

HERTFORDSHIRE & MIDDLESEX ~ FIRST SIGHTINGS 2011-2016 as reported to the Branch Website

Species Name	Scientific Name	Hertfordshire 2011	Middlesex 2011	Hertfordshire 2012	Middlesex 2012	Hertfordshire 2013	Middlesex 2013	Hertfordshire 2014	Middlesex 2014	Hertfordshire 2015	Middlesex 2015	Hertfordshire 2016	Middlesex 2016
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	21st April 2011		8th May 2012		6th May 2013		28th April 2014		21st April 2015		3rd May 2016	
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	9th April 2011		4th April 2012		24th April 2013		15th April 2014		21st April 2015		12th April 2016	
Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	20th June 2011	25th June 2011	7th July 2012	7th July 2012	6th July 2013	9th July 2013	20th June 2014	18th June 2014	24th June 2015	25th June 2015	3rd July 2016	1st July 2016
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	11th June 2011	11th June 2011	30th June 2012	27th June 2012	29th June 2013	4th July 2013	17th June 2014	17th June 2014	23rd June 2015	17th June 2015	6th June 2016	19th June 2016
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	8th May 2011	7th May 2011	9th June 2012	6th June 2012	7th June 2013	6th June 2013	31st May 2014	31st May 2014	4th June 2015	26th May 2015	27th May 2016	26th May 2016
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	6th April 2011	23rd March 2011	24th March 2012	24th March 2012	21st April 2013	29th April 2013	31st March 2014	20th March 2014	6th April 2015	7th April 2015	5th April 2016	12th April 2016
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	6th April 2011	22nd April 2011	29th March 2012	27th March 2012	21st April 2013	24th April 2013	9th March 2014	5th April 2014	10th April 2015	8th April 2015	14th April 2016	30th April 2016
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	6th April 2011	23rd March 2011	23rd March 2012	15th March 2012	14th April 2013	20th April 2013	24th March 2014	6th March 2014	6th April 2015	22nd March 2015	25th March 2016	22nd March 2016
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	12th March 2011	23rd March 2011	26th March 2012	15th March 2012	21st April 2013	21st April 2013	16th March 2014	1st April 2014	14th April 2015	10th April 2015	13th April 2016	2nd April 2016
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	3rd July 2011	1st September 2011			25th June 2013	26th June 2013	24th July 2014	26th June 2014	9th June 2015		26th June 2016	10th July 2016
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	8th February 2011	8th February 2011	23rd February 2012	15th March 2012	19th February 2013	5th March 2013	22nd February 2014	24th February 2014	25th February 2015	15th January 2015	4th February 2016	13th March 2016
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					<i>Believed to be extinct as a breeding species</i>							
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	7th April 2011	2nd April 2011	23rd March 2012	12th March 2012	25th April 2013	24th April 2013	2nd April 2014	1st April 2014	10th March 2015	7th April 2015	4th January 2016	8th April 2016
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	24th April 2011	30th April 2011	11th May 2012	13th May 2012	12th May 2013	26th May 2013	4th May 2014	16th May 2014	10th May 2015	4th May 2015	14th May 2016	12th May 2016
Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	9th June 2011	24th June 2011	18th June 2012	27th June 2012	26th June 2013	29th June 2013	8th June 2014	17th June 2014	22nd June 2015	17th June 2015	21st June 2016	17th June 2016
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	25th May 2011	24th May 2011	10th June 2012	14th June 2012	19th June 2013	19th June 2013	2nd June 2014	5th June 2014	4th June 2015	6th June 2015	6th June 2016	9th June 2016
Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	25th June 2011	25th June 2011	12th July 2012	10th July 2012	13th July 2013	10th July 2013	26th June 2014	27th June 2014	2nd July 2015	29th June 2015	8th July 2016	2nd July 2016
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	13th June 2011	9th June 2011	18th June 2012	27th June 2012	26th June 2013	4th July 2013	10th June 2014	19th June 2014	16th June 2015	17th June 2015	18th June 2016	16th June 2016
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	19th June 2011	27th June 2011	1st July 2012	26th July 2012	6th July 2013	2nd August 2013	20th June 2014	23rd June 2014	29th June 2015	10th July 2015	1st July 2016	16th July 2016
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>	3rd June 2011		25th June 2012		16th June 2013	13th July 2013	10th June 2014	24th July 2014	16th June 2015		19th June 2016	27th June 2016
White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>	11th June 2011	9th June 2011	27th June 2012	13th July 2012	5th July 2013	5th July 2013	13th June 2014	22nd June 2014	27th June 2015	29th June 2015	28th June 2016	6th July 2016
Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura iris</i>	21st June 2011	25th June 2011	4th July 2012	5th July 2012	12th July 2013	9th July 2013	20th June 2014	21st June 2014	5th July 2015	30th June 2015	4th July 2016	4th July 2016
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	8th February 2011	19th January 2011	2nd January 2012	16th February 2012	4th January 2013	12th January 2013	22nd February 2014	2nd January 2014	9th January 2015	18th February 2015	13th March 2016	25th January 2016
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	22nd April 2011	6th April 2011	8th May 2012	1st July 2012	18th June 2013	1st July 2013	24th May 2014	15th April 2014	21st April 2015	13th May 2015	16th May 2016	14th May 2016
Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>	12th March 2011	12th March 2011	1st March 2012	26th February 2012	19th February 2013	10th April 2013	3rd January 2014	24th February 2014	8th February 2015	7th January 2015	21st March 2016	22nd March 2016
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	7th March 2011	12th March 2011	9th January 2012	24th February 2012	19th February 2013	5th March 2013	16th February 2014	5th March 2014	8th February 2015	6th March 2015	30th January 2016	17th March 2016
Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>			11th August 2012									
Comma	<i>Polyommata c-album</i>	7th March 2011	8th March 2011	10th March 2012	26th February 2012	3rd March 2013	6th April 2013	26th February 2014	24th February 2014	7th March 2015	7th March 2015	14th March 2016	22nd March 2016
Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamaeris lucina</i>					<i>Believed to be extinct as a breeding species</i>							
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	21st April 2011	21st April 2011	30th April 2012	12th May 2012	20th May 2013	25th May 2013	27th April 2014	21st April 2014	27th April 2015	7th May 2015	4th May 2016	5th May 2016
Brown Hairstreak	<i>Thecla betulae</i>												5th December 2016 (eggs)
Purple Hairstreak	<i>Favonius quercus</i>	11th May 2011	13th June 2011	4th July 2012	8th July 2012	8th July 2013	4th July 2013	26th June 2014	21st June 2014	1st July 2015	30th June 2015	26th June 2016	28th June 2016
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	10th April 2011	6th May 2011	12th May 2012		1st May 2013	3rd May 2013	16th April 2014	3rd May 2014	20th April 2015	18th April 2015	3rd May 2016	7th May 2016
White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium w-album</i>	4th June 2011	30th May 2011	25th June 2012	23rd June 2012	5th July 2013	6th July 2013	17th June 2014	15th June 2014	24th June 2015	24th June 2015	26th June 2016	25th June 2016
Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	21st May 2011	21st May 2011	30th May 2012		4th June 2013		14th June 2014		13th May 2015		12th May 2016	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	23rd March 2011	22nd March 2011	9th March 2012	24th March 2012	2nd April 2013	20th April 2013	24th April 2014	16th March 2014	7th April 2015	3rd April 2015	6th April 2015	22nd March 2016
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	24th April 2011	9th May 2011	7th May 2012	22nd May 2012	22nd May 2013	2nd July 2013	6th May 2014	16th May 2014	10th May 2015	21st May 2015	11th May 2016	17th May 2016
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	18th April 2011	4th May 2011	22nd May 2012	19th May 2012	31st May 2013	4th June 2013	6th May 2014	14th May 2014	10th May 2015	10th May 2015	17th May 2016	15th May 2016
Chalkhill Blue	<i>Polyommatus coridon</i>	3rd July 2011		12th July 2012		8th July 2013	22nd July 2013	26th June 2014	23rd July 2014	29th June 2015		2nd July 2016	

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 in our branch area rather than a comprehensive analysis of the actual first dates recorded in a particular year.