

Butterflies of the Adelaide Region

MOSTLY BROWN OR ORANGE
Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm) or Large sized (>6cm)

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Phigalia Skipper



Flame Sedge-skipper



Donnysa Sedge-skipper



Golden-haired Sedge-skipper



Large Brown Skipper



Black and White Sedge-skipper

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Lesser Wanderer



female



male



Common Brown



Australian Admiral

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UNDER SIDE



Wanderer (I)

UPPER SIDE



UNDER SIDE



Ringed Xenica

UPPER SIDE



UNDER SIDE



Orange Palm-dart (I)



Marbled Xenica













Meadow Argus





Australian Painted Lady











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Small sized (<2.5cm)

WHITE or CREAM with BLACK or BROWN
Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm) or Large sized (>6cm)

UPPER SIDE	UNDER SIDE
	
Mottled Grass-skipper	
	
White-banded Grass-dart	
	
Southern Grass-dart	
	
Chequered Copper	
	
Fringed Heath-blue	

MOSTLY YELLOW
Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm)

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Small Grass Yellow	

UPPER SIDE	UNDER SIDE
	
Cabbage White (I)	
	
Wood White	
	
Caper White	
	
<i>pale form</i>	
	
<i>dark form</i>	
White Migrant	

WHITE or CREAM with BLACK or BROWN
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Dainty Swallowtail



Chequered Swallowtail



Tailed Emperor (I)

MOSTLY BLUE
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Broad-margined Azure



Satin Azure



female



male



Genoveva Azure



Icilius Blue



Western Dusky-blue



MOSTLY BLUE
Small sized (<2.5cm)

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Blotched Dusky-blue



Two-spotted Line-blue



Wattle Blue



Bitter-bush Blue



Saltbush Blue



Common Grass-blue



UPPER SIDE

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Long-tailed Pea-blue



USING THIS KEY

This key will assist you in identifying butterflies likely to visit your garden or native reserve in the Adelaide Region.

The key is based on colour and size and, where possible, two views of each butterfly are shown; the upper side and the under side.

The four colour groups represent the upper side wing colours - mostly yellow or white; mostly orange or brown; mostly white or cream with black or brown; and mostly blue.

The sizes, small (<2.5cm), medium (2.5cm - 6cm), and large (>6cm) represent open wingspan and are shown at approximate life size when printed A4.

Note the photographs presented here show the wings fully open and when butterflies are at rest they may hold their wings in such a way that you only see the under side. This is especially so for the skippers, darts and blue butterflies, some of which never open their wings when at rest.

Butterflies named in red with an (I) naturally migrated or have been introduced into the region.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For scientific names and information on these butterflies, their food plants and how to attract them to your garden, please see the book 'Attracting butterflies to your garden: what to grow and conserve in the Adelaide region' by Lindsay Hunt, Roger Grund, David Keane and Jan Forrest (2007) published by Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. and available from the South Australian Museum book shop, Butterfly Conservation SA Inc., and other retail outlets.

Additionally, discover which butterfly-friendly plants are found in your area and the butterflies that are associated with them at <http://butterflyconservationsa.net.au/butterflies/attract/>

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