

**GRAYLING** *Hipparchia semele* (ABH 59.013) UK BAP: Priority Species

As in most of Scotland, this is strictly a coastal species in our area. The Grayling now occurs all round our coast except for a gap of approximately 100 miles between Cape Wrath in the west and Golspie in the east. Before 1980 however there were a very few isolated sightings along the north coast of Sutherland and Caithness. Note: these records are not shown on the map due to a discrepancy in the records dataset. Also absent from the Northern Isles and all, except the southernmost tip, of the Western Isles.

**Distribution trend.** A general decline has been evident since the 1970s, particularly in parts of the west e.g. Skye.

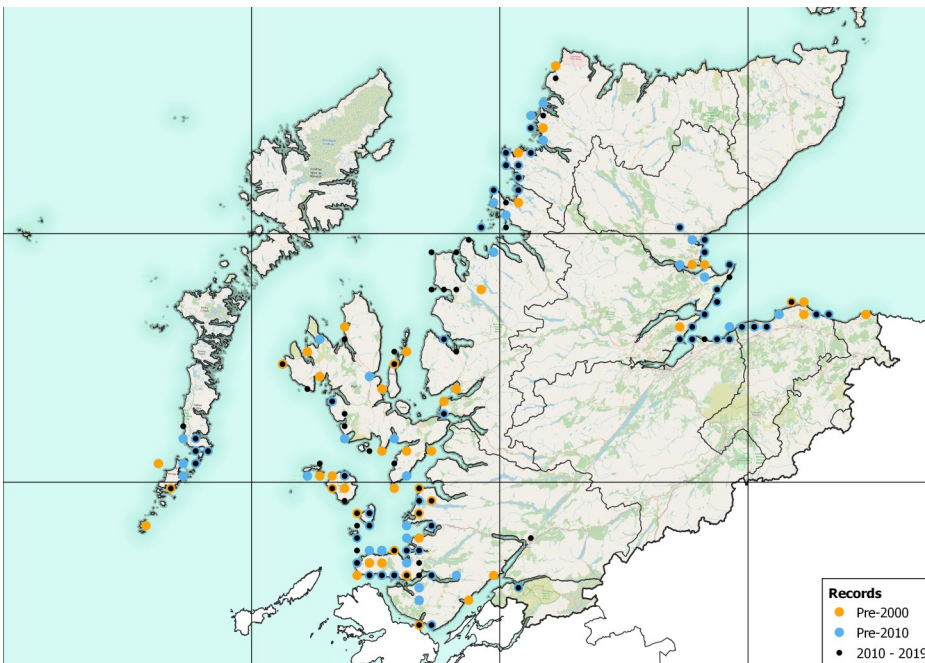
**Habitat.** Coastal cliffs, shingle and dunes (exceptionally on rocky slopes up to 2-3 miles inland).

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

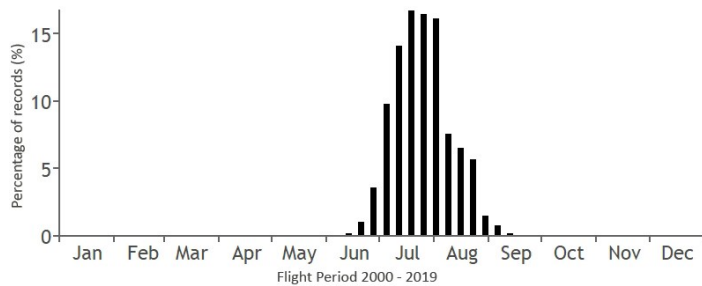
**Larval food plants.** Various grasses.



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There are currently no records from the Northern Isles.



Number of Records	
Pre-2000	401
2000 - 2009	388
2010 - 2019	331



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