

There are only four Grasshopper species recorded for this county, plus one Groundhopper. The images and some text here are taken from the [Orthoptera and Allied Insects website](#), where more images, maps, information and even sound recordings are available.

For the Grasshoppers, a clear view of the back should be sufficient for identification; in particular, look at the colour of the back and the shape of the twin lines down the thorax (pronotal keels). The colour notes are only a general guide, colours may well vary. The Groundhopper is distinctively shaped.

If you confidently identify any species please add them to [iRecord](#) or a similar scheme.



⇐ *Omocestus viridulus*

Common Green Grasshopper

Note the 'gently curved' keels and the green colour of the back.

Long grass often in damp situations, especially unimproved grasslands

Chorthippus paralellus ⇒

Meadow Grasshopper

Keels only slightly incurved. Body greenish but often with more brown colour.

Coarse grasses in a wide range of habitats



⇐ *Chorthippus brunneus*

Field Grasshopper

Sharply incurved side-keels. Brownish, but colour varies; striped and mottled forms with parts of the body varying from buff through orange to purple.

Short vegetation in dry, sunny situations; coastal grassland



Myrmeleotettix maculata ⇨

Mottled Grasshopper

A small variable grasshopper. Could be confused with *C. brunneus*, but has a shorter body; clubbed antennae of males and thickened tips of females are distinctive, both lack white tips. The side keels of the pronotum are deeply indented.

Dry situations exposed to the sun with short turf and bare ground



⇨ ***Tetrix undulata***

Common Groundhopper

Small grasshopper-like insect with wide 'shoulders' and a narrow tapering abdomen hidden beneath an extended pronotum. Open habitat with bare ground and short vegetation. Presence of mosses is important