

# River Wey Navigations Butterfly Survey

- **Date**.....**Location**.....
- **Weather conditions**.....
- Please use a five bar gate to record your sightings in the appropriate box below.
- Use the back of this sheet to record any other butterflies you have seen today.



## Common Blue

The Common Blue is the most widespread blue butterfly in the UK and is mainly found in grassy habitats. Favourite foods include Birdsfoot trefoil and white clover. You will also see it in golf courses, cemeteries and sunny, sheltered road verges.

- *Record your tally here...*



## Comma

Despite a severe decline during the twentieth century, the Comma has made a remarkable comeback. It is now widespread in Southern Britain and expanding northwards. Its favourite food is the common nettle but will also eat willow, hop and elm. Woodland and especially wood edges are where you will see it.

- *Record your tally here...*

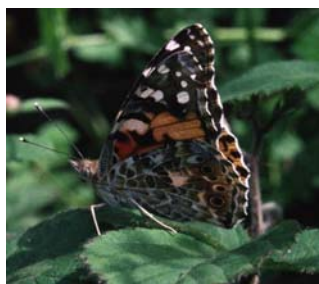


## Orange Tip

The Orange Tip likes damp grassy areas, particularly ditches and river banks. Favourite food is garlic mustard and cuckoo flower, so you should see lots of Orange Tips along the Navigations as these are abundant here.

- *Record your tally here...*

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## Painted Lady

Every May and June, Painted Ladies migrate to Britain from SW Europe and N Africa, a journey of over 800 miles! Favourite foods include thistles, nettles and viper's bugloss. They tend to visit open spaces where thistles thrive, so you may see them along the Navigations.

- *Record your tally here...*

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## Brimstone

You are likely to see Brimstones in damp carr woodland and hedgerows, so the towpath is a good place to see them.

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**Thank you for your help!**

**Please return your form to Thames Lock, Weybridge or Dapdune Wharf, Guildford  
or to a lengthsman along the waterway.**