

DINGY SKIPPER *Erynnis tages* (ABH 57.001) UK BAP: Priority Species

Mostly favouring warm dry coastal sites in Moray and Nairn, the Dinky Skipper also occurs more locally in Easter Ross, the Black Isle and parts of inland Inverness-shire, especially along the River Spey and its tributaries. Our population is widely separated from the next most northerly one, which is in the far south-west of Scotland.

Distribution trend. Distribution has not changed markedly for at least the last 25 years. Some squares have been lost, probably due to habitat change, but new squares have been gained in other places, such as in Easter Ross.

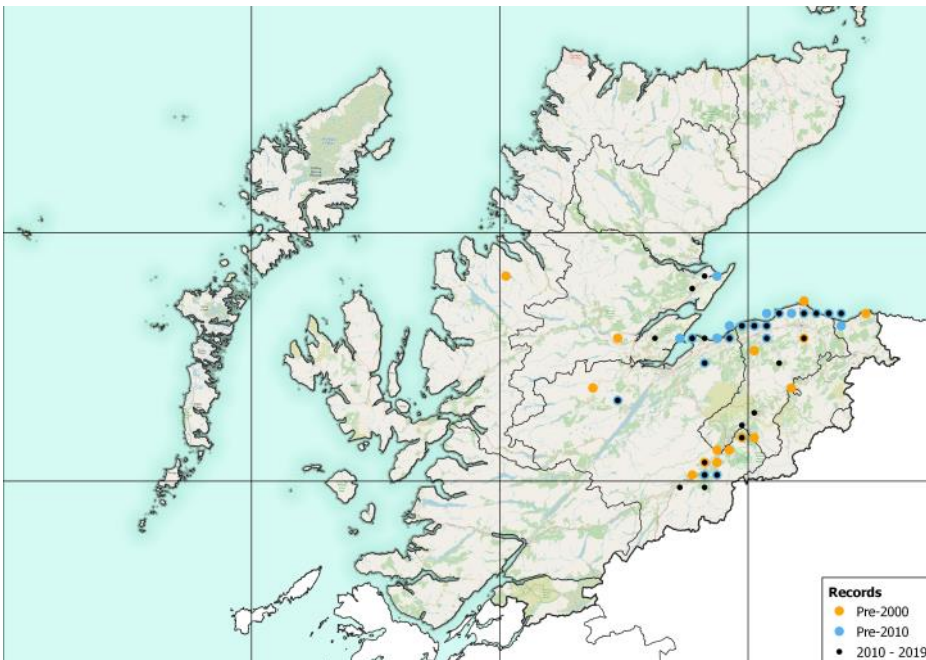
Habitat. Unimproved grassland sites particularly those with a sandy or gravelly character.

Flight period. Late April to early July (very occasionally, a few second-brood individuals have been seen after an unusually hot summer).

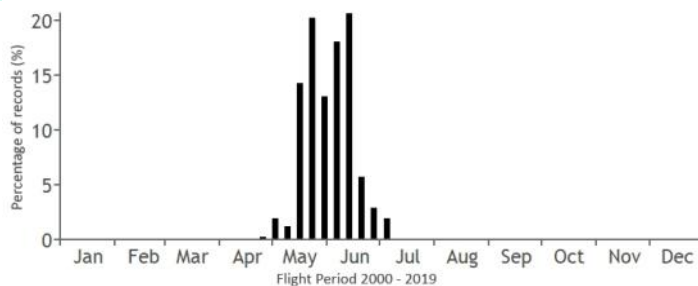
Larval food plant. Bird's-foot Trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*.



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There are currently no records from the Northern Isles.



Number of Records	
Pre-2000	160
2000 - 2009	274
2010 - 2019	175



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Hilary Swift



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