

BUTTERFLIES OF LOCHALSH AND SKYE

Species	Comments	Flight Period
Clouded Yellow	A rare migrant. Recorded in both Lochalsh and Skye in 1992.	
Large White	Uncommon in both Skye and Lochalsh.	June to September
Small White	Only two recent Lochalsh records. Recorded in 6 10km squares on Skye in Highland Atlas.	May to mid September
Green-veined White	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	April to September
Orange-tip	Widespread and increasing in Lochalsh. Recorded in 6 10km squares on Skye in Highland Atlas.	Late April to early June
Green Hairstreak	Common in Lochalsh. Recorded in south Skye and on Raasay. A small and easily overlooked butterfly.	Mid April to mid June
Small Copper	Recorded in 2 10km squares in Lochalsh and also in 2 10km squares on Skye in Highland Atlas.	June to September.
Common Blue	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	June to August
Red Admiral	Common migrant throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	April to October
Painted Lady	Irregular migrant throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	May to September
Small Tortoiseshell	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh but a possible decline in last two years.	Mid April to mid September
Peacock	Scarce prior to 2006. Now common and widespread throughout the Highlands following a dramatic increase.	April/May and August/September
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Common in south Skye and Lochalsh. Has also been recorded in Portree and on Raasay.	Late May to July
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Small colony on Carr Brae, Dornie. No other recent records in Lochalsh and no confirmed records for Skye.	May to early June
Dark Green Fritillary	Widespread but patchy distribution in both Skye and Lochalsh.	June to August
Speckled Wood	Common throughout Lochalsh, patchy distribution on Skye.	Late April to September
Scotch Argus	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	Late July to early September
Grayling	Uncommon but widely distributed coastal species on Skye. Rare in Lochalsh but may be under-recorded.	July/August
Meadow Brown	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	Late June to mid August
Small Heath	Common throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	Mid May to mid August
Large Heath	Widespread but local throughout Skye and Lochalsh.	June to August