

Go Slow in Alderney

Naturetrek Tour Report

13th – 20th June 2023



Thrift Clearwing



Gannets



Glanville Fritillary



Western Hedgehogs brown and blond forms

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Day 1

Tuesday 13th June

The flight came in a little early and was met at the airport by resident guides John and Matt. We then made the short transfer to the marvellous Braye Beach hotel overlooking a sun- drenched Braye Bay. After settling in we gathered in the hotel cinema to for a 'meet and greet' session preceding dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 2

Wednesday 14th June

After breakfasting our guides led us on a walk from the hotel out onto the nearby historic Douglas Quay strewn with Alfalfa, Wall Rocket, Ribbed Mellilot and Sea Samphire along with the rare Hoary Stock. Bees were out in force on the flowering plants, mainly Clover Melita, including White-tailed and a Red-tailed Bumblebee along with two day-flying Yellow Belle moths. A pair of Rock Pipits and a White Wagtail showed well, while four Ringed Plovers were close by on the sandy shoreline below us. John pointed out and explained various aspects of local and maritime history and coastal fortifications from our vantage point at the quay end from which we could see the extensive breakwater and two Elizabethan forts, Albert and Grosnez.

Next, we headed to the north end of Braye Bay where Little Egret and Oystercatchers fed amongst the rockpools. To the delight of all our guide John drew our attention to the sought-after target species Glanville Fritillary, the butterfly showing splendidly as it soaked up the sun allowing everyone close views, Wall Brown was also spotted by Matt who produced a pheromone lure which attracted the elusive day flying moth the Thrift Clearwing and within a few minutes four of these cryptic moths arrived amongst the flowering Thrift at our feet.

We added several other flowers to our trip list including shoreline specialist Sea Sandwort. Betty then spotted a tiny Beetle on some Hawkweed which the guides identified as Striped Flower Beetle. This insect is extremely rare in the British Isles and had not been recorded in Alderney since the 19th century before John and Matt re-discovered its existence in 2020 during their research work for Alderney Bird Observatory. A local Common Buzzard passed low overhead and there was time to examine a Yarrow Plume moth before getting back on board our transport.



Striped Flower Beetle

Onwards to a steep climb (in the minibus) to the top of Fort Albert offering commanding views over Braye Bay, our hotel and out to the islands of Burhou, Ortac and Les Casquets to the west. To the east we could see the French Cotentin peninsula just eight miles away and the stunning Saye Bay below us overlooked by Chateau L'Etoc. John pointed out various historical landmarks with accompanying historical stories. Brilliant blue-coloured Vipers Bugloss adorned the fort slopes and once again several plant species were pointed out by our guides including Wild Clary, Portland Spurge, Ivy-leaved Broomrape and Wild Thyme. Insects spotted included Swollen-thighed Beetle, Smooth-banded Meadow Fly and Emperor Dragonfly. An immature Grey Heron flew over amidst twittering nesting Barn Swallows.



Saye Beach

On our way to town to collect our pre-ordered packed lunches we stopped at a patch of rough ground known to our guides that contained both Pyramidal and Bee Orchids. Lunch collected, it was down to Braye Common to enjoy our picnic in the sunshine overlooking Longis Bay in the light coastal breeze, then time to return to the hotel to make ready for our afternoon activity, the much-anticipated round-island boat trip.

Our boat trip was provided by Avanti boat tours and skipper Dave Venn. We headed out on calm seas towards Burhou Island, excited about the possibility of seeing Puffins and we were not disappointed as around 200 Puffins bobbed about between our vessel and the Puffin colony. Next our boat headed to the magnificent Gannet colony on Les Etacs rocks. Thousands of Gannets occupy this site and hundreds were on the sea about us and passing to and from the colony on fishing trips. Razorbills, Guillemots, Fulmars and Shags were all spotted as we completed a lap of the island bathed in sunshine on calm waters, the boat skipper Dave giving commentary on historical aspects of the island at key points. As the group walked back to the hotel from the nearby harbour a Common Buzzard passed overhead in hot pursuit of a migratory Honey Buzzard that was 'seen off' out across Braye Bay as it headed north-east towards the continent.

Day 3

Thursday 15th June

Our guides had set two moth traps overnight and we set off early ahead of breakfast to see what had been drawn towards the trap's light during the hours of darkness. We spent a fascinating hour discovering moths of all colours, shapes and sizes from the beautifully coloured Cream-spot Tiger moths and a huge Poplar Hawkmoth to those with extraordinary names that included Setaceous Hebrew Character, Pinion-streaked Snout and Bright-line Brown-eye. There were hundreds of moths comprised of over 70 species – a fabulous start to the day.

After breakfast at the hotel, we made our way to Corblets Quarry, where a steep bank took us down to an unspoilt area of grasses and shrubs beside the rain water filled quarry, once active excavating granite bound for the UK. From the quarry top looking down we spotted a pair of Oystercatchers with two adorable chicks, while Swallows and House Martins hawked insects over the water below. Green-eyed Flower Bees were spotted along the path along with Glanville Fritillary; it transpired to be a bumper location for this species.



Black-tailed Skimmer

New flowers around the quarry included Fairy Flax, Carline Thistle, and Orange Bird's-foot Trefoil. At the water's edge were several huge Carp, Black-tailed Skimmer, Common Blue and Blue-tailed Damselflies. A Brown Argus butterfly competed for flowerhead space with lots of Common Blue butterflies, while some 20 Glanville Fritillaries were outnumbered by Red Admirals, Small Heaths and Meadow Browns. Joyce spotted an impressive Great Green Bush Cricket. A family of Great Tits, Goldfinches and a male Stonechat were amongst birds seen at this location.



Brown Argus

Moving on we took lunch at the Alderney campsite café then walked to and through the historic ‘Norman’ Arch Bay out onto its picturesque beach where amongst the dunes were Sea Holly, Sea Spurge and Biting Stonecrop.

Our afternoon walk was along the south facing coastline looking out towards France just eight miles away. This walk has proved a favourite for many guests; the meandering coastal path is strewn with wild flowers either side and the landscape views are matched by the variation of flora and fauna we encounter. The stand out species along this stretch has to be the Alderney Sea Lavender, just a handful of the plants exist at a limited location along the tideline. Also Rock Sea Lavender, Sea Milkwort and Golden Samphire were new species for everyone on the tour. Hundreds of Meadow Browns danced amongst the grasses and an Ichneuman wasp *Pimpla rufipes* was found on a Wild Carrot top. Flowering Small-flowered Catchfly smothered a south-facing verge and a roosting flock of around 50 Oystercatchers sat out the high tide.

Ichneuman Wasp – *Pimpla rufipes*

A patch of some 200 Pyramidal Orchids and carpets of Eyebright taking over from fading Yellow Rattle were much admired as we approached Longis Bay where Sea Rush preceded great views for the group of a Hummingbird Hawkmoth.

Dinner was at the local French restaurant Le Pesqued.



Pyramidal Orchids

Day 4

Friday 16th June

Another early start this time heading to one of the bird observatory research areas to see bird ringing. This gave the group the opportunity to witness wild birds being ringed literally at arm's length by our tour leader John who is head of the Channel Islands bird ringing scheme. Species ringed included Wren, Dunnock, Robin, Blackbird, Blackcap and Goldfinch. John carefully took biometrics from the various birds whilst explaining the contribution of bird ringing research towards understanding species population dynamics and changing migration behaviour. During the ringing we were joined by a Blue Willow Beetle.



Recently fledged Robin during the bird ringing session

After breakfast our first stop was at Platte Saline Bay where three Ringed Plovers patrolled the shingle bank. Amongst the overlooking sand dunes we found Yellow Horned Poppy and Sea Kale, and on the adjacent field, Sainfoin. Next, we set out to the islands south-west headland in search of Dartford Warblers, and although we heard them, they are certainly secretive at this time of year. A very unexpected bonus however was British rarity, a displaying Zitting Cisticola. This species bred in Alderney in 2019 but not since, so this could well be a significant find.

We collected lunch from the Deli in St Anne and after parking along the coast road walked to the headland overlooking Telegraph Bay and Bluestone Beach where we ate our lunch taking in the views and the wildlife around us. Here we found Prostrate Broom, Greater Broomrape, Speckled Rose Chafer, and Bee Wolf. On the cliffs below were three Jackdaws and in the clear blue sea below, an Atlantic Grey Seal. We walked along the cliff path to a spot that overlooked the busy Gannet colony and whilst hoping to see a Peregrine we happily settled for great views of a Hobby chasing Meadow Pipits before it headed north and out to sea. On the walk back to the minibus Joyce found a stunning Minstrel Bug.

Dinner was at the Georgian.



Minstrel Bug

Day 5

Saturday 17th June

An optional early start to do another moth trapping session at a different location was taken up by all of the guests and again 70+ species were recorded, half of which were not seen in the previous moth session. Large numbers of Garden Chafers had also been drawn in by the night light. For the moth enthusiasts in the group there were again several species they had never seen before whilst others simply enjoyed the variety of shapes, colours, and extraordinary species names! A pair of singing Firecrest flitted about the garden treetops.



Small Yellow Wave

After breakfast at the hotel, we headed to the west coast corner of the island to walk along the coast path to the Victorian Fort Clonque. Joy found a Great Green Bush cricket as she stepped off the minibus; this, Britain's largest cricket attracted a lot of attention from the group.



Great Green Bush Cricket

We were quickly adding more plant species to the trip list by way of Marsh Thistle and Ragged Robin, while three Curlews and a Grey Heron were feeding on the falling tide. A Cetti's Warbler belted out its song from a clump of dense thicket vegetation and the caterpillars of Lackey and Brown-tail moth were found crossing our path. Three-cornered Leek and Round-leaved Mint further topped up our wildflowers variety. Matt found a Mitre Shield Bug and a Cinnamon Bug. The group walked out across the causeway to the Elizabethan fort spotting a Goby fish in one of the rockpools below. A pair of nesting Sand Martins were an excellent local breeding bird record.

We moved on to a nearby meadow where hundreds of Bugloss splashed electric blue across the landscape dotted with sunshine yellow Corn Marigold and Greater Birds-foot Trefoil, while a Small Tortoiseshell here was our first of the trip

Lunch was at the Moorings after which some opted to go shopping in Victoria Street, others went to a local book fair, and some headed for the beach to soak up the sun.

Dinner was at the Thai restaurant Mai Thia.

The day was far from done as at 9.45pm local Hedgehog specialist Suzy Weir met us at the hotel to talk to the group about her studies of the Blonde Hedgehog in Alderney before we headed out to look for them. After dark we managed to locate no fewer than 12 Hedgehogs, seven Brown and five Blonde. A couple of Common Pipistrelle bats sporadically kept us company as we searched for our target species.

Day 6

Sunday 18th June

A mid-day day start ensured everyone had time to relax after a long day and late night.

A few guests had taken the opportunity to explore. Joy had spotted some Grey Mullet in the harbour area and Eve saw a Compass Jellyfish close to shore. We set out for lunch at the campsite café stopping in Baye Bay where everyone set about searching for wildlife. We were quickly finding new species by way of a Sulphur Beetle and Frosted Orache and on the dunes John found a Red-legged Spider Wasp.



Red-legged Spider Wasp

After lunch and with a hint of rain in the air we drove to Essex Hill to explore the WW11 German underground missile tunnel. There were more new species to discover along the footpath with Buff-tailed Bumblebee, Hedge Woundwort and Hedge Cranesbill.

Next to the Nunnery for a history tour of this ancient Roman fort, where John explained many features of the building and its layers of historic fortification from the Romans through to WW11. A Sparrowhawk passed overhead, and a nesting White Wagtail eyed our party from the Nunnery rooftop. Plants around the fortifications included Polypody and Pellitory of the Wall.

Our last destination of the day was the nearby Longis Nature reserve to visit the 'Naturetrek Hide' overlooking a water body and reedbed. Reed Warblers sang as the group picked out various waterbirds including Little Grebe and several Emperor Dragonflies competed for airspace over the pond where hundreds of Amphibious Bistort were in full flower.

Day 7

Monday 19th June

Our first stop this morning was a visit to Telegraph House, home of the Alderney Bird Observatory (ABO) situated on a headland facing the French coast. The ABO had laid on refreshments which were enjoyed whilst John and Matt pointed out and explained the research work carried out by this small but significant local charity. A Dartford Warbler showed briefly, and a pair of Peregrine Falcons lingered overhead. Further new flowers included Trailing St. John's Wort and Lesser Stitchwort. At 1115 we did something quite new for these trips as our tour leader John and tour participant Christine were interviewed live on BBC radio. John gave advice about what the public should do when encountering baby birds and Christine talked about taking part in a wildlife holiday to Alderney.

We picked up packed lunches from the supermarket and drove up to the south coast where we took the coastal footpath to a spot overlooking a number of islets and the French coast. Wall Brown and Glanville Fritillary were seen and a male Dartford Warbler delivered a short display flight before disappearing into the gorse with its mate. Along the vehicle track heading back to the bus we found a Painted Lady caterpillar while other species seen were Jackdaw, Kestrel, Whitethroat and Swift.

We ended the walk at the gates of the German SS camp Lagar Sylt. John explained some of the camp history. In brilliant sunshine we drove to Platte Saline Bay to investigate a small marshy area where we saw yet more new species - Watercress, Water Figwort and Redshank. Along the beach front two recently fledged Stonechat leapfrogged one another over coastal plants and a pair of nesting Ringed Plovers held territory on the beach. Finally, Joyce found some tiny snails attached to a public beach-front seat which transpired to be Pointed Snails.



Pointed Shell Snail

Day 8

Tuesday 20th June

Our last morning and with everyone checked out of the hotel for 10am there was time to drop some of the group in town who wanted to visit the Alderney Bayeaux tapestry, the museum, and the shops, whilst others opted for

another chance to see Dartford Warblers. This morning no fewer five Dartford Warblers showed extremely well, making flight displays and posing on Gorse tops making for a very happy group.



Dartford Warbler

Finally, we made a stop overlooking the magnificent Gannet colony from the south cliffs before returning to the airport for final farewells, ending a trip that recorded 445 species of flora and fauna, including many rare and hard to see species of British Isles wildlife.



Les Etacs Gannet colony

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced.		June 2023							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1		2		1	2	2	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	3		5	2	5	3	1	
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			3	2	1	1	2	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				1			2	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>				1	1			
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>			4	4	2	2	3	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>								1
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						H		
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1			1		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						6		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						2		
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		✓	✓	80	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		4		3			2	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	2	2		3				
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		9		1	1	5		1
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>								
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>		30						
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		30		2				
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		14		6				
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						1	2	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		85	12	✓	6	6	4	8
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1	1	3	1		1	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1	1	1		1	1	

		June 2023							
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Common name	Scientific name								
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				1		2	1	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1						
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1			1		2	1	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1				
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							2	
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				3			6	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>							1	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			1					
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			5		2		2	
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				3				
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					2			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		3						
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					H			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			1	1	2	2	1	2
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				1				
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				1		2		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				2	1			
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>				1	2	1	2	2
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>							3	5
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>					2			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		2	4	4	4	2	3	2
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			1	3	1		1	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	1	2	1	4	1	1	2	2
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		6	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			1	6	2	2	4	2
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		4		1	2	2		
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		1	2	10	2	20	10	6
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		4		1	2	2		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			2	1	1	1		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			1	3		2		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				6			6	4
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			3	4		2	2	

Butterflies

		June 2023							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				4	2	2		2
Small White	<i>Artogeia (Pieris) rapae</i>			4	1	2	10	6	4
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrinas argiolus</i>				3	6		2	
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		2	20	3	6	4	1	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		10	15	10	20	5	6	4
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>							C	
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>					1			
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		20	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			1					

Common name	Scientific name	June 2023							
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			30	50	20	2	10	
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		2	3	3			5	
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		2	25	6		2	1	
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			2	1		1		1

Moths

Common name	Scientific name	June 2023							
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
a micro moth	<i>Evergestis extimalis</i>								
Angle Shades	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>			2		1			
Bloxworth Snout	<i>Hypena obsitalis</i>						1		
Bramble shoot moth	<i>Notocelia uddmanniana</i>			3					
Bright-line Brown-eye	<i>Lacanobia oleracea</i>			3		1			
Brimstone Moth	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>			1					
Broad barred White	<i>Hecatera bicolorata</i>					1			
Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i>			1					
Broom moth	<i>Ceramica pisi</i>			1					
Brown House Moth	<i>Hofmannophila pseudospretella</i>					2			
Brown Rustic	<i>Rusina furruginea</i>			8		12			
Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>			3		2			
Brown spot flat body	<i>Agonopterix alstroemeriana</i>					1			
Brown-tail	<i>Euproctis chrysorrhoea</i>					C			
Brussels Lace	<i>Cleorodes lichenaria</i>			2		4			
Buff Ermine	<i>Spilarctia luteum</i>			3		9			
Chinese Character	<i>Cilix glaucata</i>			2					
Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>			3					
Clouded Border	<i>Lomaspilis marginata</i>			1		1			
Clouded Brindle	<i>Apamea epomidion</i>			1					
Clouded Silver	<i>Lomographa temerata</i>					2			
Coastal Pearl	<i>Mecyna asinalis</i>			1					
Common Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe alternata</i>			1		2			
Common Marble	<i>Celypha lacunana</i>					1			
Common Pug	<i>Eupithecia vulgata</i>					2			
Common Yellow Conch	<i>Agapeta hamana</i>					1			
Cloaked Minor	<i>Mesoligia furuncula</i>			1					
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Epicallia villica</i>			5	1	1			
Cypress Carpet	<i>Thera cypressata</i>					1			
Dark Arches	<i>Apamea monoglypha</i>			2					
Dark fruit tree Tortrix	<i>Pandemis heparana</i>					12			
Dark pine Knot-horn	<i>Dioryctria abietella</i>					1			
Dark Spectacle	<i>Abrostola triplasia</i>			1					
Delicate	<i>Mythimna vitellina</i>			1					
Diamond-back Moth	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>			450		5			
Drinker	<i>Euthrix potatoria</i>			4		2			
Dusky Brocade	<i>Apamea remissa</i>					1			
Figure of Eighty	<i>Tethea ocularis</i>							C	
Five-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena trifolii</i>			4	1	2		3	
Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>					3			

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		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Grass Veneer	<i>Agriphila tristella</i>			3		9			
Green Carpet	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>			1					
Green Oak Tortrix	<i>Tortrix viridana</i>					3			
Grey Arches	<i>Polia Nebulosa</i>					2			
Grey streaked Smudge	<i>Plutella porrectella</i>					1			
Heart and Club	<i>Agrotis clavis</i>					4			
Heart and Dart	<i>Agrotis eclamationis</i>			2		8			
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			1				1	
Ingrailed Clay	<i>Diarsia mendica</i>			3		8			
Lackey	<i>Malacosoma neustria</i>			4		3		C	
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>			36		6			
Least Carpet	<i>Idaea rusticata</i>					1			
Light Emerald	<i>Campaea margaritata</i>					1			
Lime-speck Pug	<i>Eupithecia centaureata</i>					1			
Little Slender	<i>Calybites phasianipennella</i>					1			
Marbled Minor agg.	<i>Oligia strigilis</i> agg.			26		11			
Meadow Grey	<i>Scoparia pyralis</i>			4	1	10			
Middle barred minor	<i>Oligia fasciuncula</i>					5			
Mother Shipton	<i>Callistege mi</i>			2	1	1			
Mottled Rustic	<i>Caradrina morpheus</i>					1			
Mullein Wave	<i>Scopula marginipunctata</i>						1		
Narrow-winged Grey	<i>Eudonia angustea</i>			1					
Orange Footman	<i>Eilema sororcula</i>			3		20			
Pale Oak Beauty	<i>Hypomecis punctinalis</i>			2		1			
Pale Tussock	<i>Calliteara pudibunda</i>					8	1		
Peppered Moth	<i>Biston betularia</i>			1					
Pine Carpet	<i>Pennithera firmata</i>			2					
Pinion-streaked Snout	<i>Schrankia costaeistrigalis</i>			7		8			
Poplar Hawkmoth	<i>Laothoe populi</i>			1		1			
Privet Twist	<i>Clepsis consimilana</i>			1		1			
Plum Tortrix	<i>Hedya pruniana</i>			3		1			
Red-barred Tortrix	<i>Ditula angustiorana</i>			2					
Riband Wave	<i>Idaea aversata</i>					1			
Ribwort Slender	<i>Aspilapteryx tringipennella</i>			2		2			
Rosy Marbled	<i>Elaphria venustula</i>			1					
Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>			4		2			
Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina blanda</i>			3		8			
Rusty-dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>					3			
Satin Wave	<i>Idaea subsericeata</i>			2					
Scalloped Hazel	<i>Odontopera bidentata</i>					1			
Scarce Footman	<i>Eilema complana</i>			1				1	
Setaceous Hebrew Character	<i>Xestia c-nigrum</i>			2					
Shore Wainscot	<i>Mythimna litoralis</i>					1			
Shoulder-striped Wainscot	<i>Laucania comma</i>			17		4			
Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>			2		2			
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>			4		10		10	8
Single-dotted Wave	<i>Idaea dimidiata</i>			1		2			
Small Magpie	<i>Anania hortulata</i>			1					
Small Yellow Wave	<i>Hydrelia flammeolaria</i>					3			
Smoky Wainscot	<i>Mythimna impura</i>			10		2			
Starry Pearl	<i>Cynaeda dentalis</i>					1			

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Straw barred Pearl	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>			7					
Straw Dot	<i>Rivula sericealis</i>					1			
Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>			2		4			
Tawny Minor	<i>Oligia latruncula</i>			8		1			
Tawny Sheers	<i>Hadena perplexa</i>			1		2			
The Gorse crest	<i>Brachmia blandella</i>					1			
Thistle Ermine	<i>Myelois circumvoluta</i>					3			
Thrift Clearwing	<i>Pyropteron muscaeformis</i>		5	30	15	10			
Thyme marble	<i>Celypha cespitana</i>					5			
Twin-barred Knot Horn	<i>Homoeosoma sinuella</i>			8		5			
V-Pug	<i>Chloroclystis v-ata</i>					1			
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>			3		2			
White Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>			2		1			
White Point	<i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>			3					
White Satin Moth	<i>Leucoma salicis</i>			1					
Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>			12		14			
Webb's Wainscot	<i>Globia sparganii</i>					1			
Yarrow Plume Moth	<i>Gillmeria pallidactyla</i>		1				5		
Yellow Belle	<i>Aspitates ochrearia</i>		2	3	5	1			
Yellow Shell Moth	<i>Camptogramma bilineata</i>					1			

Others

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OTHER INSECTS									
Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Green Bush Cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>			1		1		2	
Grey Bush Cricket	<i>Platycleis albopunctata</i>			2		1			
Small Bloody-nosed Beetle	<i>Timarcha goettingensis</i>			5					
Blue Willow Beetle	<i>Phratora vulgatissima</i>		1						
Click Beetle	<i>Elateridae sp</i>								
7-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		2				1		
Striped Flower Beetle	<i>Cryptocephalus vittatus</i>		1		2				
Swollen thighed Beetle	<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>		1		✓	✓		100	
Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>						1		
Common Red Soldier Beetle	<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>						1	2	
Sulphur Beetle	<i>Cteniopus sulphureus</i>						1		
Garden Chafer	<i>Phyllopertha horticola</i>			2		50	1		
Speckled Rose Chafer	<i>Protaetia morio</i>				1				
Brown Chafer	<i>Serica Brunnea</i>					1			
Cockchafer	<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>					2			
Common Froghopper	<i>Philaenus spumarius</i>		3			1			
Beach Hopper	<i>Talitrus saltator</i>		100						
Leaf Bug	<i>Psallus varians</i>			8					
Water Boatman	<i>Corixa punctata</i>			1					
Rhombic Leatherbug	<i>Syromastus rhombeus</i>			1					
Bishop's Mitre Shieldbug	<i>Aelia acuminata</i>					2			
Gorse Shieldbug	<i>Piezodorus lituratus</i>								
Minstrel Bug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>			1					

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Common Earwig	<i>Forficula auricularia</i>								
Cinnamon Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>					1			
Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>								
Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>			1		2		1	
Large Carder Bee	<i>Bombus muscorum</i>			2	1	1		1	
Clover Melitta	<i>Melitta leporina</i>		50						
European Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		10			✓		2	
White tailed Bee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>		10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-tailed Bee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>		1	10		2		4	
Hairy-footed Flower Bee	<i>Anthophora plumipes</i>			2					
Buff-tailed Bee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>						1		
Green eyed Flower Bee	<i>Anthophora bimaculata</i>			1	10			100	
European Beewolf	<i>Philanthus triangulum</i>				1				
Ichneumon wasp family	<i>Pimpla rufipes</i>			1					
Red-legged Spider Wasp	<i>Episyron rufipes</i>						2		
Drone Fly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>		1	1		1			
Smooth banded Meadow Fly	<i>Chrysotoxum vernale</i>		10	1					
Migrant Hoverfly	<i>Eupeodes corollae</i>		10	✓	✓				
Marmalade Hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>		1		✓			✓	
A hoverfly	<i>Philhelius pedissequum</i>			1		1			
Bluebottle Fly	<i>Calliphora vicina</i>		1						
Pied Hoverfly	<i>Scaeva pyrastris</i>			1					
Long Hoverfly	<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>			10					
Greenbottle Fly	<i>Lucilia sericata</i>			1	10	2			
Two Banded Hoverfly	<i>Chrysotoxum bicinctum</i>			1					
Broad Centurion	<i>Chloromyia formosa</i>			20	✓	✓			
Common Awl Robberfly	<i>Neoitamus cyanurus</i>					1			
Bramble Sawfly	<i>Arge cyanocrocea</i>					1			
DRAGONFLIES									
Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>		2	4	2		6	2	
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>				1				
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>					1			
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>			50					
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>			6					
AMPHIBIANS									
Palmate Newt	<i>Lissotriton helveticus</i>			1					
MAMMALS									
Atlantic Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>				1				
Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>					12			
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>					2			
Greater White-toothed Shrew	<i>Crocidura russula</i>						1		
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		1			4			
FISH									
Carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>			✓					
Goby sp	<i>Gobiidae sp</i>					✓			
Thick-lipped Grey Mullet	<i>Chelon labrosus</i>			3					

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Greater Sand Eel	<i>Hyperoplus lanceolatus</i>					1			
OTHER SPECIES									
Garden Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>		1				10		
Brown-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>			1					
White-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea hortensis</i>							10	
Pointed Snail	<i>Cochlicella acuta</i>							6	
Compass Jellyfish	<i>Chrysaora hysoscella</i>					1			
European Garden Spider						1			
Spider family	<i>Xysticus erraticus</i>					1			
Common Harvestman	<i>Phalangium opilio</i>						1		
House Spider	<i>Tegenaria domestica</i>						1		
Woodlouse Spider	<i>Dysdera crocata</i>						1		

Flora – List of species seen in the week

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PLANTS	
LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS	TRUE FERNS
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family
<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS
Pinaceae	Pine Family
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey Pine
DICOTS	DICOTYLEDONS
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot-fig
Apiaceae	Carrot Family
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Sea-kale
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea-holly
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed
Araliaceae	Ivy Family
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Common Ivy
Asteraceae	Daisy Family
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Arctium lappa</i>	Greater Burdock
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>	Carlina Thistle

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<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed
Boraginaceae	Borage Family
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	Borage
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> ssp. <i>maritimum</i>	Sea Radish
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family
<i>Jasione montana</i>	Sheep's-bit
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene uniflora</i> (vulgare ssp <i>maritima</i>)	Sea Campion
<i>Spergularia rubicola</i>	Rock Spurrey
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort
Chenopodiaceae	Fat-hen Family
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort
Ericaceae	Heather Family
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge
Fabaceae	Pea Family

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<i>Cytisus scoparius subsp.maritimus</i>	Prostrate Broom
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Ribbed Melilot
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch
Fagaceae	Beech Family
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet-Chestnut
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family
<i>Mentha suaveolens</i>	Round-leaved Mint
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme
Malvaceae	Mallow Family
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow
Oleaceae	Olive Family
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family
<i>Euphrasia sp.</i>	Eyebright sp.
<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Common Broomrape
<i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i>	Greater Broomrape
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family
<i>Oxalis articulata</i>	Pink-sorrel
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family
<i>Fumaria muralis</i>	Common Ramping-fumitory
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy

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Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain
<i>Plantago lanecolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax
Plumbaginaceae	Sea-lavender Family
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Amphibious Bistort
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel
Primulaceae	Primrose Family
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup
Rosaceae	Rose Family
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinqufoil
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Bramble
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers
Salicaceae	Willow Family
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar
Sapindaceae (Aceraceae)	Maple Family
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse-chestnut
Solanaceae	Potato Family
<i>Lycium barbarum</i>	Duke of Argyll's Teaplat
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet
Urticaceae	Nettle Family
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian
Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell

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MONOCOTS	MONOCOTYLEDONS
Amaryllidaceae	Allium Family
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered Leek
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	'Spanish' Bluebell
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom
Iridaceae	Iris Family
<i>Crocsmia aurea</i>	Montbretia
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris
<i>Romulae columnae</i>	Sand Crocus
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid
Poaceae	Grass Family
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed
<i>Euphorbia portlandica</i>	Portland Spurge
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil
<i>Tamarix tetrandra</i>	Tamarisk
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	Hoary Stock
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>	Sea Sandwort
<i>Diplotaxis muralis</i>	Wall Rocket
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Restharrow
<i>Orobancha purpurea</i>	Purple Broomrape
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Common Dog Rose
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Travellers Joy
<i>Limonum auriculae-sifolium</i>	Alderney Sea Lavender
<i>Limonium binervosum</i>	Rock Sea Lavender
<i>Lysimachia maritima</i>	Sea Milkwort
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle
<i>Sedum anglicum</i>	English Stonecrop
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax
<i>Orinthus pinnatus</i>	Orange-birdsfoot Trefoil
<i>Cuscuta europaea</i>	Dodder
<i>Juncus maritimus</i>	Sea Rush
<i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	Hairy Bird'-foot Trefoil
<i>Limbaria crithmoides</i>	Golden Samphire
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's tail
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb
<i>Cochlearia danica</i>	Danish Scurveygrass
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern
<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small flowered Catchfly
<i>Plantago major</i>	Broad leaved Plantain
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tarre
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop

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<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Field Speedwell
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Slender Willowherb
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Doc
<i>Onobrychis arenaria</i>	Sanfoin
<i>Jacobaea maritima</i>	Silver Ragwort
<i>Senecio sylvaticus</i>	Heath Groundsel
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel
<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>	Mind your own business
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Creeping Wood Sorrel
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge
<i>Gladiolus communis</i>	Eastern Wild Gladioli
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	Field Bugloss
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle
<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Horse-tail
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed
<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	Greater bird's-foot Trefoil
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Hedge Cranesbill
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag Iris
<i>Atriplex laciniata</i>	Frosted Orache
<i>Polypodium californicum</i>	Polypody
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Buddleigh
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup
<i>Sambucus</i>	Elderflower
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckle Fern
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Ox-Tongue
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False oat Grass
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Redshank
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Watercress
<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>	Water Figwort
<i>Hypericum humifusum</i>	Trailing St.John's Wort
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toadrush
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover