

Colliery Spoil Spotter Sheet



Over 1000 invertebrate species have been recorded on colliery spoil sites in South Wales. Can you find any of these iconic insect species?



Bilberry bumblebee
(*Bombus monticola*)

April to September

Over half of the abdomen orange/red and there are also two lemon yellow bands on the thorax.



Dingy skipper butterfly
(*Erynnis tages*)

May to June

Small and moth-like. Grey-brown wings with mottled brown markings and two rows of small white spots.



Grayling butterfly
(*Hipparchia semele*)

July to September

Forewings are mainly dark brown and orange, with an intricate grey and black pattern on the hind wings.



Common blue butterfly
(*Polyommatus icarus*)

May to September

Males are conspicuous with their violet-blue wings, finely edged with clear, white wing markings.



Green tiger beetle
(*Cicindela campestris*)

April to September

Large, metallic-green beetle with purple-bronze legs and eyes, and creamy spots on the wing cases.



Golden-ringed dragonfly
(*Cordulegaster boltonii*)

May to September

The thorax and abdomen are black with yellow bands. Adults also have green eyes.

The project is being funded by Welsh Government's Enabling of Natural Resources and Well-being Grant through the 'A Resilient Greater Gwent' work programme. The programme runs until summer 2022 and is working towards a South East Wales where nature is in recovery and sustainable communities value their landscapes and wildlife and get involved for their own health and well-being.

If you wish to share your wildlife sightings, send your records to South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre (SEWBReC).

