

## Butterflies:

Aston's Eyot has a typical selection for woodland edge and urban garden, though the huge nettlebeds don't support the numbers of Vanessids\* one might expect - this group's caterpillars mostly feed on nettles. One species, Marbled White, has been lost since the 1980s, probably because the grassy patches it favours have been replaced by nettles and other tall herbs. Sampling has been irregular, but we hope to do it more thoroughly in 2011.

All observations gratefully received - please post on 'Sightings' or email [info@friendsofastonseyot.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofastonseyot.org.uk).

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\*Vanessids are the large showy ones: Peacock, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma & Painted Lady - the last has, oddly, not yet been recorded for Aston's Eyot.

BUTTERFLIES		1987	89	90	92	94	95	98	2005	10	11
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	*	*		*	*					
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venata faunus</i>	*	*		*	*			*		
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	*	*		*	*					*
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	*	*		*	*		*	*		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	*	*		*	*	*	*	*		
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	*	*		*	*		*	*		*
Brown Hairstreak	<i>Thecla betulae</i>										*e
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus britanna</i>		*		*			*			
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		*		*	*				*	
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		*		*	*					
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	*	*		*	*				*	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		*		*	*		*	*		
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	*	*	*	*		*	*	*		*
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>	*	*		*			*			*
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	*					*	*	*	*	*
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea serena</i>	*									
Gatekeeper/Hedge Brown	<i>Pyronia tithonus britanniae</i>	*	*		*	*		*	*		
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	*	*		*	*	*	*	*		
Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>						*		*		

'e' in the table = eggs found