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The 21 different species recorded that day represents more than a third of British butterfly species.




1	Large white	
2	Small white	
3	Green-veined white	



4	<p>Marbled white</p>	
5	<p>Brimstone</p>	
6	<p>Common blue</p> <p>Only the male is such a vivid blue, females are mainly brown as below:-</p> 	

7	Holly blue	
8	Small skipper	
9	<p>Essex skipper</p> <p>Newly recorded on Bredon Hill in 2008.</p>	

10	Large skipper	
11	Ringlet	
12	<p>Meadow brown</p> <p>The red mark on the back is a parasitic mite, <i>Trombidium breei</i></p>	

13	<p><b>Small heath</b></p> <p>Very few present on Bredon Hill; never rests with its wings open.</p>	 A small heath butterfly with a pale, almost white body and wings, resting on a patch of green grass. The butterfly is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing towards the right. Its wings are closed, and its body is tucked up towards its head.
14	<p><b>Gatekeeper</b></p>	 A Gatekeeper butterfly with bright orange wings and dark brown borders, resting on a large, vibrant green leaf. The butterfly is centered on the leaf, with its wings spread wide. Two prominent black eyespots are visible on the forewings.
15	<p><b>Small copper</b></p>	 A small copper butterfly with orange wings and dark spots, perched on a purple thistle flower. The butterfly is facing left, with its wings slightly open as it feeds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

16	Speckled wood	 A close-up photograph of a Speckled wood butterfly (Pararge aegeria) perched on a large, green, unripe apple. The butterfly's wings are brown with numerous small white spots and a row of larger white spots near the edges. The background is dark and out of focus.
17	Comma	 A photograph of a Comma butterfly (Polygonia comma) resting on a pear. The butterfly's wings are orange with black spots and a characteristic comma-shaped mark on the hindwing. The pear is green and surrounded by large green leaves.
18	Red admiral  Until recently this species did not over-winter in the UK; now seen throughout the year – evidence of global-warming perhaps.	 A photograph of a Red admiral butterfly (Vanessa atalanta) feeding from a purple thistle flower. The butterfly has dark brown wings with a prominent orange-red band and white spots on the hindwing. The thistle flower is in full bloom, and the background is a soft-focus green.

19	Peacock	
20	<p>Painted lady</p> <p>Does not survive our winters, but is a regular migrant. Numbers in 2009 are one of the highest on record.</p>	
21	<p>Small tortoiseshell</p> <p>Once our most common garden butterfly, perhaps apart from the whites; but numbers crashed in 2007 and 2008, now recovering well.</p>	