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I have included all species that I have been able to photograph on Carphin Farm.

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## Green-veined white

The most common of the whites, occurring in a wide range of habitats.







## Orange-tip

A species of spring and early summer that has increased its range in Scotland in recent decades.







## Small tortoiseshell

A common species that can be seen in most months of the year, though it is less common than previously.







## Peacock

This species has benefitted from climate change. It was just a migrant to Fife, unable to survive winters, but it is now one of the most common resident butterflies.







## Comma

A recent arrival in Fife, spreading from the south. This one was below Carphin Farmhouse in early April 2025.







## Dark green fritillary

A locally-distributed species in Fife.





## Speckled wood

This species is currently colonising Fife. These were at Carphin in September 2024.







## Wall brown

Another species currently colonising Fife. This one was by the path to Norman's Law just beyond the boundary of Carphin Farm, in late August 2024.







## Small heath

This locally-distributed species is common on the ungrazed grassy areas of Carphin.

