark Dagger	<i>Acronicta psi/tridens</i>	Common Emerald	<i>Hemitea aestivaria</i>
Marsh Dagger	<i>Acronicta strigosa</i>	Pine Hawkmoth	<i>Hyloicus pinastri</i>
Orange Moth	<i>Angerona prunaria</i>	Double Kidney	<i>Ipimorpha retusa</i>
Webb's Wainscott	<i>Archanara sparganii</i>	Sharp-angled Peacock	<i>Macaria alternata</i>
Lichénée jaune	<i>Catocala fulminea</i>	Kent Black Arches	<i>Meganola albula</i>
The Feline	<i>Cerura erminea</i>	Rosy Footman	<i>Mitochrista miniata</i>
-	<i>Chilo phragmitella</i>	Smoky Wainscot	<i>Mythimna impura</i>

V-Pug	<i>Chloroclystis v-ata</i>	Common Wainscot	<i>Mythimna pallens</i>
-	<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>	Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i>
The Dun-bar	<i>Cosmia trapezina</i>	Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>
Elephant Hawkmoth	<i>Deilephila elpenor</i>	Pebble Prominent	<i>Notodonta ziczac</i>
Demi-Lune blanche	<i>Drymonia querna</i>	Ringed China Mark	<i>Parapoynx stratiotata</i>
Voile	<i>Drymonia velitaris</i>	Buff Tip	<i>Phalera bucephala</i>
The Handmaid	<i>Dysauxes ancilla</i>	Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>
Brown China-mark	<i>Elophila nymphaeata</i>	Guernsey Underwing	<i>Polyphaenis sericata</i>
-	<i>Ethmia bipunctella</i>	Marbled White Spot	<i>Protodeltote pygarga</i>
Yellow-tail	<i>Euproctis similis</i>	Phalène de Kretschmar	<i>Scopula corrivalaria</i>
The Lappet	<i>Gastropacha quercifolia</i>	Buff Ermine	<i>Spilosoma luteum</i>

## Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓		
2	Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypu</i>			✓	dead		
3	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>			✓			
4	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓	✓		
5	Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓			

## Reptiles and Amphibians

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July					
			26	27	28	29	30	1
1	Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>		✓				
2	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		✓	✓	✓		
3	European Pond Tortoise	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓	✓			
4	Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>						
5	Green Frog	<i>Pelophylax lessonae</i>			✓			
6	Agile Frog	<i>Rana dalmatina</i>			✓	✓		
7	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>				✓		
8	Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>		✓				

## Orchids

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Sword-leaved Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>
2	Greater Butterfly Orchid	<i>Platanthera chloranta</i>
3	Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>
4	Lizard Orchid	<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>
5	Fragrant Orchid	<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>
6	Spotted Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>
7	Marsh Helleborine	<i>Epipactis palustris</i>
8	Müller's Orchid	<i>Epipactis muelleri</i>

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