

THE CLOUDED YELLOW BUTTERFLY ON THE ISLAND OF BUTE

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It is a common experience of all local recorders that no matter how long one waits before publication, it is only after one has gone into print that some of the really interesting or important new information arrives. So it has been with the butterflies of Bute.

In the previous volume of the *Transactions*, Dr. Gibson published a paper on the butterflies of the island (Gibson 1990), based on some fifty years' experience. At that time there were no records of the Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea* for Bute, but only some eighteen months later there was a remarkable invasion of this relatively uncommon species all over the West of Scotland and other parts of the country.

On 17th May 1992 one specimen of the Clouded Yellow turned up, appropriately enough, in Dr. Gibson's garden at Kilchattan Bay, and later that year Mr. Hopkins recorded two specimens at Scalpsie Bay on 31st July and one at Loch Fad on 14th September. These therefore constitute new records for the Island of Bute, and the Clouded Yellow butterfly should be added to the systematic list.

It is very likely that other specimens turned up on Bute but were not reported at the time, so we shall be most grateful to hear of any additional records.

Reference

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