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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

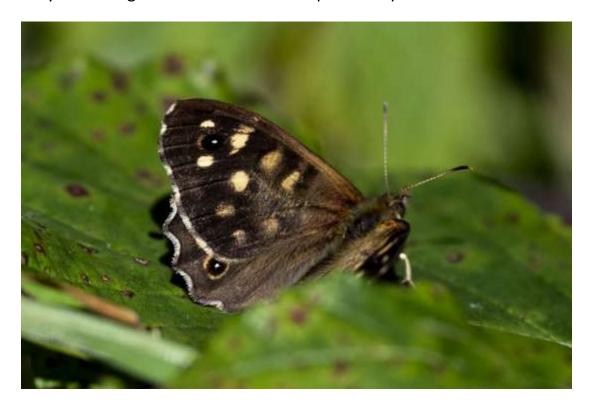
A locally-distributed species in Fife.





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.

