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Some of Britain's rarest butterflies find their home in Dartmoor, a stronghold for four nationally threatened species of fritillary butterfly. The fritillaries are a family of brightly coloured orange and black butterflies with a chequerboard appearance.

The aptly-named Pearl-bordered Fritillary is the first to emerge in April, heralding the arrival of spring, a splash of orange as it dashes over bracken slopes in search of violets for egg laying. By May, it can often be seen flying alongside its look-alike, the Small Pearlbordered Fritillary, a diminutive but stunning little butterfly.





The Marsh Fritillary can be found in Dartmoor's wet valleys and mires, nectaring on orchids, bog bean and other wetland plants, and gliding gracefully among Devil's-bit scabious plants in search of egg-laying spots.

Later in June the majestic High Brown Fritillary emerges, flying fast and high as it glides across bracken slopes and along the woodland fringes.

All the fritillary butterflies are suffering significant declines across the UK, but faring well here on Dartmoor thanks to conservation efforts to restore their habitat.

To find out more, or to get involved in helping to conserve these special species, please get in touch:

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