





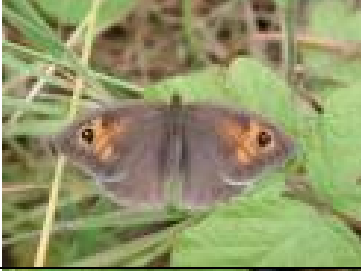

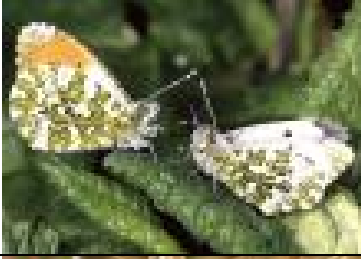




# Plants and Animals of Trafford

## No 1 Insects a, Butterflies

<p><b>Brimstone</b></p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> Most of year hibernating through winter  <b>Habitat.</b> The Brimstone occurs in scrubby grassland, woodland (especially damp carr woodland), hedgerows, and open ground wherever food plants are available in sunny positions. The butterfly ranges widely and can often be seen flying along roadside verges and tracks with hedgerows, well away from food plants. Eggs laid on Buckthorn  <b>Size 60mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p><b>Peacock</b></p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> Most of year hibernating through winter  <b>Habitat.</b> The Peacock ranges freely and powerfully throughout the countryside and will breed where ever suitable habitat is found. More common around woods but can be found any where. Eggs laid on stinging nettle.  <b>Size 60-70mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p><b>Large White</b></p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April to June and July to September  <b>Habitat.</b> May be found any where but most common around Brassicas in gardens or vegetable plots. There are generally two generations a year with the second brood being more numerous. Eggs are laid under leaves of Cabbages or other brassicas  <b>Size 63-70mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p><b>Small White</b></p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April to June and July to October  <b>Habitat.</b> May be found any where but most common around Brassicas in gardens or vegetable plots. Prefers sheltered plants to lay its eggs under headgerows. Eggs are laid under leaves of Cabbages and Crucifers  <b>Size 48mm Wingspan</b></p>

<p>Green Veined White</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April to June and July to September  <b>Habitat.</b> Prefers damp uncultivated places, lush hedges and river edges but will range widely in the open countryside. It lays its eggs on Crucifers in damp places  <b>Size 50mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Tortoiseshell</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> June July and then September to May  <b>Habitat.</b> Usually two broods in a year. The butterfly hibernates through the winter in cool dry conditions so is often found in sheds and garages. Eggs are laid on young Nettles in sunny areas.   <b>Size 50-56mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Meadow Brown</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> June to September  <b>Habitat.</b> Very common Butterfly found where ever Wild Grasses survive. Prefers tall lush growth where it will occur in large numbers if spot is sheltered and sunny. Eggs are laid singly on blades of grass or allowed to drop to the ground.   <b>Size 56mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Speckled Wood</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April- May, June and August-September  <b>Habitat.</b> Prefers shady glades and woodland walks and is only beaten by the white Admiral in this respect. Males defend a beam of light to display to females and turn back other males. Eggs are laid singly on grass blades shaded by shrubs.  <b>Size 47-50mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Orange Tip</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April-July and August-September  <b>Habitat.</b> Found in the largest numbers around food plants such as Ladies Smock and Hedge Garlic. Only males have orange wing tips and females are often dismissed as Small white Look for mottled Grass green underside to hind wing.  <b>Size 45-50mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Gate Keeper</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> July and August.  <b>Habitat.</b> Looks similar to a small Meadow Brown but look for two white dots on fore wing. Typically found along warm hedgerows and country lanes and rough grass with some shrubs. Eggs are laid singly on grass beneath shrubs.   <b>Size 40-47mm Wingspan</b></p>
<p>Holly Blue</p>		<p><b>In Flight.</b> April to June and July to September  <b>Habitat.</b> Seen in ones and twos in gardens, along hedgerows and especially in woods. Caterpillars feed on the fruit of Holly and Ivy as well as gorse and Dogwood.  <b>Size 35mm Wingspan</b></p>

## Common Blue



**In Flight.** May to June and July to October

**Habitat.** Heathland and unfertilised grassland where Birds foot Trefoil is found. Butterfly is found in small colonies which roost together at night

**Size 35mm Wingspan**