

Butterflies of the South East Region

MOSTLY BROWN OR ORANGE

Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm) or Small sized (<2.5cm)

UPPER SIDE UNDER SIDE



Striped Xenica
Oreixenica kershawi



female



male

Bright Shield-skipper
Signeta flammeata



Varied Sedge-skipper
Hesperilla donnysa



Golden-haired Sedge-skipper
Hesperilla chrysotricha cyclospila



Large Brown Skipper
Motasingha trimaculata trimaculata

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Lesser Wanderer
Danaus petilia



Splendid Ochre
Trapezites symmokus



Yellow Admiral
Vanessa itea



Shouldered Brown
Heteronympha penelope

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Australian Painted Lady
Vanessa kershawi



Marbled Xenica
Geitoneura klugii



Meadow Argus
Juvonia villida calybe



Flame Sedge-skipper
Hesperilla idothea clara



Orange Ochre
Trapezites eliena

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



female



male



Barred Grass-skipper
Dispar compacta



Mottled Grass-skipper
Anistynta cynone



White-banded Grass-dart
Taractrocera papyria papyria



Southern Grass-dart
Ocybadistes walkeri hypochlorus



Grassland Copper
Lucia limbaria



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

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Spotted Jezebel
Delias aganippe



Caper White
Belenois java teutonia

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Cabbage White (I)
Pieris rapae



pale form



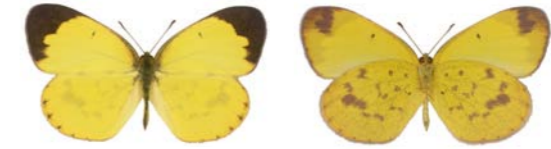
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White Migrant
Catopsilia pyranthe crokera

MOSTLY YELLOW
 Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm)

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE

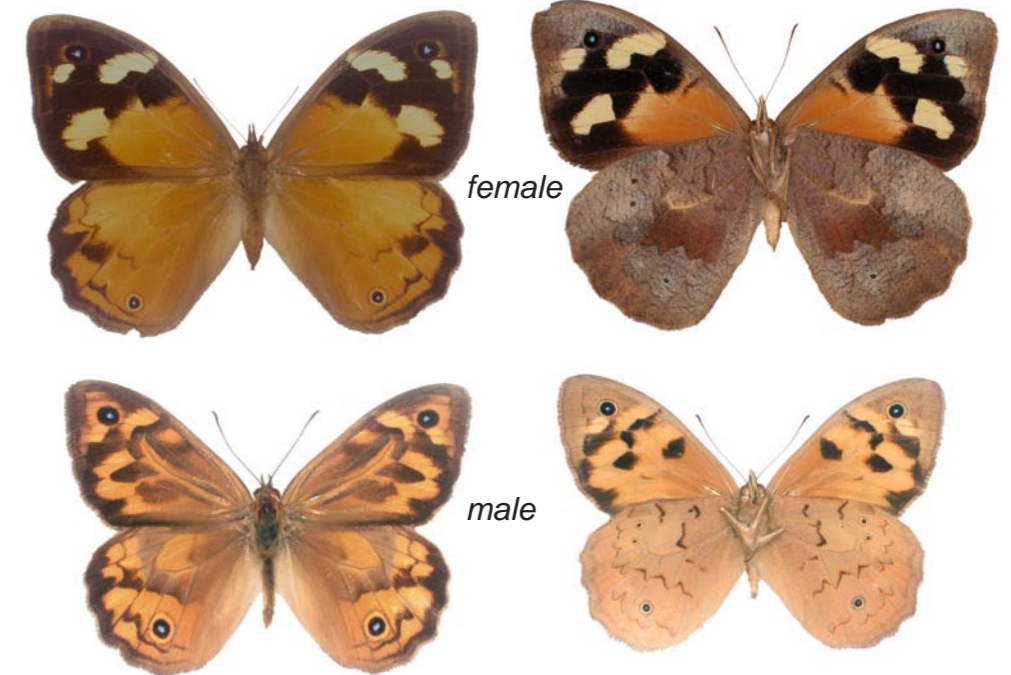


Small Grass Yellow
Eurema smilax

MOSTLY BROWN OR ORANGE
 Large sized (>6cm)

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



female

male

Common Brown
Heteronympha merope merope

UPPER SIDE

UNDER SIDE



Chequered Swallowtail
Papilio demoleus sthenelus



Wanderer (I)
Danaus plexippus plexippus

MOSTLY BLUE

Small sized (<2.5cm) or Medium sized (2.5cm - 6cm)

UPPER SIDE



female



male

Large Brown Azure
Ogyris idmo



female



male

Dark Purple Azure
Ogyris abrota



female



male

Small Bronze Azure
Ogyris otaes

UNDER SIDE



UPPER SIDE



Blotched Dusky-blue
Candalides acasta



Two-spotted Line-blue
Nacaduba biocellata biocellata



Bitter-bush Blue
Theclinesstes albocincta



Saltbush Blue
Theclinesstes serpentata serpentata



Common Grass-blue
Zizina labradus labradus



Satin Azure
Ogyris amaryllis meridionalis



Broad-margined Azure
Ogyris olane



Long-tailed Pea-blue
Lampides boeticus

UNDER SIDE



USING THIS KEY

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

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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 the Butterfly Conservation Society South Australia Inc. and available from the South Australian Museum book shop, Butterfly Conservation SA Inc., and other retail outlets.

Other guides include:

A field guide to the Butterfly Walk in Penambol Conservation Park (www.forestry.sa.gov.au/Portals/0/Publications/InfoLeaflets/fsa-butterfly-brochure_FINAL_Feb2012.pdf)

Xenica identification sheet (www.forestrysa.com.au/Portals/0/Publications/InfoLeaflets/Xenica_ID_sheet.pdf)

Braby, M.F. (2004) The complete field guide to butterflies of Australia. Australian National University.

Additionally, discover which butterfly-friendly plants are found in your area and the butterflies that are associated with them at www.butterflygardening.net.au/plants/map.htm