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I have included just those species I have managed to catch on camera at Elmwood Golf Course.

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Comma

The comma is spreading north, and only recently established itself in Fife. The one above was alongside the second fairway in late April 2022, and the one below was alongside the third fairway in early July 2022. This one shows the white 'comma' for which it is named.





Green-veined white

This is the most common of the white butterflies. The above shot was taken at night when I was searching for moths. The green veins on the underwing are very obvious.





Large white

The least common of the three common species of white butterflies.





Meadow brown

A common grassland butterfly.





Orange-tip

This species is becoming more common in Fife. The above image was taken at night, when searching for moths. The orange wing-tip is just visible at the tip of the folded wings, indicating that this is a male.





Peacock

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





Red admiral

A common butterfly, with many arriving from the south each year. With climate change, increasing numbers successfully over-winter, so that it is no longer unusual to see one in spring. This one was on hawthorn blossom in mid-May.





Ringlet

A grassland species that has become much more common in Fife in recent years.





Small copper

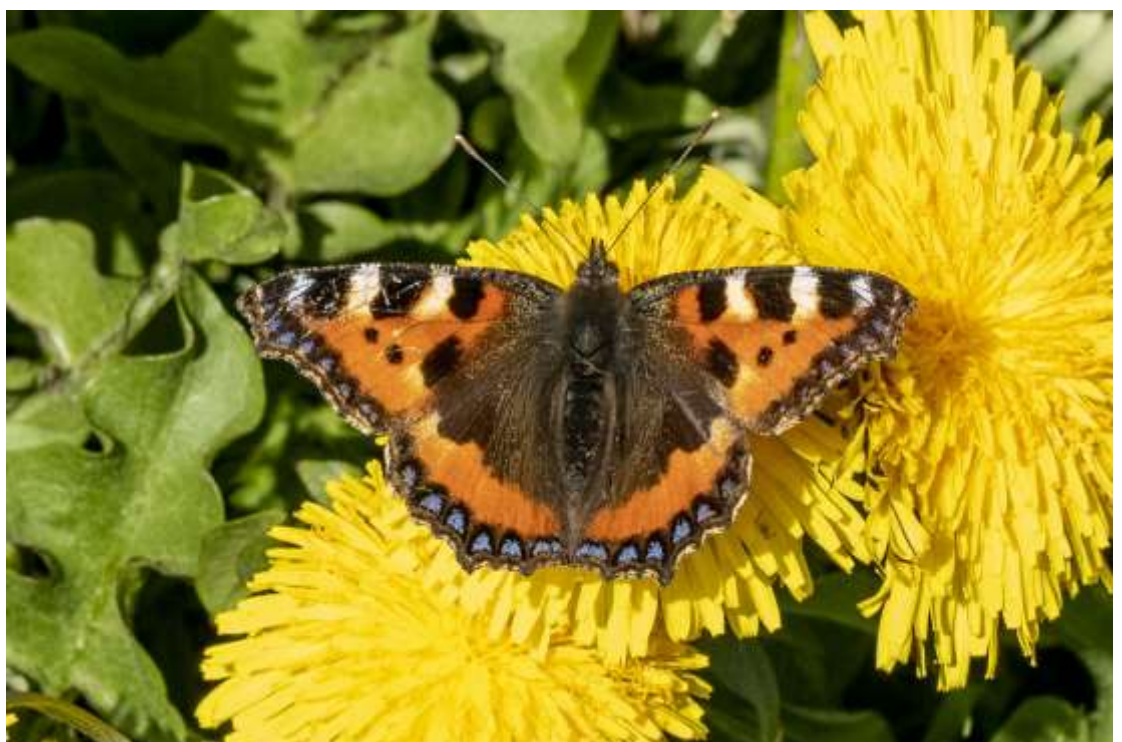
A small butterfly that is becoming more widespread in Fife.





Small tortoiseshell

A common and familiar species.





Small white

A common species — too common for gardeners growing cabbages!.

