

## **August 2007      Insect Sightings - Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory**

The 1st brought an influx of fresh Painted Ladies, increasing in numbers through the day as temperatures rose to seasonal levels at last and although numbers were down on the transect walk on the 7th at least 20 Common Blues were recorded, though Peacocks in particular had declined dramatically. Numbers fell further over the next two weeks, though fresh Small Coppers were evident from the 20th and small numbers of Holly Blues continued to skip about the Estate's gardens.

Though Brown Hawkers were evidently fewer, Small Red-eyed Damselflies continued to be numerous at the start of August, as did Emperor Dragonfly, no fewer than 6 of which were ovipositing on the Middle Field pond on the 1st. Although a steady decline set in for most species, with some indifferent weather hardly helping, Migrant Hawkers increased to at least 70 on the 24th.