

Butterfly Magic

Butterflies of Lullymore West Bog. How many have you seen?



Dark Green Fritillary
(*Argynnis aglaja*)
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Holly Blue
(*Celastrina argiolus*)
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Green-veined White
(*Artogeia napi*)
© R Duggan



Small Copper
(*Lycaena phlaeas*)
© T Whyte



Large Heath
(*Coenonympha tullia*)
© T Ó Corcora



Marsh Fritillary
(*Euphydryas aurinia*)
© J Harding



Silver-washed Fritillary
(*Argynnis paphia*)
© K. Geraghty



Common Blue
(*Polyommatus icarus*)
© T Ó Corcora



Dingy Skipper
(*Erynnis tages*)
© R Duggan



Peacock
(*Inachis io*)
© J Harding



Brimstone
(*Genepteryx rhamni*)
© C O'Connell



Red Admiral
(*Vanessa alalanta*)
© C O'Connell



Ringlet
(*Aphantopus hyperantus*)
© C. O'Connell



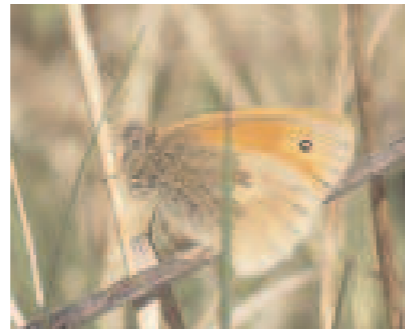
Small White
(*Pieris rapae*)
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Orange-tip
(*Anthocharis cardamines*)
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Speckled Wood
(*Pararge aegeria*)
© C O'Connell



Small Heath
(*Coenonympha pamphilus*)
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Small Tortoiseshell
(*Aglais urticae*)
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Meadow Brown
(*Maniola jurtina*)
© J Wiley



Wall Brown
(*Lasiommata megera*)
© R Duggan



Painted Lady
(*Cynthia cardui*)
© J FitzGerald



Large White
(*Pieris brassicae*)
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Wood White
(*Leptidea sinapis*)
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Butterflies like open, sunny and sheltered places with lots of variation in the habitats present - such as mature or tall trees, some dense undergrowth, sunny glades, patches of recently cleared ground and regenerating open wildflower grassy areas. This diverse structure creates the variety of habitats necessary for

butterflies - many beautiful flowers providing nectar for adult butterflies or food for their caterpillars, the perfect breeding habitat and shelter to overwinter. To achieve this mosaic management is essential and includes removing scrub and grazing the site each year.

Irish butterflies are threatened by habitat loss, climate change and the higher demands on our landscape from increasing population.

Lullymore West Bog is being conserved by the Irish Peatland Conservation Council for its diversity of butterflies and moths. With 22

out of the 35 butterflies occurring in Ireland found here and over 150 species of moth, the site is exceptional.

Butterflies are the very essence of nature. They represent freedom, beauty and peace. We are so lucky to have such a healthy population of

butterflies on Lullymore West Bog. Thank you for supporting our work of saving the butterflies on Lullymore West. You are very welcome to visit the site and enjoy a Butterfly Watch.