

Improving Biodiversity in Southwark



1. London is good for wildlife, but could be better
2. Cater for the whole life cycle of insects
 - a. Butterfly Conservation's **Wild Spaces** programme
3. Habitats in wildlife corridors should match those in nearby parks
4. Managing for insects creates a thriving ecosystem
5. Flower-rich grassy areas require low-fertility soils
 - a. They are then low maintenance
6. Can be little or no incremental cost
7. Build it and they will come
 - a. Most parks could support 20-25 species of butterfly
8. Lots of potential partners
 - a. SNAV, Butterfly Conservation, Buglife, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Plantlife, Trees for Bermondsey, "Friends of" groups, Residents' groups, London Wildlife Trust ...

All these can be see in Burgess Park



BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

16 JULY - 8 AUGUST 2021

Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot. Use this chart to note how many of each species you see. Then submit your sightings at www.bigbutterflycount.org or download our free app

Recent arrival



Cloued Yellow



Large White



Small White



Green Veined White



Brimstone



Marbled White



Orange Tip



Essex Skipper



Small Copper



Speckled Wood



Meadow Brown



Ringlet



Gatekeeper



Small Heath



Large Skipper



Comma



Painted Lady



Peacock



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell



Small Skipper



Brown Argus



Common Blue



Holly Blue



Silver Y



Six-spot Burnet



Jersey Tiger



White-letter Hairstreak



Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon

High fertility

Low fertility

Topsoil removed 7 years ago (not cut since)



The long and short of it ...



Dorset

Mow & leave arisings – lots of coarse grasses, few wildflowers

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Cut & collect – fine grasses, lots of wildflowers

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Butterfly
Conservation

WILD SPACES

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See <https://wild-spaces.co.uk/>

LET'S CREATE WILD SPACES

CREATE MY WILD SPACE

IDEAS YOU CAN USE IN THIS TYPE OF WILD SPACE



Superstar plants for any Wild Space



Leave stems and flowerheads uncut over winter



Make a butterfly fruit feeder



Butterflies in Southwark

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/in-your-area/surrey-and-sw-london-branch/maps-stats>

Species Richness 2000+

