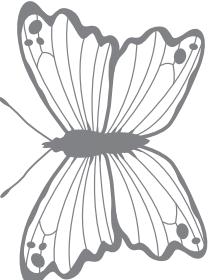


Priority species (I)

Choose a butterfly that is on the species priority list for your area of the country. Use it to complete a blank life cycle/action plan.

Name and priority status	Characteristics	UK region	Food	Habitat
Brown hairstreak Butterfly Conservation (BC) priority: High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small and elusive butterfly, usually seen along hedgerows. Often rests with its wings closed, showing orange-brown underwings with two wavy white streaks and small tails. Upperside of wings are brown with orange mark. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South-western England Southern Wales Mid-west Ireland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult eats aphid honeydew on ash trees, also hemp-agrimony, common fleabane and bramble. Eggs are laid on young blackthorn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hedges, scrubs and wood edges where blackthorn is abundant and that are not too intensively managed.
Northern brown argus BC priority: High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small butterfly that lives in small colonies. Brown with row of orange spots on outer wing edges, sometimes with white spot on forewing. Similar to the brown argus but usually has no orange spots on forewing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern England Scotland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common rock-rose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-drained, unimproved grasslands where common rock-rose grows. Most sites are sheltered (often with scrub) and have thin, base-rich soil, e.g. coastal valleys. In Scotland, it may also occur on predominantly neutral and even acidic soils where common rock-rose is able to grow.
Silver-spotted skipper BC priority: Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rare, small butterfly with a low darting flight. Upperswings are orange with brown margins and pale orange spots. Males have thick black line through centre of forewing. Underwings have silver spots. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South-eastern England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterpillars eat sheep's-fescue. Adults eat dwarf thistle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chalk downs – where turf is short and sparse and soil is thin. Prefers warm, south-facing slopes. Breeds on open-chalk grasslands.



Priority species (2)

Choose a butterfly that is on the species priority list for your area of the country. Use it to complete a blank life cycle/action plan.

Name and priority status	Characteristics	UK region	Food	Habitat
Pearl-bordered fritillary BC priority: High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium-sized, orange and black with red and silver markings on the underside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western England Eastern Wales Western Ireland Scotland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most widely used food-plant is common dog-violet, although it can use other violets such as heath dog-violet and, in the north, marsh violet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three main habitats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland clearings, usually in recently coppiced or clear-felled woodland and well-drained habitats with mosaics of grass, dense bracken and light scrub. In Scotland, found in open, deciduous wood-pasture, typically on south-facing edges of birch or oak woodland where there are patches of dense bracken and grazing by deer and/or sheep. In all habitats it requires abundant food plants growing in short, sparse vegetation, where there is abundant leaf litter.
Swallowtail BC priority: Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large, strong-flying butterfly restricted to the Norfolk Broads, although migrants are occasionally seen elsewhere. Pale yellow wings with black veins and blue margins. Hindwings have red spot and distinctive tail that is sometimes missing in older individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South-east England North mid-Wales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native British feeds solely on milk-parsley. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The British species is a specialist of wet, open fenland and marshes. Requires vigorous growths of milk-parsley.