

**June 2011**

A **Meadow Brown** on the 1st was as early as has been recorded at the Bay, while decent numbers of Small Tortoiseshells were apparent, including 19 along Worth track. A notable 13 Large Skippers and the Bay's earliest ever **Essex Skipper** were in the Whitehouse on the 2nd, together with a very early **Small Skipper** and although the weather became increasingly unsettled with periods of heavy rain, **Marbled White** was recorded on the 7th; eight days earlier than previously found at the Bay. Nevertheless, despite the much-needed rain, the effects of the arid spring were evident on transect walks on the 14th and 24th, which brought totals of 50 and 58, respectively. It remained very quiet until the sudden onset of hot weather on the 26th and the following day 178 butterflies were recorded on the transect, including totals of 63 Essex/Small Skippers and 38 Marbled Whites, while migrant interest was maintained by the presence of 4 Painted Ladies.