# BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION GUIDE



# WHITE BUTTERFLIES



**Green-veined white Average wingspan: 50mm** Pronounced markings along veins on their undersides – on their forewings,

they have broken patches of black.



Large white Average wingspan: 67mm Black marks at the wing tips, with black colour continuing along the outer edge of the wings.



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## Marbled white

Average wingspan: 55mm Black and white checked pattern across the wings.

## Small white

#### Average wingspan: 48mm

Less grey or black marks at the wing tips, with colour only extending slightly along the outer edge of the wing.





## Orange-tip

#### Average wingspan: 47mm

Males are white with bold orange patches on the forewings and light grey wingtips. Females are white with grey-black wingtips.

# YELLOW/GREEN BUTTERFLIES



Average wingspan: 60mm

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Large butterfly with a greyish body and veined leaf-like pointed wings. Males are lemon-yellow, while females are greenish-white with orange spots in the middle of each wing.

# BLVE BUTTERFLIES



Holly blue Average wingspan: 35mm Chequered fringe on the wing edge (white with black stripes on the upper wing).



### (ommon blue Average wingspan: 35mm

A plain white fringe on the edges of the wings.



# BROWN BUTTERFLIES



### Meadow brown

Average wingspan: 53mm Brown with orange stains and a single black eyespot on forewings.

## Ringlet

#### Average wingspan: 50mm

Multiple small circles on the underwings which vary in number, size and shape. Sometimes they are just white spots without the black ring.

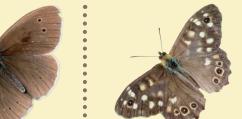


Gatekeeper Average wingspan: 44mm Brown with distinct orange patches and black eyespots with white dots on each forewing.



## Wall brown

Average wingspan: 45mm Mainly pale orange with greyish-brown markings and multiple black eyespots.



## Speckled wood

Average wingspan: 49mm Dark brown with creamy yellow spots. Three small, cream-ringed eyespots on each hindwing and one on each forewing.

# ORANGE BUTTERFLIES



## Small tortoiseshell

Average wingspan: male 55mm, female 62mm Orange with black and yellow markings on the forewings and blue marks on the



#### Peacock

wing edges.

Average wingspan: 66mm Deep red with black marks and blue eye spots on the forewings and hindwings.

## Skipper species

Average wingspan: 28-34mm Skippers hold their forewings angled above the hind wings. They have a triangular shape.

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Average wingspan: 64-78mm Black with broad, red stripes on the hindwings and forewings, and white spots near the tips of the forewings.



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Average wingspan: 50-64mm

- Orange with black
- spots and scalloped
- wing edges.



# Painted lady

Average wingspan: 58-74mm Orange with black and white tips on forewings and black spots on both forewings and hindwings.





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Small, light orange with one eyespot on each forewing. The

- underside of hindwings are brown-
- grey. Always rests with wings closed.

## Small copper

#### Average wingspan: 34mm

Orange with dark brown spots and a thick brown edge on forewings, and dark brown hindwings with orange bands.

