

Over the five year period 2013-2017 some 18 species have been recorded in the gardens, which is nearly a third of all the species that regularly occur in the whole country.

Butterflies can be seen flying in the gardens from March to November.

They come into the gardens to feed on nectar rich flowering plants such as Michaelmas daisies and herbs including lavender and thymes. However, their larval food plants such as brassicas, wild grasses and nettles are weeded out of the gardens which means they have to breed elsewhere such as Long Meadow where all their larval food plants do grow.

The **Orange Tip** flies just during spring.



Orange Tip

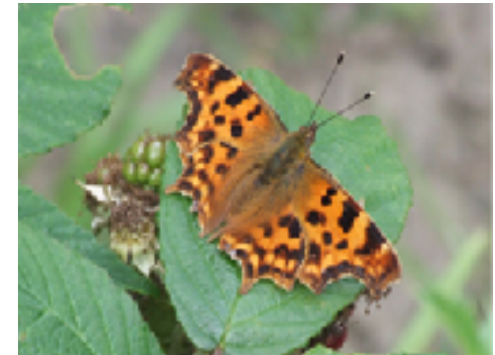
Other butterflies that can be seen during spring such as **Large, Small, Green-veined Whites, Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Peacock, Holly Blue and Speckled Wood** also produce another generation during the summer months.



Large White



Small Tortoiseshell



Comma



Holly Blue



Speckled Wood

**Red Admiral, Common Blue, Small Copper, Gatekeeper and Meadow Brown** can be seen from mid-summer into the autumn.

Some butterflies such as **Comma, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Brimstone** overwinter as adults and can sometimes be seen during the winter months during warmer spells.

Butterflies and other insects add colour, activity and interest to the gardens and enable human visitors to observe and enjoy the interaction between plants and insects.



Red Admiral



Small Copper



Gatekeeper



## Butterflies in the Gardens



Peacock

