

Common Name	Scientific Name	Larval Food-plant(s)	Flight Period	Habitat Preferences	Range and Population Trends
Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	Various grasses including Cocksfoot and Creeping Soft-grass	Early July - August	Prefers warmer grasslands; range expanding	Nationally declining but increasing and spreading in WM
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	Grasses, especially Yorkshire Fog	Late June – early September	Prefers tall, rough grasslands	Common and increasing in WM
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	Various grasses, especially Cocksfoot	Late May – mid-August	Prefers tall, rough grasslands	Population increasing; range expanding
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocaris cardamines</i>	Cuckoo-flower, Garlic Mustard and other crucifers	First brood in spring, second emerges July	Damp grasslands	Population increasing; range expanding
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	Cuckoo-flower, Garlic Mustard and other crucifers	First brood in spring, second emerges July	Damp grasslands	Common and increasing
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	Principally Red and White Clovers	Migrants arrive May, offspring emerge June & July	Fields with Clover(s); decreasing range	Scattered in WM and population decreasing
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Various grasses including Cocksfoot and Yorkshire Fog	First brood May – June. Second brood July - September	Prefers warmer, shorter grasslands	Range and population rapidly decreasing
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Fine grasses such as Fescues, Bents and Meadow-grasses	First brood May – June. Second brood July - September	Well-drained grasslands with fine grasses	Range and population decreasing
Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	Coarse grasses such as Cocksfoot, False Brome, Common Couch and Tufted Hair Grass	Late June – mid-August	Rough grassy areas, preferably damp	Common in WM; range and population increasing
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	Fine and medium-leaved grasses such as Meadow-grasses and Bents	June – September (peak July)	Warm, open meadows	Common; range and population stable
Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	Fine grasses such as Fescues, Bents and Meadow-grasses	Early July – end of August (peak early August)	Sunny, sheltered grasslands	Widespread in WM but population decreasing
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Common and Sheep Sorrels	First brood April – June. Second brood July - October	Dry (including acid) grasslands	Range and population stable in WM, declining elsewhere
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Common and Greater Bird's-foot Trefoils, Black Medick, White Clover	First brood late April – mid-June. Second brood mid-July - Sept	Sunny, open flowery meadows	Widespread in WM, range and population stable