

Over 1000 invertebrate species have been recorded on colliery spoil sites in South Wales. Can you find any of these iconic insect species?

Insect Spotter Sheet



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Bilberry Bumblebee

Bombus monticola

Found from April-September

Over half of the abdomen orange/red and there are also two lemon yellow bands on the thorax.



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Dingy Skipper

Erynnis tages

Found from May-June

Small and moth-like. Grey-brown wings with mottled brown markings and two rows of small white spots.



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Grayling

Hipparchia semele

Found from July-September

Forewings are mainly dark brown and orange, with an intricate grey and black pattern on the hind wings.



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Common Blue

Polyommatus icarus

Found from May-September

Males are conspicuous with their violet-blue wings, finely edged with clear, white wing markings.



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Green Tiger Beetle

Cicindela campestris

Found from April-September

Large, metallic-green beetle with purple-bronze legs and eyes, and creamy spots on the wing cases.



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Golden-ringed Dragonfly

Cordulegaster boltonii

Found from May-September

The thorax and abdomen are black with yellow bands. Adults also have green eyes.

Mae dros 1000 o rywogaethau o infertebratau wedi eu cofnodi ar safleoedd tomenni glo yn Ne Cymru. Allwch chi ddod o hyd i rai o'r rhywogaethau pryfed eiconig hyn?



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Cacwn y llus

Bombus monticola

Ebrill i Fedi

Dros hanner yr abdomen yn oren/coch ac mae hefyd ddau fand melyn ysgafn ar y thoraces.



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Gwibiwr llwyd

Erynnis tages

Mis Mai i fis Mehefin

Bach a tebyg i wyfyn. Adennydd llwyd frown gyda marciau brown brith a dwy res o smotiau gwyn bach.



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lâr fach y graig

Hipparchia semele

Mis Gorffennaf i fis Medi

Blaenau'r adenydd yn bennaf yn frown tywyll ac oren, gyda phatrwm cain llwyd a du ar yr adennydd cefn.



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Pili pala glas cyffredin

Polyommatus icarus

Mis Mai i fis Medi

Mae'r gwrywod yn amlwg gyda'u adenydd glas fioled, gyda marciau gwyn clir ar ymyl yr adennydd.



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Chwilen teigr gwyrdd

Cicindela campestris

Mis Ebrill i fis Medi

Chwilen fawr, gwyrdd metalig gyda choesau a llygaid porffor-efydd, a smotiau hufen ar glawr yr adennydd.



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Gwas neidr aurdorchog

Cordulegaster boltonii

Mis Mai i fis Medi

Mae'r thoracs a'r abdomen yn ddu gyda bandiau melyn. Mae gan oedolion hefyd llygaid gwyrdd.