

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOUNTAIN RINGLET BUTTERFLY IN CUMBRIA

A COMPILATION OF CURRENT RECORDS

Includes 2008 records

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THE CENTRAL FELLS

These colonies are located in central lakeland centred on the Langdale valley. The records in red collectively form the Langdale ‘super colony’

NAME	GRID REF	ALTITUDE	DATE	NUMBER SEEN
Little Stand	NY 251033	2350ft	8 July 1994	14
Great Knott & Head of Gaitscale Gill	NY256040	2200ft	1993 1998 11 July 2001 15 July 2003 28 June 2005 11 June 2007	125 20 6 15 20 70 in 17 mins
Cold pike (south slope) Gaitkins	NY265032	2100ft	30 June 1993 20 June 1998 22 June 1993 28 June 2005 07 July 2005 01 July 2008	40+ 100+ 10 10 15 8
Rossett Pike (summit)	NY 247077	2050ft	23 June 1992	30+
Rossett Pike (black crag)	NY 256082	1900ft	23 June 1992	30+
Wrynose breast	NY 269029	1700ft	24 June 1992 11 June 2007	50 NIL

Pike'o' Bliscoe (Black Crag)	NY 276 036	1800ft	20 June 1998 11 June 2007 01 July 2008	100+ 2 nil
Hardknott Pass	NY 230016		1979	?
Loft Crag	NY 278071	2200ft	27 June 1995	30
Pike 'o' Stickle	NY 273074	2200ft	27 June 1995	8
Harrison Stickle	NY 279074	2200ft	16 July 1996	20+
Thunacar Knott/ Pavey Ark	NY 279080	2300ft	28 June 1992 27 June 1995 08 July 2005	200 20+ 8
Head of Bright beck	NY 281084	2200ft	27 June 1995 08 July 2005	10+ 15
Raven Crag	NY 285065	1100ft	1995	6 - 20
Sergeant Man/ Blea Rigg	NY 289089	2200ft	22 June 1992 08 July 2005	50 18

THE EASTERN FELLS

These colonies are located in Eastern lakeland in an area mainly centred on the Patterdale valley.

NAME	GRID REF	ALTITUDE	DATE	NUMBER SEEN
Raise (Stang)	NY 345 176 To NY 352176	2200ft	2005 2006	30 1 (cool weather)
Bowscale Fell	NY 323302	2000ft	09 July 1998	4
Red Screes (Snarker Pike)	NY 389074	2200ft	27 June 1945 22 June 1946 5 July 1957	8+ Considerable number Very common

			27 June 1992 8 July 2005	12 4
Arnison Crag	NY 393149	1400ft	28 June 1993	Colony
Caudale Moor (Pike Howe)	NY 409090 NY 407091	2000ft 2000ft	01 July 1993 11 July 2005	2 approx 10
Place Fell (Low Moss)	NY 412186	1200ft	02 July 1998 02 July 2006	30+ Nil
High Raise (Haweswater)	NY 450132	2400ft	10 July 1992 2005	7 10
Branstree (Haweswater)	NY 479098	2300ft	15 July 1998 02 July 2006	5+ Nil
Hellvellyn (Keppel Cove)	NY 347167	2000ft	1999	5
Swindale Common	NY 5013		1908 02 July 2006	? Nil
Hartsop Dodd	NY 412 116	1900ft	15 June 2008	3

THE NORTHERN FELLS

These colonies are located in an area centred on Honistor pass between Borrowdale and Buttermere. Records in bold are likely to be breeding colonies whereas other records are of scattered individuals
Records in red collectively form the Honistor 'super colony'

NAME	GRID REF	ALTITUDE	DATE	NUMBER SEEN
Grey Knotts (summit) and North West slope	NY 220127 To NY 221133	2250ft TO 1700ft	23 June 1969 1983 10 June 1984 1985 29 June 1992 1996 1997 2003 08 July 2005	30+ 21 – 100 15+ 21 - 100 80 100+ 12 16 27
Honistor 'Drum House'	NY 215132	1800ft	1993 28 June 1995 1997 28 June 2003 08 July 2005	30+ Tens 2 – 10 3 55
Brandreth/Grey Knotts summit ridge	NY 216123	2250ft	08 July 2005 15 July 2006	5 9
Brandreth North slope	NY 212123	2150ft	28 June 2003 08 July 2005 16 July 2006 01 July 2008	10 60 8 20
Gillercomb Head	NY 215115	2150ft	1998 08 July 2005	15+ NIL
Seathwaite Fell	NY 229100	2000ft	04 July 1985 27 June 2005	21 – 100 28
Glaramara	NY 239098	1700ft	1992	21 – 100

	?		28 June 2005	?
Tongue Head (Angle Tarn)	NY 240080	1800ft	23 June 1992 01 July 1993 27 June 2005	25 1 2
Base Brown (summit)	NY 225114	2100ft	21 June 1992 08 July 2005 16 July 2006	6 – 20 NIL NIL
Dale Head Tarn	NY 229151	1700ft	29 June 1992 11 July 2005	6 – 20 NIL
Dale Head (south slope)	NY 224148	2150ft	28 June 1993 18 July 1994 11 July 2005	3 40+ 23
High Spy (summit)	NY 236160	2100ft	28 June 1993 11 July 2005	11 11
Maiden Moor	NY 238183	1850ft	1993 11 July 2005	1 NIL
Narrow Moor	NY 235175	1800ft	1983 11 July 2005	1 NIL
Red Pike (Buttermere)	NY 160154	2400ft	1994	1
Dubs Bottom	NY 207130	1600ft	1998	1
Haystacks	NY 1913		1929	?
Robinson	NY 2017		1990 2003	? NIL
Red Pike (Wasdale)	NY 1610		1980 30 June 2006	? Nil
Crag Fell (Ennerdale)	NY 0914		1970 8 June 2007	? NIL
Sty Head	NY 220 099		1950	?

THE WESTERN FELLS

These colonies are located in the west of the county centred on the Eskdale valley. Records in bold are likely to be breeding colonies whereas other records are of scattered individuals

Records in red collectively form the Whinn Rigg ‘super colony’

NAME	GRID REF	ALTITUDE	DATE	NUMBER SEEN
Irton Fell	NY 127014 to NY 143026	600 to 1100ft	1999 25 June 2005 2 June 2006 11 June 2006 7 June 2007 5th June 2008	2 to 10 17 6 c60 Peak 46 in 16 mins Peak 55 in 15min
Whin Rigg (Greathall Gill)	NY140024 to NY 148028	1150 to 1250ft	29 June 1998 25 June 2005 11 June 2006 7 June 2007	20+ 330 50 168
Whin Rigg (South slope)	NY 155030 NY 147026	1250ft 1300ft	1992 11th June 2006	40+ 60
Illgill Head Summit	NY 169048	1750 to 1950ft	29 June 1998 25 June 2004 28 June 2005 10th June 2007 4 July 2008	2 8 5 11 5
Esk Pike (Yeastrigg Crag)	NY 236065	2300 to 2550ft	5 July 1998 16 July 2005	5 28

Hardknott	NY 233024	1750ft	1993 11 June 2007	7 NIL
Scafell (Rakehead crag)	NY 193068	1500ft	1995	3
Lingmell	NY196078	1900ft	1963 17 June 2006 17th July 2006	'sizable colony' Nil (maybe too early) Nil
Scafell (West slope)	NY 203054	1950ft	12 July 2003	2
Scafell (Rakehead crag)	NY 193068	1600ft	2003	3
Scafell (Cam spout)	NY 219058	1299ft	1993	2
Slight Side	NY 211046	1700ft	1982	1
Great End	NY 219086	2000ft	1998	1
Whin Rigg summit	NY 151033	1700ft	25 June 2005	1
Wetherlam	NY288011	2450	1994	2