

The information in this document is taken from and relates to information on the [goytvalley.org.uk](http://goytvalley.org.uk) website. In the Lepidoptera > Recording pages of the website will be found two spreadsheets on Butterflies and their foodplants. One relating to Adult Butterflies and one relating to Butterfly Caterpillars. Not all Butterflies or related plants on the spreadsheets will be found in the Goyt Valley.

The unshaded first table below represents plant species in the Goyt Valley (and Thereabouts) that have been added over time. As botany has not historically been a particular focus of interest *per se*, the list is obviously far from exhaustive. Plant names which include an asterisk have images on the website which were actually taken in the Goyt Valley itself. In other words the plant species concerned is represented in the Goyt Valley. This list will now be actively grown incrementally, particularly as it relates to Butterflies.

For the purposes of identifying Butterfly eggs and Caterpillars, it is necessary to know which plant species are adopted for the purpose, for each species of Butterfly. Hence the table that is shaded. It is simply an at-a-glance shortlist.

Both of these tables will grow until all species of Butterfly known to frequent and breed in the Goyt Valley are included. If you are interested in observing Butterfly eggs and Caterpillars, you will only need to print and carry page 3 of this document and then start looking for needles in the haystack that is the Goyt Valley.

To answer a question. Yet to be added are all the 'brown' butterflies including the Skipper Butterflies. That process is now under way. The Butterflies are already well known, the plants concerned are not yet located.

NB: An ID document (with photographs) is being developed on the three local Skipper butterflies which are easily confused. They are the Small Skipper, the Large Skipper and the Essex Skipper. The Essex Skipper has been seen at Buxton, Lightwood and may be discovered in the Goyt Valley. That is a subject of particular interest.

There is a simple rule-of-thumb for the three Skippers mentioned. All species have antennae. The Large Skipper antennae have unmistakable hooks at the end. That is diagnostic and not shared with others which have club-shaped ends. The underside of the Small Skipper antennae are coloured orange/brown. The underside of the Essex Skipper antennae are coloured black.

**Reminder:** The purpose of this document is only to shortlist Butterfly Caterpillar plants in and of the Goyt Valley. Those presented in bold typeface on the next table. The Butterfly Caterpillars served by those presented in bold typeface are listed in the second table below.

Bee Orchid	Harebell	Snowdrops*	Bluebells (English)*	Cow Parsley*
Teasel	Foxglove*	Greater Willowherb*	Ragwort*	Rosebay Willowherb*
Heather*	Yarrow*	<b>Gorse*</b>	Cinquefoil*	<b>Bilberry*</b>
Common Knapweed*	White Foxglove*	St. John's Wort*	Ragged Robin	Common Spotted Orchid
Meadowsweet*	Blackberry*	Ribwort Plantain	Water Mint	Common Self Heal
Perennial sow-thistle*	Pendulous Sedge*	Wild Garlic*	Hare's-tail Cotton-grass*	<b>Cuckooflower*</b>
Buttercup*	Dandelion*	Forget-me-Not*	Marsh Marigold*	Welsh Poppy*
Lesser Celandine*	Greater Stitchwort*	<b>Bramble*</b>	<b>Nettle*</b>	<b>Cross-leaved Heath*</b>
Goat Willow*	Hawthorn*	<b>Holly*</b>	<b>Ivy*</b>	<b>Meadow Grasses*</b>
<b>Thistle*</b>	<b>False Brome*</b>			

Gorse	Green Hairstreak ~ Holly Blue
Bilberry	Green Hairstreak
Cuckooflower	Green-veined White ~ Orange-tip
Bramble	Green Hairstreak ~ Holly Blue
Nettle	Comma ~ Painted Lady ~ Peacock ~ Red Admiral ~ Small Tortoiseshell
Cross-leaved Heath	Green Hairstreak
Holly	Holly Blue
Ivy	Holly Blue
Meadow Grasses	Meadow Brown ~ Ringlet ~ Small Heath
Thistle	Painted Lady
False Brome	Essex, Large & Small Skippers ~ Meadow Brown ~ Speckled Wood ~ Ringlet ~ Wall Brown