

RINGLET *Aphantopus hyperantus* (ABH 59.009)

Prior to the mid-1990's this butterfly's northern range limit was in Aberdeenshire just outside our region. Perhaps in response to climate change, it has since moved rapidly on the east side of mainland Highland as far as south-east Sutherland. On the west side there have been scattered sightings, but as yet less definite evidence of colonization.

Distribution trend. The build-up of population has been so rapid that in places the Ringlet has increased from being absent to becoming a common species.

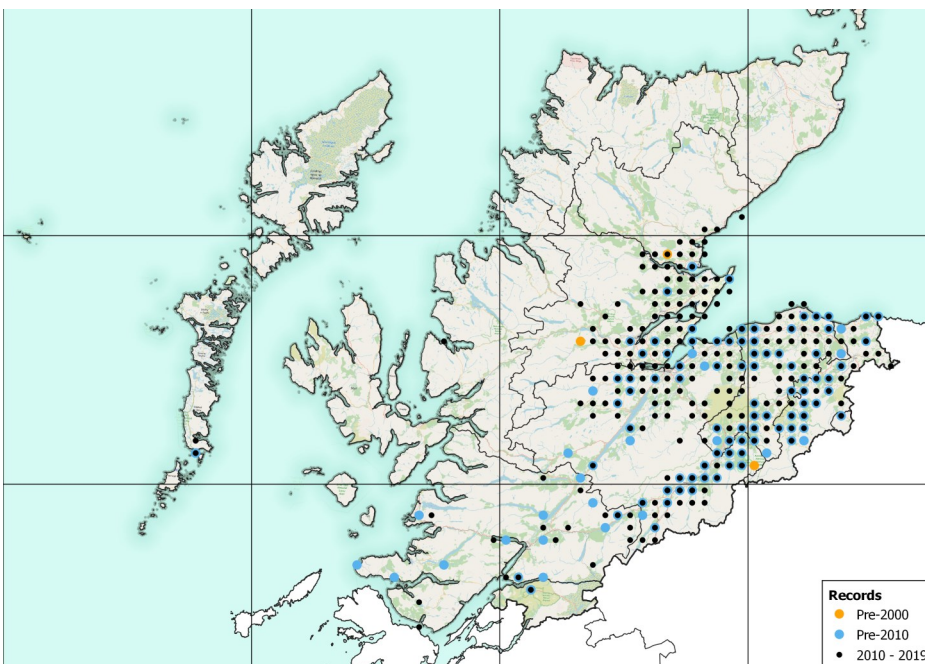
Habitat. Damp grassland, usually of rank growth and with some shelter provided by scrub or woodland edge.

Flight period. Mid-June to late August.

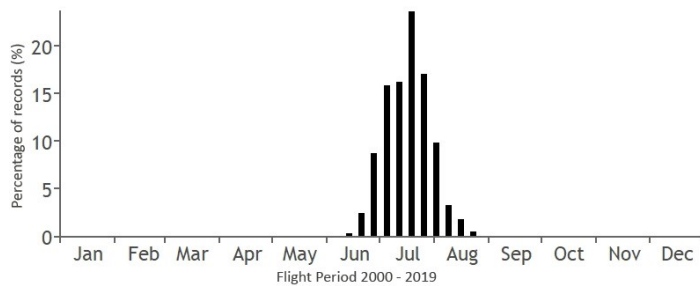
Larval food plants. Various grasses.



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There are currently no records from the Northern Isles.



| Number of Records | |
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| Pre-2000 | 10 |
| 2000 - 2009 | 393 |
| 2010 - 2019 | 2807 |



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