

There is a unique opportunity to get better information on the nature and scale of this spectacular and unprecedented migration by taking part in a UK-wide count. Butterfly Conservation is inviting you to help.

Take part from 11:00 -13:00 (UK time) on Saturday 30 May.

## **Instructions**

### **1) Choose your search area**

Use your garden or a 20 wide strip of countryside (10m either side of where you stand stationary for the two hours). Pick somewhere with a good view!

### **2) Record your sightings**

Make a note of the total number of Painted Ladies that you see flying through or stopping briefly in your search area over the full two hours of observation (including the few that are likely to stop briefly to feed before continuing their journey). Remember to record the direction of their flight.

### **3) Submit your findings**

Enter your data online at Butterfly Conservation's website.

<http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/migrantwatch>

In the comments box of the sightings form – add in this information, with a new line for each:

1. Confirm that you carried out a full sample count by adding the time '11:00-13:00'
2. Add 'OK' to confirm that the weather was suitable for butterfly flight
3. Add your count area – either as 'My garden' or '20m wide strip' for all other counts in suitable open terrain
4. Add the direction of migration eg "NW" for flying north-west.

Please continue to look out for Painted Lady butterflies and submit your sightings to migrantwatch throughout the summer. Submit all records that take place outside this survey time (as well as any counts made from 11:00-13:00 if the weather was not suitable for butterfly migration i.e. cold, very windy).

A small number of sites are needed for more intensive recording. If you are interested in taking part over a longer time period (6 hours or more) please email [migrants@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:migrants@butterfly-conservation.org) with the subject header Painted Lady Count.

Good luck and fingers crossed that the weather is suitable for what should be a fascinating day!