



# Gwent Wildlife Trust

Home | Who we are | What we do | How you can help | Nature Reserves | Wildlife | Volunteering | What's on | Discover & learn |  
Holiday cottage | Wilder Future | Bridewell Appeal

## Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*

Join us  
Protect local wildlife



Wildlife | Invertebrates | Butterflies and moths | Meadow Brown



### Species information

**i** **Common name**  
Meadow Brown

**Latin name**  
*Maniola jurtina*

**Category**  
Invertebrates  
Butterflies and moths

**Statistics**  
Wingspan: 4-6cm

**🌍 Conservation status**  
Common.

### About

The Meadow Brown is one of the commonest grassland butterflies, on the wing in the summer, from June to September. It also occurs in parks, gardens and cemeteries. The Meadow Brown is a medium-sized butterfly that flies even in dull weather when other butterflies are inactive. Adults can be seen in large numbers, flying low over the grass and flowers. Caterpillars feed on a variety of grasses such as fescues, bents and meadow-grasses.

### How to identify

The Meadow Brown is mainly brown with washed-out orange patches on the forewings. The best way to identify the 'brown' butterflies is by looking at the eyespots on their wings. The combination of its relatively large size, orange patches on the forewings only, one eyespot on the forewing and none at all on the hindwings, is unique to the Meadow Brown. The Meadow Brown also has only one small white 'pupil' in the eyespots, instead of two like the Gatekeeper.

### Where to



### When to find it



### How can people help

The Wildlife Trusts manage many grassland and woodland edge habitats sympathetically for the benefit of all kinds of butterflies, including the Meadow Brown. Careful grazing with traditional breeds, hay-cutting at the right time and scrub clearance are just some of the ways grasslands are kept in good condition - supporting invertebrates and, in turn, the larger animals that prey on them. By volunteering for your local Trust you can help too, and you'll make new friends and learn new skills along the way.

- View page as PDF
- Printer friendly version
- Share



