

# **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOUNTAIN RINGLET BUTTERFLY IN CUMBRIA**

**A COMPILATION OF CURRENT RECORDS**

Includes 2010 records

**BY STEVE CLARKE, BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION (CUMBRIA) BRANCH**

## 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
<b>Little Stand</b>	<b>NY 251033</b>	<b>2350ft</b>	<b>8 July 1994</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>NY253 034</b>		<b>18<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Great Knott &amp; Head of Gaitscale Gill</b>	<b>NY256040</b>	<b>2200ft</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>125</b>
			<b>1998</b>	<b>20</b>
			<b>11 July 2001</b>	<b>6</b>
			<b>15 July 2003</b>	<b>15</b>
			<b>28 June 2005</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Between NY 259039 and NY 256042</b>		<b>11 June 2007</b>	<b>70 in 17 mins</b>
	<b>20 June 2010</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>Cold Pike (south slope) Gaitkins</b>	<b>NY265032</b>	<b>2100ft</b>	<b>30 June 1993</b>	<b>40+</b>
			<b>20 June 1998</b>	<b>100+</b>
			<b>22 June 1993</b>	<b>10</b>
			<b>28 June 2005</b>	<b>10</b>
			<b>07 July 2005</b>	<b>15</b>
			<b>01 July 2008</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>20 June 2010</b>	<b>60+</b>		
<b>Rossett Pike (summit)</b>	<b>NY 247077</b>	<b>2050ft</b>	<b>23 June 1992</b>	<b>30+</b>
			<b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b>	<b>12 poor weather</b>
			<b>21 June 2010</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Rossett Pike (black crag)</b>	<b>NY 256082</b>	<b>1900ft</b>	<b>23 June 1992</b>	<b>30+</b>
			<b>21 June 2010</b>	<b>nil</b>

<b>Wrynose breast</b>	<b>NY 269029</b>	<b>1700ft</b>	<b>24 June 1992</b> <b>11 June 2007</b>	<b>50</b> <b>NIL</b>
<b>Pike'o' Bliscoe (Black Crag)</b>	<b>NY 276 036</b>	<b>1800ft</b>	<b>20 June 1998</b> <b>11 June 2007</b> <b>01 July 2008</b> <b>20 June 2010</b>	<b>100+</b> <b>2</b> <b>nil</b> <b>2</b>
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
<b>Raise (Stang)</b>	<b>NY 345 176 To NY 352176</b>	<b>2200ft</b>	<b>2005 2006 24 June 2010</b>	<b>30 1 (cool weather) 80+</b>
<b>Bowscale Fell</b>	<b>NY 323302</b>	<b>2000ft</b>	<b>09 July 1998</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Red Screes (Snarker Pike)</b>	<b>NY 389074</b>	<b>2200ft</b>	<b>27 June 1945 22 June 1946 5 July 1957 27 June 1992 8 July 2005 27 June 2009 25 June 2010</b>	<b>8+ Considerable number Very common 12 4 nil nil</b>
<b>Arnison Crag</b>	<b>NY 393149</b>	<b>1400ft</b>	<b>28 June 1993 15 June 2010</b>	<b>Colony nil</b>
<b>Birks</b>	<b>NY 384144 &amp; NY 379141</b>	<b>2000ft</b>	<b>15 June 2010</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Caudale Moor (Pike Howe)</b>	<b>NY 409090 NY 407091</b>	<b>2000ft 2000ft</b>	<b>01 July 1993 11 July 2005 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>	<b>2 approx 10 2</b>
<b>Place Fell ( Low Moss)</b>	<b>NY 412186</b>	<b>1200ft</b>	<b>02 July 1998 02 July 2006 22 June 2009</b>	<b>30+ Nil Nil</b>

<b>High Raise (Haweswater)</b>	<b>NY 450132 &amp; NY 449133</b>	<b>2400ft</b>	<b>10 July 1992 2005 21 June 2010</b>	<b>7 10 250+</b>
<b>Branstree (Haweswater)</b>	<b>NY 479098</b>	<b>2300ft</b>	<b>15 July 1998 02 July 2006 30 June 2010</b>	<b>5+ Nil Nil</b>
<b>Hellvellyn (Keppel Cove)</b>	<b>NY 347167</b>	<b>2000ft</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Swindale Common</b>	<b>NY 5013</b>		<b>1908 02 July 2006 30 June 2010</b>	<b>? Nil Nil</b>
<b>Hartsop Dodd</b>	<b>NY 412 116</b>	<b>1900ft</b>	<b>15 June 2008 16 June 2010</b>	<b>3 120+</b>

## 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
<b>Grey Knotts (summit) and North West slope</b>	<b>NY 220127 To NY 221133</b>	<b>2250ft TO 1700ft</b>	<b>23 June 1969 1983 10 June 1984 1985 29 June 1992 1996 1997 2003 08 July 2005</b>	<b>30+ 21 – 100 15+ 21 - 100 80 100+ 12 16 27</b>
<b>Honistor 'Drum House'</b>	<b>NY 215132</b>	<b>1800ft</b>	<b>1993 28 June 1995 1997 28 June 2003 08 July 2005 25 June 2009</b>	<b>30+ Tens 2 – 10 3 55 30 approx</b>
<b>Brandreth/Grey Knotts summit ridge</b>	<b>NY 216123</b>	<b>2250ft</b>	<b>08 July 2005 15 July 2006 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b>	<b>5 9 20</b>
<b>Brandreth North slope</b>	<b>NY 212123</b>	<b>2150ft</b>	<b>28 June 2003</b>	<b>10</b>

			<b>08 July 2005</b> <b>16 July 2006</b> <b>01 July 2008</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b>	<b>60</b> <b>8</b> <b>20</b> <b>6</b>
<b>Gillercomb Head</b>	<b>NY 215115</b>	<b>2150ft</b>	<b>1998</b> <b>08 July 2005</b>	<b>15+</b> <b>NIL</b>
<b>Seathwaite Fell</b>	<b>NY 229100</b>	<b>2000ft</b>	<b>04 July 1985</b> <b>27 June 2005</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b> <b>21 June 2010</b> <b>22 June 2010</b>	<b>21 – 100</b> <b>28</b> <b>8</b> <b>Nil</b> <b>Nil</b>
<b>Glaramara</b>	<b>NY 239098</b>  <b>NY2435 0958</b> <b>To</b> <b>Ny 2479 1042</b>	<b>1700ft</b>  <b>2285 ft to 2480ft</b>	<b>1992</b> <b>28 June 2005</b>  <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b> <b>21 June 2010</b>	<b>21 – 100</b>  <b>16</b> <b>2 (poor weather)</b>
<b>Tongue Head (Angle Tarn)</b>	<b>NY 240080</b>	<b>1800ft</b>	<b>23 June 1992</b> <b>01 July 1993</b> <b>27 June 2005</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b> <b>20 June 2010</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>4</b> <b>5</b>
<b>Base Brown (summit)</b>	<b>NY 225114</b>	<b>2100ft</b>	<b>21 June 1992</b> <b>08 July 2005</b> <b>16 July 2006</b>	<b>6 – 20</b> <b>NIL</b> <b>NIL</b>
<b>Dale Head Tarn</b>	<b>NY 229151</b>	<b>1700ft</b>	<b>29 June 1992</b> <b>11 July 2005</b>	<b>6 – 20</b> <b>NIL</b>
<b>Dale Head (south slope)</b>	<b>NY 224148</b>	<b>2150ft</b>	<b>28 June 1993</b>	<b>3</b>

			<b>18 July 1994</b> <b>11 July 2005</b>	<b>40+</b> <b>23</b>
<b>High Spy (summit)</b>	<b>NY 236160</b>	<b>2100ft</b>	<b>28 June 1993</b> <b>11 July 2005</b>	<b>11</b> <b>11</b>
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 17 June 2010	? Nil 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 Whin Rigg 'super colony'

NAME	GRID REF	ALTITUDE	DATE	NUMBER SEEN
<b>Irton Fell</b>	<b>NY 127020 to NY 143026</b>	<b>600 to 1100ft</b>	<b>1999 25 June 2005 2 June 2006 11 June 2006 7 June 2007 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>	<b>2 to 10 17 6 c60 Peak 46 in 16 mins Peak 55 in 15min 36 in 24 mins 97 in 16 mins</b>
<b>Whin Rigg (Greathall Gill)</b>	<b>NY140024 to NY 148028</b>	<b>1150 to 1250ft</b>	<b>29 June 1998 25 June 2005 11 June 2006 7 June 2007</b>	<b>20+ 330 50 168</b>
<b>Whin Rigg (South slope)</b>	<b>NY 155030 NY 147026</b>	<b>1250ft 1300ft</b>	<b>1992 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b>	<b>40+ 60</b>
<b>Illgill Head Summit</b>	<b>NY 169048</b>	<b>1750 to 1950ft</b>	<b>29 June 1998 25 June 2004 28 June 2005 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007 4 July 2008 15 June 2010</b>	<b>2 8 5 11 5 99</b>
<b>Esk Pike</b>	<b>NY 236065</b>	<b>2300 to 2550ft</b>	<b>5 July 1998</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>(Yeastrigg Crags)</b>			<b>16 July 2005</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Hardknott</b>	<b>NY 233024</b>	<b>1750ft</b>	<b>1993</b> <b>11 June 2007</b>	<b>7</b> <b>NIL</b>
<b>Scafell</b> <b>(Rakehead crag)</b>	<b>NY 193068</b>	<b>1500ft</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Lingmell</b>	<b>NY196078</b>	<b>1900ft</b>	<b>1963</b> <b>17 June 2006</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2006</b>	<b>‘sizable colony’</b> <b>Nil ( maybe too early)</b> <b>Nil</b>
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