Butterflies of Castle Drogo

Marbled White (July)
Grayling (July – Aug)
Pearl-bordered Fritillary (May)
Peacock (April – Sept)
Speckled Wood (April – Sept)

Map not to scale
Butterfly spotting at Castle Drogo

Castle Drogo is a special place for butterflies. The warm bracken slopes and woodland edges provide the perfect habitat for several scarce species including the **Pearl-bordered Fritillary**. This butterfly has suffered drastic declines in recent years and is now a threatened species in the UK. The rangers at Castle Drogo are working hard to protect it and its habitat.

If you are lucky you may be able to spot one on a sunny day in May amongst the bracken on the edge of the steps to Sharp Tor.

Mid-summer is a great time to take a stroll around Piddledown Common — you may be able to spot up to 10 different species here including the beautiful **Marbled White**.

Extend your route along Hunter’s path, just below the castle, and keep your eyes peeled for **Speckled Wood** amongst the trees, and the highly camouflaged **Grayling** on bare rock faces.

The garden is also a great place to spot colourful butterflies such as the **Peacock** feeding up on nectar from the flowers *(admission prices apply for the garden)*.

**How many butterflies will you spot on your walk today?**

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