



Before I got hooked on photography I collected and bred butterflies and moths. Learning their different names and seeing a new species for the first time always felt incredibly special. Whether it was a White Admiral in Wilkswood, Marsh Fritillaries on Hod Hill or Glanville Fritillaries on Niton Undercliff on the Isle of Wight. The highlight each summer was seeing a Clouded that had flown across the channel on the slopes of East and West Man above Winspit.



During the pandemic, on Wormwood Scrubs in London, seeing my first ever Black Hairstreak stoked memories of my childhood.

Where 2,500 species of moths breed in the UK there are just 59 species of butterflies. Adding dragonflies and damselflies to the list of butterflies totals 101 species. Learning more about these fascinating creatures I hope to photograph them over the next few summers.