

GREEN-VEINED WHITE *Pieris napi* (ABH 58.008)

Unquestionably this is our commonest and most widespread species. Generally abundant every year, with only minor fluctuations in numbers and in relative size of the spring and summer generations.

Distribution trend. Widespread across most of mainland Highland, Orkney and the Western Isles, but absent from Fair Isle and only one record from Shetland (pre-2000).

Habitat. A wide variety of open habitats but favouring damper areas such as boggy pasture and stream sides. It wanders quite widely away from breeding areas.

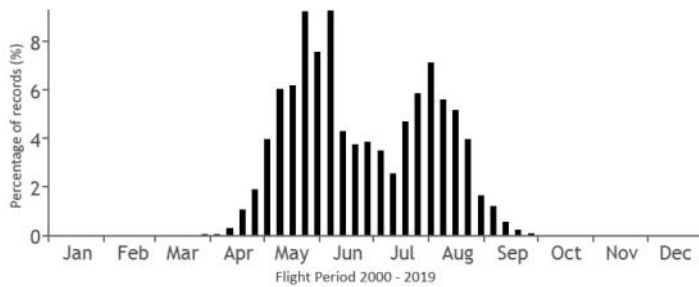
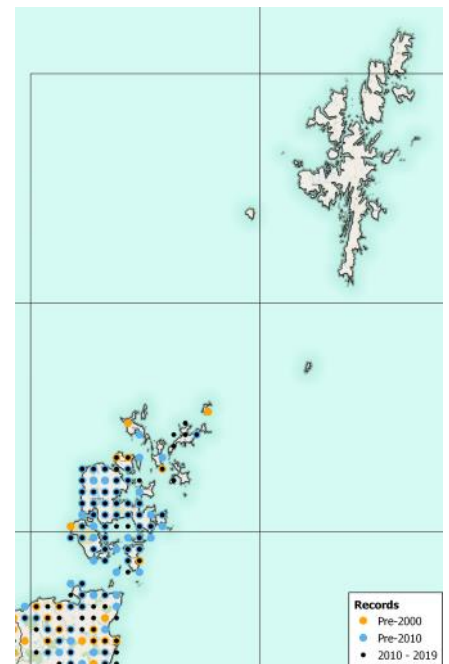
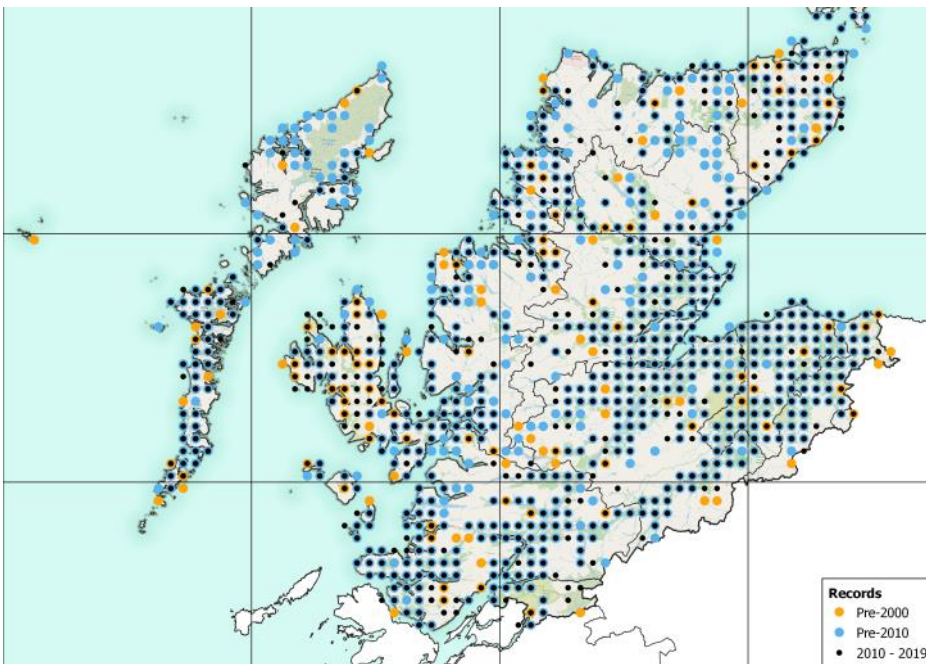
Flight period. Two broods in the year, the first from early April to mid-July, the second mid-July to end of September.

Larval food plants. Cuckooflower *Cardamine pratensis*, Garlic Mustard *Alliaria petiolata* and other wild crucifers.

Appearance and behaviour. The black and white upper wing pattern is contrasted with a yellowish tone on the undersides, which additionally have a greenish-grey 'highlighting' on the veins that mark this out from the related Large White and Small White.



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Number of Records	
Pre-2000	3590
2000 - 2009	6628
2010 - 2019	8134



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