



Ringlet in Harrow garden, June 2017, photo: Leslie

Williams.

Welcome to this London Natural History Society project, working with other organisations and individuals in London. Thank you for all the records to date.

Given a day or more of good weather during the early autumn, there could still be opportunities to record adults flying particularly for those with second and third broods. Possibilities include the Small White, Large White, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Speckled Wood, possibly a few late Meadow Browns, Small Copper and Common Blue. And there may be the occasional Speckled Wood flying, or Red Admiral over-wintering or flying during the winter.

The project managed to cover, at least fleetingly, a good number of the priority tetrads during the summer. Visits were also made to parts of Dagenham, Newham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest. But a visit on a single day may miss much of the total butterfly species present during the year. So the priority list remains for now – and in other areas there will be gaps for species that have still to be recorded.

And please send your records through your usual channels – or to the LNHS project.

Aims of the London butterfly atlas project

London Natural History Society (LNHS) aims to map the distribution of butterfly species in Greater London, updating 'The Butterflies of the London Area' of 1980-86. Much has changed since to butterflies in London; while London itself has changed and is continuing to change. Survey information will improve knowledge to help the conservation of butterflies, habitats and other wildlife in London. The project is primarily concerned with the Greater London area – that of the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London. The aim is to map to the tetrad (2km x 2km) level. The project is using records from 2015, with surveying during 2016 and into 2017. As this is a 'dots-on-the-map' survey, records are needed from suburban and urban areas, gardens, streets and as seen during commuting; and from green spaces.

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Recorder: Lepidoptera (butterflies), London Natural History Society

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Recording anywhere in Greater London

Records simply contain the details of: Species name; Date (preferably to the day); Location (a grid reference and/or any of the following: postcode, street name, place name); and your name. If you wish add numbers seen, habitat, behaviour, life-stage if eggs or caterpillars, and any other details. Record anywhere in Greater London:

- Gardens.
- Commuter routes, town centres, residential roads, footpaths, local parks, churchyards, cemeteries, and local wildlife sites (SINCs): all the local places that make up London.
- Recreational paths: Thames Paths, Capital Ring, London Loop, and others.

This website has more information, with links to social media at:

<https://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/about-us/recording/london-butterfly-atlas-project>.

and identification charts for common species: <https://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/learning/school-packs>.

Gaps: See the list and map of localities at the end of this update that have few records. The project has been visiting some of these – but as, typically, only a few species are recorded per visit, visits by different people and at different during the season helps to compile a fuller species list. Species priorities include those with single, short flight periods. Records of all species and from anywhere in London are welcome.

Flow Of Records: Records can be sent to the email at the end of this briefing; or to Leslie Williams; or entered online on the GiGL (Greenspace Information for Greater London) site; on iRecord, or via Butterfly Conservation branches, or via the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme for transect walks, or on paper.

Hertfordshire and Middlesex atlas: Hertfordshire and Middlesex Butterfly Conservation, and the Hertfordshire Natural History Society have produced a new atlas of butterflies. Details are available on the website of the Hertfordshire Natural History Society.

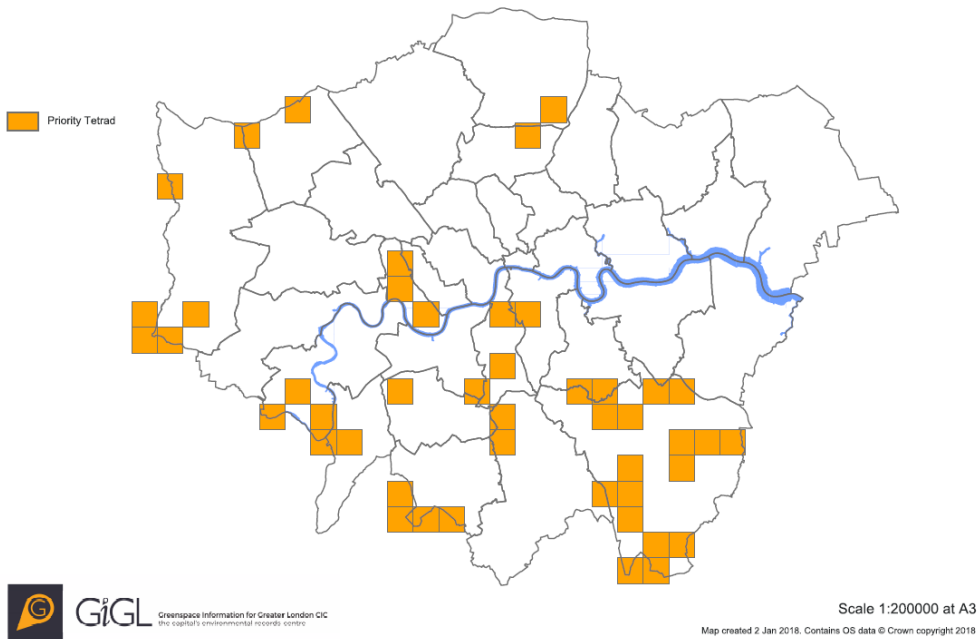
Photography

The project is photographing London's butterflies and their environments. Photographs of butterfly habitat, or with iconic features and London landmarks are welcome. Please provide information with the photograph/s, including your name, contact details, date, location, species name and any other information that adds to the picture. All photographs used will be acknowledged.

Priority tetrads for surveying

LNHS Butterfly Atlas Project

Locations of priority tetrads for recording



'Essex in London' tetrads are not highlighted on the map above, but there are plenty of places to explore in north-east London.

September 2017 - Tetrads for which there are no or sometimes only a few 2016-2017 or recent records.

Locality	Grid	Tetrad
<i>Bromley Borough and area particularly the North- East, East and South.</i>		
Longlands,	44	
New Eltham,	72	
Lamorbey		
Sidcup,	46	
Albany Park	72	
Sundridge	40	
	70	

Elmstead, 42
Chislehurst 70
West

St Mary Cray / 46
St Paul's 68
Cray

Cray Valley, 48
Cray Park, 68
Hockenden

Swanley 50
68

Bromley 42
Common, 66
Southborough

Ramsden, 46
Derry Downs 66

Kevingtown 48
66

Hayes 40
Common, 64
Keston

Locksbottom 42
64

Farthing Street 42
62

Green Street 44
Green 62

Hazelwood T 44 60
Q

Norsted Lane T 46 60
Q
Biggin Hill T 40 58
(town) Q
Aperfield, T 42 58
Berry's Green Q
Cudham, T 44 58
Horns Green Q
South Street, T 42 56
Westerham Q
Hill
Cudham Frith T 44 56
Q

South

London

Newington, T 32 78
Walworth Q
Bermondsey, T 34 78
Rotherhithe Q
Herne Hill, T 32 74
North Dulwich, Q
East Dulwich
Norwood, T 32 70
Gipsy Hill Q
Thornton T 32 68
Heath, Upper Q
Norwood
Streatham Hill, T 30 72
Tulse Hill Q

**The West End
and nearby**

South T 26 78
Kensington, Q
Brompton,
Knightsbridge
West Kilburn, T 24 82
Maida Vale Q
Notting Hill, T 24 80
Bayswater, Q
Westbourne,
Green

**The South-
West**

Wallington, T 28 62
South Q
Beddington,
Woodcote

Green
Carshalton T 26 62
Beeches Q
Wimbledon T 24 72
Park, Q
Southfields
West Sutton to T 24 64
Sutton Q
Common
Cheam, T 24 62
Belmont Q
New Malden T 20 68
Q
Norbiton, T 18 68
Kingston Q
To the South T 18 70
of Richmond Q
Park
Marble Hill, T 16 72
Ham Q
Hampton Hill, T 14 70
Fullwell, Q
Teddington

**Areas around
Heathrow
including Har
mondsworth
and
Sipson**

West Bedfont T 06 74
Q
Harrmondswor T 0476
th /Heathrow Q
West
Harmondswort T 06 76
h East / Q
Sipson /
Heathrow
West Drayton / T 04 78
Heathrow Q

**Essex / North-
East London:
Boroughs of
Waltham Fore
st, Newham,
Redbridge,
Barking and**

**Dagenham,
and Havering.**

Urban, suburb
an and rural.

Rainham
Marshes are
covered.

Other

Stanmore – 16

Northern parts 94
near the M1

Grim's Dyke 12

Golf Course 92

William Girling 36

Reservoir, 94

King George

Reservoir

Upper 34

Edmonton, 92

Lower

Edmonton

Bayhurst 06

Wood Country 88

Park, Mad

Bess Wood

Hanworth 10

70

Forster 38

Memorial 72

Park, Higher

Green

Cemetery,

Catford

Grove Park, 40

Mottingham 72