



# Butterflies by the River Wey

## How many can you spot?

The different plants and habitats along the banks of the River Wey make it an ideal place to spot these beautiful creatures. We've picked out some of the most common ones you may see, but do let us know if you see any others. You can also use this sheet in your garden or local parkland.



### Comma

The scalloped wings and orangey-brown colour of the comma makes it easy for this butterfly to hibernate amongst dead leaves. Its favourite food is the common nettle.

Tick if seen!



### Common Blue

This bright blue butterfly loves sunny, grassy habitats. Look out for it in your garden too! You will also see it in golf courses, cemeteries and sunny, sheltered road verges.

Tick if seen!



### Orange Tip

The male butterflies are easy to spot with their bright orange tips. They love damp grassy areas, particularly ditches and river banks, so you should see some by the river.

Tick if seen!



### Painted Lady

Every May and June they migrate to Britain from SW Europe and N Africa, a journey of over 800 miles. They like thistles, nettles and also buddleja and can often be seen in gardens.

Tick if seen!



### Brimstone

Some people think the word butterfly came from the lemon yellow colour of the brimstone. They like damp woodlands and hedgerows, so the tow path is a great place to spot them.

Tick if seen!



Did you see any more? Why not draw a picture of them here?

