

South Milton Ley Nature Reserve – insect prevalence data

South Milton Ley is a Nature Reserve in South Devon, UK. It's a freshwater reedbed right on the coast, fed by a river that then runs into the sea. The Ley, as well as the local area, is a 'Site of Special Scientific Interest' due to the biodiversity that can be found.

The dataset is a record of sightings of different insect species (ranging from flies to beetles to butterflies) in the nature reserve and surrounding area over a period of 10 years – 2011 to 2020. Sampling was done several times a month between the months of May to September each year at various locations. All sampling was done by one individual.

The dataset contains the date and location of the sighting (including a grid reference), the species name, and the number seen. There are also columns for sex and common name, which have been filled in where possible.