

# BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION CHART Sheet 5

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MOSTLY BROWN or ORANGE

Small butterflies - less than 25mm wingspan



Upper side

Under side



### **Mottled Grass skipper**

*Anisynta cynone* - A rare butterfly found in coastal areas but only flies in autumn (March - April). Caterpillars feed on native and introduced grasses. Wingspan 23 - 24mm.



### **Southern Grass-dart**

*Ocybadistes walkeri hypochlora* - This subspecies is reasonably common, especially the eastern side of the Adelaide plains. Caterpillars feed on native and introduced grasses. Wingspan: 20mm.



### **White-banded Grass-dart**

*Taractrocera papyria* - now rare, most likely to be seen along grassy creeklines in the Adelaide area and in the SE of SA. Caterpillars feed on native and introduced grasses. Wingspan: 19mm - 20mm.



### **Chequered or Grassland Copper**

*Lucia limbaria* - rare, occasionally seen in undisturbed fringe urban areas, or in meadow areas and reserves. Caterpillars eat native sorrel. Wingspan: 23mm - 25mm.



### **Fringed Heath-blue**

*Neolucia agricola* - found in woodland and heath associations during spring. Caterpillars feed on small native bush peas. Wingspan: 20mm - 21mm.

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### Barred Grass-skipper

*Dispar compacta* – a common skipper which can be found in disturbed grassy environments in the Lower South East of SA. Caterpillars feed on a range of native grasses, sedges and lilies. Observed flying from January to April. Wingspan: male 23mm and female 23mm.

### Inland Sand-skipper

*Croitana arenaria arenaria* (top) is found in the far north. *Croitana arenaria pilipudla* (below) is found in the hilly regions in the north of Eyre Peninsula. The caterpillars feed on windmill grass – *Enteropogon*. Grazing and the consequent land clearance needs to be considered in its conservation. Wingspan male 22mm female 24mm.

*Croitana arenaria pilipudla*  
Photos: AStolarski

### Bronze Ant-Blue

*Acridipsas brisbanensis* - As the female is mostly blue, this species is also featured under the 'less than 25mm, blue' section. Wingspan: male 22mm female: 25mm.