

Butterfly Panel

1.Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta:Nymphalidae*)

S. 6.2:7.2 cm. A summer seasonal migrant from Europe and Africa feeding on nectar rich plants like Buddleia and Nettles.

2.Painted Lady (*Cynthia cardui:Nymphalidae*)

S. 5.8:7.4 cm. A summer seasonal migrant from Europe feeding on Buddleia, Nettles and Thistles.

3.Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus:Satyridae*)

S.4.5:5.2 cm. Resident night feeding on brambles, Thistles and Orchids.

4.Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni:Pieridae*)

S. 6:7.5 cm. Resident which feeds exclusively on Buckthorn and unusually hibernates.

5.Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae:Nymphalidae*)

S. 4.5:6.2 cm. Common resident, feeding on Dandelions and laying eggs on Nettles up to three times a year.

6.Large White (*Pieris brassicae:Pieridae*)

S. 6:7.6 cm. Sometimes called Cabbage Whites as they lay eggs on cabbage and related plants.

7.Wall Brown (*Lasiommata megera:Satyridae*)

S. 4.5:5.5 cm. Sun worshipping resident feeding on Wild Carrot.

8.Clouded Yellow (*Colias croceus:Pieridae*)

S. 5.2:6.2 cm. A summer migrant feeding on trefoils and laying eggs on Clover.

9.Common Blue (*Polyommatus icarus:Lycaenidae*)

S.3.5:4 cm. A subspecies of the female butterfly, which has distinctive orange tipped wings, known as *Mariscolor* occurs in Ireland, feeding and laying on Bird's Foot Trefoil.

10.Peacock (*Inachis io:Nymphalidae*)

S.6.3:7 cm. Common resident feeding on nectar rich plants like Buddleia and laying eggs on common Nettles

11.Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae:Artiidae*)

S.1.7:2.3 cm. A day time moth feeding on Ragwort.

12.Small Copper (*Lycaena phlaeas:Lycaenidae*)

S.3.2:3.5 cm. An increasingly rare resident feeding on Ox-eye Daisy, Common Sorrel, Knapweed and heathers.

13.Six-spot Burnet (*Zygaena filipendulae:Zygaenida*)

S. 1.5:2 cm.A day time grassland moth which feeds on Bird's Foot Trefoil.

14.Orange-tip (*Anthocharis cardamines:Pieridae*)

S.4:5 cm. Hedgerows woodlands and meadows, feeding on Cuckoo flowers and Ragged Robin.

15.Silver-washed Fritillary (*Argynnis pahia:Nymphalidae*)

S. 7:8 cm. Silver streaked under wing-one of the larger species-inhabiting woodland and feeding on Violets.

**16.Hummingbird Hawkmoth (*Macroglossum stellatarum*:
Macroglossinae)**

S. 1.6:2.5 cm. A European immigrant day time moth feeding on Valerium, Buddleia and Honeysuckle

17.Holly Blue (*Celestrina argiolus*:*Lycaenidae*)

S.3:3.5 cm. Woodland margins and meadows feeding on Holly, Ivy, Gorse and Buckthorn.

18.Meadow Brown (*Maniola jurtina*:*Satyridae*)

S. 5.2:5.6 cm. One of Ireland's most abundant grassland butterflies with at least two sub-species feeding on grasses.

19.Speckled Wood (*Pararge aegeria*:*Satyridae*)

S. 4.7:5 cm. One of Ireland's commonest butterflies living and laying on road side verges and grasses.

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