Garden Butterflies

Identify the magical jewels that are our garden butterflies

This guide only covers the most commonly occurring garden butterflies. If you see any other species or would like to know more about how to encourage butterflies, please visit www.butterfly-conservation.org.

**Comma** 55-50mm
The Comma’s name comes from the comma shaped marking on the underside of its wing.

**Gatekeeper** 40-47mm
The Gatekeeper gets its name because it likes to live in hedgerows, so it is often spotted around gates.

**Peacock** 63-69mm
The Peacock flashes the eye-spots on its wings to stop birds trying to eat it!

**Orange-tip** 45-50mm
Only the male Orange Tip has orange tips. The female is white all over, but both have green camouflage underneath.

**Meadow Brown** 50-55mm
Because the Meadow Brown caterpillar feeds on many different grasses, this species can be found in many places.

**Red Admiral** 67-72mm
The Red Admiral used to migrate from Africa but now lives here due to climate change.

**Small Tortoiseshell** 50-56mm
Blue spots on wing edges are a key difference between Small Tortoiseshell and Painted Lady.

**Holly Blue** 35mm
The Holly Blue is the only blue butterfly found in our gardens; the caterpillar feeds on Holly and Ivy.

**Painted Lady** 64-70mm
The Painted Lady arrives here every year after flying all the way from Europe.

**Small White** 48mm
The Small White is attracted to white flowers where it likes to rest as it is camouflaged from predators.

**Speckled Wood** 47-50mm
The Speckled Wood is territorial and will defend its patch from other butterflies, dogs and people.

**Green-veined White** 50mm
There are four white butterflies in Britain, and none of them are called the Cabbage White.

**Large White** 63-70mm
The Large White caterpillar is brightly coloured to warn predators that it is full of poisonous mustard oils.