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Great Orme Recorders' Day

27th May 2016



On Friday 27th May 2016 fourteen people gathered at the Great Orme summit for a day of Biological recording. The Great Orme is famous for its botanical interest and is also one of Britain's most important butterfly sites.

The day was sunny, but the wind a little too strong for good butterfly counts. However, the Great Orme's endemic subspecies of Silver-studded Blue was seen in small numbers.

Recording was concentrated along the south westerly facing slopes. 156 species were recorded, of which plant (66) and invertebrate (80) records made up the bulk; reflecting the recorders' main interests.

Some of the interesting finds included *Bombus rupestris*, one of the cuckoo bumble bees, and two endemic Hawkweeds (*Hieracium cambricum* and *H. pseudoleyi*). 31 spider species were found, 9 of which were new to the Great Orme.

The day was rich in rarities, highlighting the Great Orme's conservation importance.

