

## Some useful Butterfly and Moth books and apps:

### Philip's Guide to Butterflies of Britain and Ireland, Jeremy Thomas

*Detailed descriptions of all the butterflies that are likely to be seen in the UK. Includes lifecycles, food plants and distribution. Used copies of the 2007 edition are available fairly cheaply.*

### British Moths: A Photographic Guide, Chris Manley

*This has photos of all the macro moths and many of the micros. (The first edition of the book also had butterflies and a good selection of caterpillars but is out of print – look for used copies.)*

The next two books are field guides and valuable for anyone really interested in moths.

### Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland, Paul Waring and Martin Townsend

*Lots of information about the macro moths, excellent for identification. There is also a concise edition.*

### Field Guide to the Micro Moths of Great Britain and Ireland, Phil Sterling and Mark Parsons

*Lots of information about the micro moths, excellent for identification.*

Independent booksellers such as <http://www.pemberleybooks.com/> and <http://www.atroposbooks.co.uk/> often give a better price than Amazon for nature books so it's worth shopping around.

**NatureGuides**, <http://www.natureguides.com/>, produce excellent moth and butterfly apps for the iPad/iPhone. There are apps based on the three moth books and Butterflies of Britain and Ireland which was produced in association with <http://butterfly-conservation.org/>.

## Here are some websites about moths, butterflies and caterpillars.

<http://ukmoths.org.uk/>

*By far the most popular moth website and referred to by other sites all over Europe. There are also a lot of links to moth and butterfly related websites.*

<http://www.wildlifeinsight.com/guide-to-british-caterpillars/> and <http://www.ukleps.org/>,

*The first website is very good for initial identification of caterpillars and has guidance on rearing them. The second has excellent photographs of the eggs, larvae, pupae and adult stages of butterflies and moths but is not as easy for identification.*

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/>

<http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk/>

*These are the national and Gloucestershire 'Butterfly Conservation' websites, they include moths.*

<http://www.mothscount.org/>

*Moths Count aims to encourage interest in moths throughout the UK. Explore this website to find all sorts of interesting information.*

## Miscellaneous:

### Garden Moths Scheme

*Interested in recording night flying moths regularly? It's easy but you need a moth trap, see the website for more details <http://www.gardenmoths.org.uk>*

### Moth Night

*Occurs on a different date each year with moth events all over the country, see <http://www.mothnight.info>*

### Twitter

*[https://twitter.com/BC\\_Glos](https://twitter.com/BC_Glos) news and discussions relating to butterflies and moths in Gloucestershire.*

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There is lots to explore on the Butterfly Conservation website, <http://butterfly-conservation.org>, but sometimes it can be difficult to find what you want so here are some starting points.

[http://www.mothscount.org/text/25/more\\_information.html](http://www.mothscount.org/text/25/more_information.html)

You can download a set of colourful and informative moth leaflets:



You can also download:

- [http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Moths Count factsheet 1 How to start mothng.pdf](http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Moths%20Count%20factsheet%201%20How%20to%20start%20mothing.pdf)
- [http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Identifying\\_moths.pdf](http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Identifying_moths.pdf)
- [http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Lives\\_of\\_moths.pdf](http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Lives_of_moths.pdf)
- [http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Conservation\\_of\\_moths.pdf](http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/Conservation_of_moths.pdf)
- [http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/State of Britain's Larger Moths 2013 report.pdf](http://www.mothscount.org/uploads/State_of_Britain's_Larger_Moths_2013_report.pdf) (32 pages!)

<http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>

The Big Butterfly Count is an annual event. You can download an identification chart, watch a video and see instructions as well as find other information.

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/679/a-z-of-butterflies.html>

From this page you can find information about all of our butterflies and even download a leaflet about each. The page <http://butterfly-conservation.org/50/identify-a-butterfly.html> will help you identify a butterfly that you see.

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/51/identify-a-day-flying-moth.html>

There are more than twice as many day-flying moths as there are butterflies in this country. This page has pictures to help you identify them. You can also use the page <http://butterfly-conservation.org/1034/a-z-of-day-flying-moths.html> to look up information about each.

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/45/why-butterflies-matter.html>

This page gives a summary of why butterflies and moths are important for all of us - they are not just pretty insects. From this page you can also get to more complex and technical documents.

<http://munchingcaterpillars.org/>



Munching Caterpillars was a schools project funded by the Heritage Lottery that ran in Somerset from 2012 to 2015 when the funding ended. It was resurrected in the Bristol area in 2017. The *Resources* tab has a lot of useful information for teachers and parents and some 'fun stuff' for children.

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