

Butterfly Panel

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

Size: 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*)

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

3. **Ringlet** (*Aphantopus hyperantus: Satyridae*)

Size: 4.5:5.2 cm. Resident night feeding on Brambles, Thistles and Orchids.

4. **Brimstone** (*Gonepteryx rhamni: Pieridae*)

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

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

Size: 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*)

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

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

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

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

Size 5.2:6.2 cm. A summer migrant feeding on Trefoils and laying eggs on Clover.

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

Size: 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 eggs on Bird's Foot Trefoil.

10. Peacock (*Inachis io*: *Nymphalidae*)

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

11. Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae*: *Artiidae*)

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

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

Size: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*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Size: 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*)

Size: 4.7:5 cm. One of Ireland's commonest butterflies living and laying eggs on road side verges and Grasses.