

Sussex Butterfly Larval Food Plants



Species	Primary	Secondary
Adonis Blue	Horseshoe Vetch	
Black Hairstreak	Blackthorn	
Brimstone	Alder Buckthorn, Buckthorn	
Brown Argus	Common Rock-rose	Common Stork's-bill, Dove's-foot Crane's-bill
Brown Hairstreak	Blackthorn	Bullace
Chalk Hill Blue	Horseshoe Vetch	
Clouded Yellow	Clovers (various), Lucerne	Bird's-foot Trefoil
Comma	Common Nettle	Currants (various), Elms (various), Hop, Willows (various)
Common Blue	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Black Medick, Common Restharrow, Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil, Lesser Trefoil, White Clover
Dark Green Fritillary	Common Dog-violet, Hairy Violet, Marsh Violet	
Dingy Skipper	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil, Horseshoe Vetch
Duke of Burgundy	Cowslip, Primrose	False Oxlip
Essex Skipper	Cock's-foot	Common Couch, Creeping Soft-grass, False Brome, Meadow Foxtail, Timothy, Tor-grass
Gatekeeper	Bents (various), Fescues (various), Meadow-grasses (various)	Common Couch
Grayling	Bristle Bent, Early Hair-grass, Red Fescue, Sheep's-fescue	Marram, Tufted Hair-grass
Green Hairstreak	Bilberry, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Broom, Common Rock-rose, Dyer's Greenweed, Gorse	Bramble, Buckthorn, Cross-leaved Heath, Dogwood
Green-veined White	Charlock, Cuckooflower, Garlic Mustard, Hedge Mustard, Large Bitter-cress, Water-cress, Wild Cabbage, Wild Radish	Crucifers (various), Nasturtium
Grizzled Skipper	Agrimony, Creeping Cinquefoil, Wild Strawberry	Barren Strawberry, Bramble, Dog-rose, Salad Burnet, Tormentil, Wood Avens
Holly Blue	Holly, Ivy	Bramble, Dogwoods (various), Gorses (various), Snowberries (various), Spindle
Large Blue	Wild Thyme	Wild Marjoram
Large Skipper	Cock's-foot	False Brome, Purple Moor-grass, Tor-grass, Wood Small-reed
Large Tortoiseshell	Elms (various)	
Large White	Crucifers (various)	Nasturtium, Wild Mignonette
Marbled White	Red Fescue, Sheep's-fescue, Tor-grass, Yorkshire-fog	
Meadow Brown	Bents (various), Cock's-foot, Downy Oat-grass, False Brome, Fescues (various), Meadow-grasses (various)	
Orange-tip	Cuckooflower, Garlic Mustard	Charlock, Hairy Rock-cress, Hedge Mustard, Large Bitter-cress, Turnip, Winter-cress
Painted Lady	Thistles	Common Nettle, Mallows (various), Viper's-bugloss
Peacock	Common Nettle	Hop, Small Nettle
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Common Dog-violet	Heath Dog-violet, Marsh Violet
Purple Emperor	Goat Willow	Crack-willow, Grey Willow
Purple Hairstreak	Pedunculate Oak, Sessile Oak, Turkey Oak	Evergreen Oak
Red Admiral	Common Nettle	Hop, Pellitory-of-the-wall, Small Nettle
Ringlet	Cock's-foot, Common Couch, False Brome, Meadow-grasses (various), Tufted Hair-grass	
Silver-spotted Skipper	Sheep's-fescue	
Silver-studded Blue	Bell Heather, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Common Rock-rose, Cross-leaved Heath, Gorse, Heather, Horseshoe Vetch	
Silver-washed Fritillary	Common Dog-violet	
Small Blue	Kidney Vetch	
Small Copper	Common Sorrel, Sheep's Sorrel	Broad-leaved Dock
Small Heath	Bents (various), Fescues (various), Meadow-grasses (various)	
Small Skipper	Yorkshire-fog	Cock's-foot, Creeping Soft-grass, False Brome, Meadow Foxtail, Timothy
Small Tortoiseshell	Common Nettle, Small Nettle	
Small White	Crucifers (various), Nasturtium	Charlock, Garlic Mustard, Hedge Mustard, Hoary Cress, Wild Cabbage, Wild Pansy
Speckled Wood	Cock's-foot, Common Couch, False Brome, Yorkshire-fog	
Swallowtail	Milk-parsley	
White Admiral	Honeysuckle	
White-letter Hairstreak	English Elm, Small-leaved Elm, Wych Elm	
Wood White	Bird's-foot Trefoil, Bitter Vetch, Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil, Meadow Vetchling, Tufted Vetch	