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I have included just those species I have managed to catch on camera at Bankhead Moss.

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## Large white

Less common than the small white, the large white can occasionally be seen on the Moss. It tends to keep moving, making it difficult to photograph!



## Small white

Common especially in farmland, but usually less common than the green-veined white.



## Green-veined white

A very common species. The photo bottom right was taken at night when I was out moth-ing.





## Orange tip

The adult is mostly recorded in late spring and early summer. It is patchily-distributed, favouring marshy areas.





## Small copper

Fairly widely distributed in Fife. The shot on the right was taken with flash after dark while mothing.





## Red admiral

A common species especially in late summer.





## Small tortoiseshell

A common and familiar species.





## Peacock

The peacock has spread north in recent years and is now one of the most common butterflies in Fife.





## Comma

A distinctive species that has spread northwards into Fife. This one was at Bankhead Moss in late September 2018.





## Speckled wood

This species is a recent arrival to Fife. The above one was in the mixed woodland in late June 2024, and the one below was there in late September 2024.





## Wall

Another recent arrival in Fife, the wall colonised the coast first, and is now becoming established inland. This one was on the marsh at Bankhead Moss in mid-August 2025.



## Meadow brown

A common grassland species.





## Ringlet

Common in grassland.

