



Common Blue



Small Copper



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell



Comma



Large White



Speckled Wood



Gatekeeper

Butterflies in the Gardens

Some 14 species can be seen within Eastcote House Gardens flying from April through to November. The **Orange Tip** flies just during spring. 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 fly during the summer months. **Red Admiral, Common Blue, Small Copper** and **Gatekeeper** can be seen from mid-summer into the autumn.

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.

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.