



BALLON IMPROVEMENT GROUP BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Keep a record of all the butterflies you see in the Ballon area over the Summer months and we will publish the results at a special nature afternoon in The Forge in September. Please use a sheet of paper to record your butterflies. For more info contact: Máire: 087-2424934.

Silver-washed fritillary

Butterflies on
brambles, fleabane, knapweed, privet, ragwort, thistles and water mint

Caterpillars on
common dog violet growing at the base of trees, often oak

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Butterflies on
brambles, buddleia, ivy, knapweed, marjoram, sedums, thistles and privet. They also feed on fallen fruit

Caterpillars on
stinging nettles, hops, occasionally currants and willows

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Peacock

Butterflies on
aubretia, buddleia, eupatorium, knapweed, marjoram, sedums, stachys, thistles, water mint and yarrow

Caterpillars on
annual nettles, stinging nettles and hops

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Small tortoiseshell

Butterflies on
buddleia, Michaelmas daisies, dandelions, eupatorium, primrose, privet, scabious, sedums, thistles and thyme

Caterpillars on
clumps of annual nettles and stinging nettles

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Common blue

Butterflies on
bird's-foot trefoil, bugle, fleabane, knapweed, marjoram, thistles, thyme, vetch and white clover

Caterpillars on
bird's-foot trefoil, black medick, restharrow and white clover

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Red admiral

Butterflies on
brambles, buddleia, eupatorium, fleabane and Michaelmas daisies. They also feed on fallen fruit

Caterpillars on
hops, nettles and pellitory-of-the-wall

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Painted lady

Butterflies on
buddleia, bugle, ivy, hawkweed, heather, knapweed, ragwort, red clover and thistles

Caterpillars on
thistles, mallows, nettles and viper's bugloss

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Holly blue

Butterflies on
brambles, bugle, buttercups, forget-me-not, holly, privet, thistles and water mint. Also feed on honeydew from aphids

Caterpillars on
holly (during spring) and ivy (during autumn)

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