

For 28 years we have made a scientific count of our butterflies. They are showing a dramatic decline in numbers that begin around the time that neonicotinoid pesticides began widespread use. This is documented in similar counts throughout the US.

Annual counting with graph of declines

The trend line (dark straight line) indicates the number of individual butterflies of all species counted over 28 years in Redding. We are definitely seeing fewer butterflies nowadays than we used to see.

