

UK Butterflies first sightings 2002-2008 compiled by Butterfly Conservation

Species		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>	31 May 02	17 May 03	20 May 04	11 May 05	19 May 06	30 April 07	12 May 08
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	17 June 02	11 June 03	11 June 04	04 June 05	17 June 06	31 May 07	07 June 08
Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	06 July 02	13 June 03	02 June 04	26 June 05	11 June 06	26 May 07	18 June 08
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus</i>	29 May 02	15 June 03	14 June 04	09 June 05	17 June 06	28 April 07	23 May 08
Silver-spotted Skipper	<i>Hesperia comma</i>	11 Aug 02	20 July 03	21 July 04	20 July 05	14 July 06	22 July 07	23 July 08
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	19 May 02	26 May 03	21 May 04	30 May 05	30 May 06	30 April 07	18 May 08
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	21 April 02	05 April 03	24 April 04	21 April 05	26 April 06	08 April 07	14 April 08
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	08 April 02	30 Mar 03	13 April 04	10 April 05	22 April 06	06 April 07	08 April 08
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	07 May 02	18 May 03	15 May 04	14 May 05	15 May 06	25 April 07	22 May 08
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	25 April 02	17 April 03	26 April 04	21 April 05	03 May 06	19 April 07	06 May 08
Réal's Wood White	<i>Leptidea reali</i>	02 May 02	16 April 03	29 April 04	08 May 05	10 May 06	26 April 07	27 April 08
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	17 Mar 02	22 Mar 03	16 Mar 04	08 Feb 05	10 April 06	21 Feb 07	03 April 08
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	24 Jan 02	23 Jan 03	06 Jan 04	12 Jan 05	11 Jan 06	09 Jan 07	08 Jan 08
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	24 Mar 02	29 Mar 03	31 Mar 04	31 Mar 05	02 April 06	19 Jan 07	12 Feb 08
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	17 Mar 02	14 Mar 03	17 Mar 04	17 Mar 05	03 April 06	21 Feb 07	08 Feb 08
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	26 Mar 02	19 Mar 03	03 April 04	18 Mar 05	06 April 06	13 Mar 07	30 Mar 08
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	26 Mar 02	15 Mar 03	29 Mar 04	28 Mar 05	04 April 06	27 Mar 07	25 Mar 08
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	29 Mar 02	27 Mar 03	16 April 04	11 April 05	21 April 06	13 Mar 07	14 April 08
Brown Hairstreak	<i>Thecla betulae</i>	05 Aug 02	19 July 03	24 July 04	18 July 05	21 July 06	24 July 07	13 July 08
Purple Hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>	24 June 02	17 June 03	12 June 04	25 June 05	15 June 06	01 June 07	09 June 08
White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium w-album</i>	17 June 02	15 June 03	10 June 04	18 June 05	15 June 06	08 June 07	13 June 08
Black Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium pruni</i>	11 June 02	10 June 03	05 June 04	11 June 05	10 June 06	01 June 07	09 June 08
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	25 Mar 02	24 Mar 03	15 Mar 04	26 Mar 05	27 Mar 06	26 Mar 07	03 April 08
Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	23 April 02	21 April 03	07 May 04	05 May 05	03 May 06	15 April 07	28 April 08
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebeius argus</i>	13 June 02	29 May 03	29 May 04	03 June 05	04 June 06	24 May 07	30 May 08
Brown Argus	<i>Plebeius agestis</i>	08 April 02	17 April 03	10 May 04	06 May 05	06 May 06	16 April 07	07 May 08
Northern Brown Argus	<i>Plebeius artaxerxes</i>	04 June 02	01 June 03	31 May 04	09 June 05	06 June 06	31 May 07	26 May 08
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	22 April 02	15 April 03	24 April 04	05 May 05	03 May 06	13 April 07	22 April 08
Chalkhill Blue	<i>Polyommatus coridon</i>	16 June 02	11 June 03	01 July 04	01 July 05	03 July 06	29 June 07	03 July 08
Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>	16 May 02	04 May 03	16 May 04	12 May 05	12 May 06	22 April 07	22 April 08
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	15 Mar 02	24 Mar 03	29 Mar 04	18 Mar 05	25 Mar 06	07 Mar 07	09 Feb 08
Large Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche arion</i>	17 June 02	not recorded	05 June 04	07 June 05	03 June 06	22 May 07	06 June 08
Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>	28 Mar 02	15 April 03	25 April 04	17 April 05	26 April 06	12 April 07	22 April 08
White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>	23 June 02	15 June 03	10 June 04	19 June 05	15 June 06	03 June 07	10 June 08
Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura iris</i>	26 June 02	21 June 03	27 June 04	24 June 05	23 June 06	19 June 07	24 June 08
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	01 Jan 02	13 Jan 03	05 Jan 04	01 Jan 05	02 Jan 06	01 Jan 07	01 Jan 08

Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	24 Mar 02	06 Mar 03	18 Jan 04	17 Feb 05	15 Jan 06	10 Jan 07	25 Jan 08
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	11 Jan 02	01 Jan 03	04 Jan 04	03 Jan 05	11 Jan 06	01 Jan 07	25 Jan 08
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>	06 Jan 02	05 Jan 03	04 Jan 04	02 Jan 05	11 Jan 06	01 Jan 07	06 Jan 08
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	14 Feb 02	25 Jan 03	10 Jan 04	03 Feb 05	21 Jan 06	19 Jan 07	26 Jan 08
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>	19 May 02	16 April 03	14 April 04	11 May 05	16 May 06	22 April 07	03 May 08
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>	21 April 02	12 April 03	17 April 04	16 April 05	28 April 06	11 April 07	22 April 08
High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>	02 July 02	08 June 03	10 June 04	18 June 05	10 June 06	01 June 07	10 June 08
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>	06 June 02	29 May 03	06 June 04	31 May 05	03 June 06	24 May 07	02 June 08
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	21 June 02	13 June 03	14 June 04	19 June 05	16 June 06	08 June 07	12 June 08
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>	11 May 02	04 May 03	14 May 04	08 May 05	11 May 06	21 April 07	07 May 08
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>	03 May 02	26 May 03	21 May 04	07 May 05	28 May 06	08 April 07	02 May 08
Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	24 May 02	02 June 03	24 May 04	25 May 05	24 May 06	04 May 07	23 May 08
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	12 Mar 02	02 Mar 03	04 Feb 04	25 Mar 05	01 April 06	16 Jan 07	26 Jan 08
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	12 April 02	31 Mar 03	20 April 04	18 April 05	21 April 06	16 Mar 07	15 April 08
Mountain Ringlet	<i>Erebia epiphron</i>	14 June 02	29 June 03	14 June 04	26 June 05	23 June 06	22 May 07	23 June 08
Scotch Argus	<i>Erebia aethiops</i>	26 July 02	14 July 03	18 July 04	12 July 05	19 July 06	11 July 07	24 July 08
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	17 June 02	11 June 03	10 June 04	13 June 05	15 June 06	01 June 07	08 June 08
Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>	23 June 02	23 June 03	19 June 04	10 June 05	15 June 06	08 June 07	06 June 08
Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	30 June 02	21 June 03	20 June 04	26 June 05	20 June 06	12 June 07	23 June 08
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	03 June 02	01 June 03	23 May 04	04 June 05	01 June 06	30 April 07	25 May 08
Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	16 June 02	13 June 03	07 June 04	10 June 05	15 June 06	07 June 07	10 June 08
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	21 April 02	15 April 03	02 May 04	29 April 05	05 May 06	15 April 07	22 April 08
Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha tullia</i>	17 June 02	13 June 03	06 June 04	07 June 05	06 June 06	21 May 07	31 May 08

N.B. These first sightings are gathered as the butterfly season progresses so as to provide up-to-date information about species emergence. They are not reviewed retrospectively by reference to transect data or distribution records and therefore represent what we believed to be the first report of a species at the time rather than a comprehensive analysis of the actual first dates recorded in a particular year.