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Large white

The largest of the three common white butterflies.





Small white

The smaller of the two 'cabbage whites'.





Green-veined white

The most common of the whites, occurring in a wide range of habitats.





Orange-tip

A common species. This female is on garlic mustard, which is likely to be the plant that the caterpillars feed on at Cambo. Males have orange tips to the forewings.





Small copper

This small butterfly has a patchy distribution in Fife, and can be quite numerous in areas where it occurs.





Red admiral

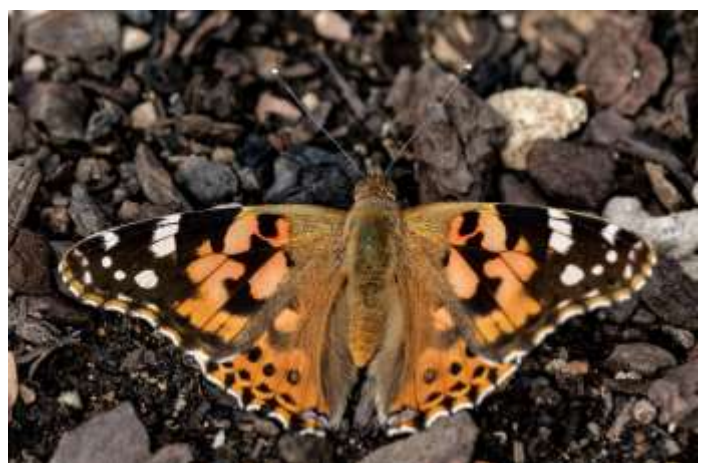
A common species, especially in late summer when numbers are enhanced by migrants.





Painted lady

An African species that migrates northwards each summer, with large numbers sometimes reaching the UK. The one on the right came to light while recording moths in late May 2026. The others were at Cambo in early September 2025.





Small tortoiseshell

A common species, though less common in recent years.





Peacock

Peacock butterflies used to appear mostly in autumn, when a few arrived from further south, but now, many winter in Fife, and it is one of our most common butterflies.





Speckled wood

This species has spread into Fife, and is now fairly widespread.





Wall brown

Another species currently colonising Fife, spreading up the east coast from Northumberland.





Meadow brown

A common species of grasslands.

