

CAMBERWELL BEAUTY *Nymphalis antiopa* (ABH 59.028)

This is a large handsome butterfly which appears only as a very occasional migrant here. The map shows that it arrives most often on the east side of the region, being a migrant from continental Europe. There is no map shown due to discrepancies in the dataset.

Distribution trend. The appearances of this species are so irregular that a trend is not discernible.

Habitat. Like our common Vanessa species, this butterfly seems to range widely through the countryside, sometimes visiting gardens to feed at flowers or rotting fruit.

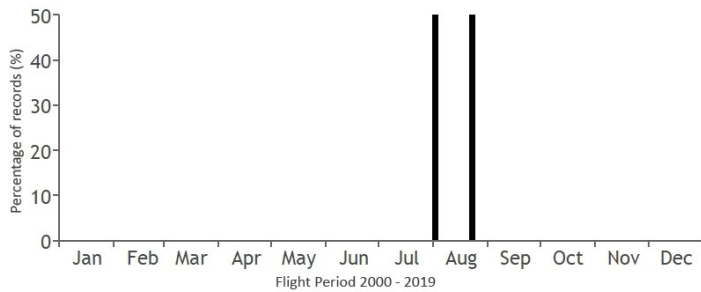
Flight period. Immigrations occur in the autumn months. Sometimes overwintered individuals then re-emerge in April and May (for example, several instances in the spring of 2007). Note: this spring emergence is not shown on the phenology chart.

Larval food plants. No breeding has ever been proved in the UK, but on the continent, larvae are found on willow, poplar and other trees.

Appearance and behaviour. This is an unmistakable butterfly due to its large size and dark purple-brown wings with broad cream-coloured borders. Has been sighted in spring, after emergence from hibernation, when feeding on willow catkins.



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Number of Records	
Pre-2000	9
2000 - 2009	2
2010 - 2019	2



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