

Flight calendar of the butterflies of Menorca

The following graph shows us the times of year when we can find the various species of butterflies.

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<i>Papilio machaon</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>				---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Colias crocea</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>G. cleopatra</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Pieris rapae</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Pieris napi</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Pontia daplidice</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Charaxes jasius</i>				---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Cynthia cardui</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>				---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>C. pamphilus</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>						---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Lampides boeticus</i>				---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>P. icarus</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>						---	---	---	---			
<i>Aricia cramera</i>			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

The number of individuals and species of butterflies in Menorca evolves throughout the whole year. In the heart of winter (December to January) we can only find some individuals of species which hibernate as adults and fly on sunny days. In the month of February the first individuals of the new spring generations start to appear and the number of individuals as well as species increases slowly until the middle of May when there is a marked increase in the number of both reaching its peak at the end of May or the beginning of June. From then, it begins to decline and reaches a minimum in August as the butterflies' activity greatly diminishes because of the high temperatures. In September the number of individuals recovers significantly. From October it decreases again until the end of November and December when individuals can only be observed on sunny days when the weather is warm.

