

## MEADOW BROWN *Maniola jurtina* (ABH 59.010)

Although evidently our second most widespread butterfly species, the Meadow Brown is not entirely ubiquitous in the region. It is sparsely distributed or even absent from some central and upland areas, such as parts of Lochaber, mid-Ross and central Sutherland. It is absent from Shetland but has been recorded on Fair Isle.

**Distribution trend.** Stable.

**Habitat.** A variety of open grassland habitats including coastal dunes, woodland clearings, and rough pasture.

**Flight period.** Mid-June to early September.

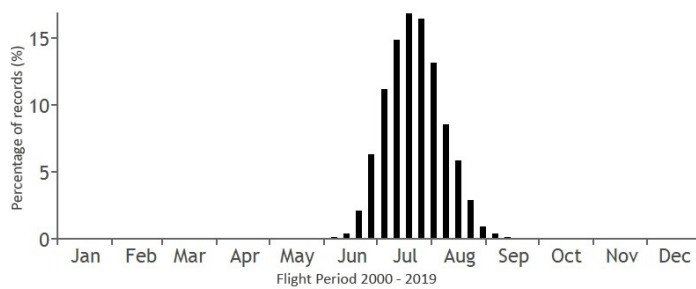
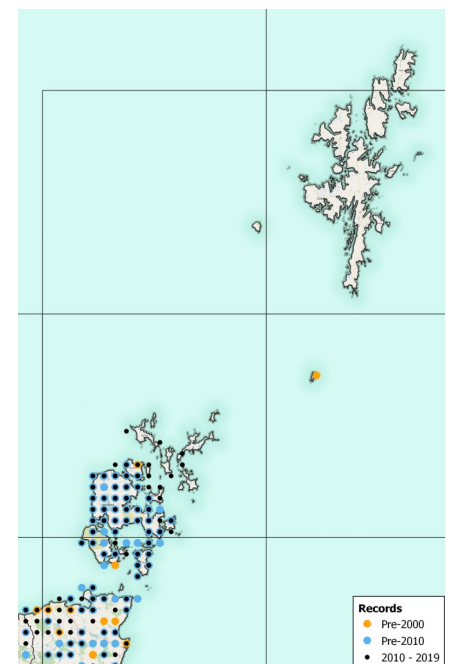
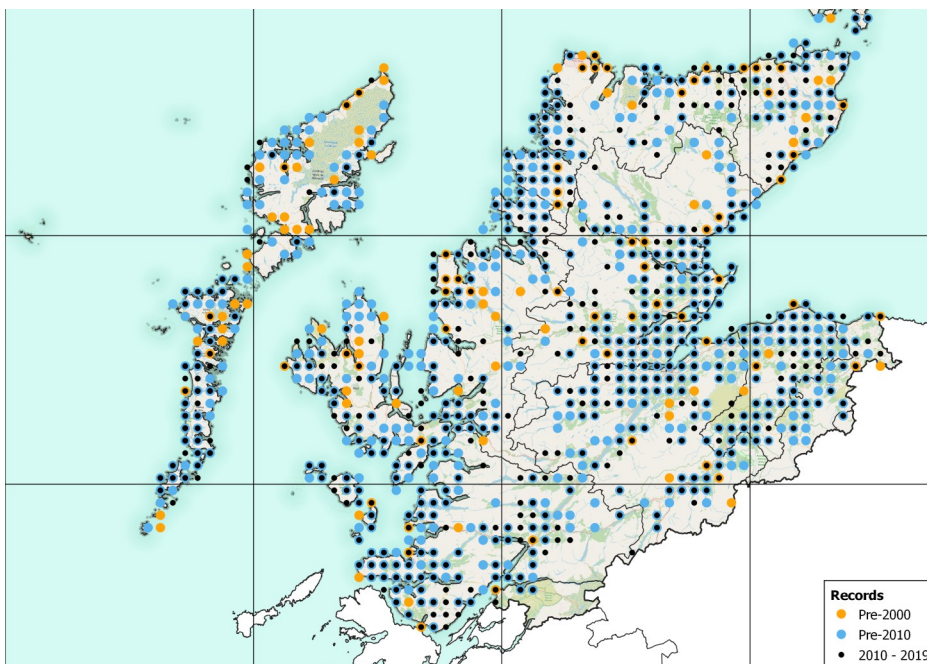
**Larval food plants.** Various grasses.

**Appearance and behaviour.** This large brown butterfly has tawny-orange patches on the upper wing, paler and more extensive in the female. A single eyespot in the apex of each forewing distinguishes it from the Scotch Argus which has several eyespots.

The males in particular are quite strong fliers.



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Number of Records	
Pre-2000	2542
2000 - 2009	3903
2010 - 2019	3666



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