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I have included just those species I have managed to catch on camera at Magus Muir since 2018. I think this includes all species that occur there regularly, with the possible exception of the small copper, which I have yet to find there.

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Large white

Occurs in small numbers throughout the woodland.





Small white

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



Green-veined white

The most common species at Magus Muir, occurring throughout.





Orange tip

An early-season species that has recently spread through Fife.





Common blue

Not suitable habitat, but this female was in the eastern part of the wood in early September 2018.





Red admiral

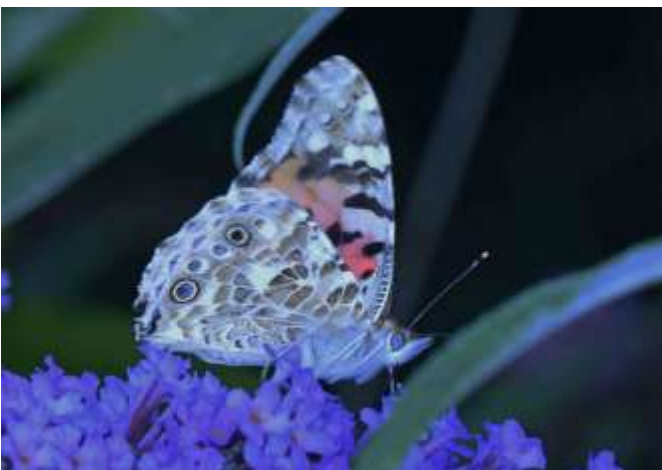
A common species especially in late summer.





Painted lady

A migrant species that sometimes arrives in Britain in large numbers.





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. These were on buddleia at the eastern end of Bishop's Wood in August 2018.





Meadow brown

A grassland species, this individual was at the woodland edge just south of the south path.



Ringlet

Common in suitable grassland habitat, but not often encountered at Magus Muir. This slightly battered individual was at the western edge of the wood in late July 2019.