

# 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

UPPER SIDE



UNDER SIDE



Wanderer (I)

UPPER SIDE



UNDER SIDE



Ringed Xenica



Marbled Xenica



Australian Painted Lady

UPPER SIDE



UNDER SIDE



Orange Palm-dart (I)



Meadow Argus



**MOSTLY BROWN OR ORANGE**  
Small sized (<2.5cm)

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Mottled Grass-skipper



White-banded Grass-dart



Southern Grass-dart



Chequered Copper



Fringed Heath-blue

**MOSTLY YELLOW**  
Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm)

UPPER SIDE      UNDER SIDE



Small Grass Yellow

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

UPPER SIDE      UNDER SIDE



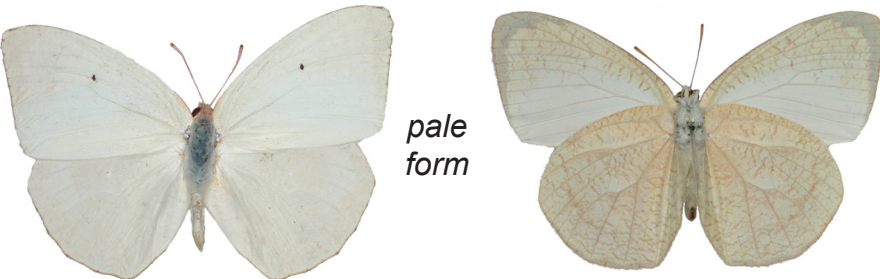
Cabbage White (I)



Wood White



Caper White



pale form



dark form

White Migrant

UPPER SIDE      UNDER SIDE



Dainty Swallowtail



Chequered Swallowtail



Tailed Emperor (I)



**MOSTLY BLUE**  
Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm)

UPPER SIDE



Broad-margined Azure

UNDER SIDE



Satin Azure



female



male



Genoveva Azure



Icilius Blue



Western Dusky-blue



**MOSTLY BLUE**  
Small sized (<2.5cm)

UPPER SIDE



Blotched Dusky-blue



Two-spotted Line-blue



Wattle Blue



Bitter-bush Blue



Saltbush Blue



Common Grass-blue

UNDER SIDE



UPPER SIDE



Rayed Blue



Long-tailed Pea-blue

UNDER SIDE



**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 A3.

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.

**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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[www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/green-adelaide/for-educators](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/green-adelaide/for-educators)

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