

# BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION CHART Sheet 1

MY BUTTERFLY IS:  
MOSTLY BLUE

Medium sized butterflies - 25mm - 60mm wingspan

Upper side

Under side



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## Rayed Blue

*Candalides heathi heathi* - now a rare butterfly, more often seen in foothills woodland habitat. The caterpillars have adapted to introduced ribwort. Wingspan: 28 - 29mm.

## Varied or Common Dusky-blue

*Candalides hyacinthina simplex* - occurs east of the Mt. Lofty Ranges to the Lower South East, flying near its hostplant. Caterpillars feed on coarse parasitic dodder laurel growing on mallee. Wingspan: 28mm.

## Cyprotus blue

*Candalides cyprotus* - This is a rarely seen in SA. Caterpillars feed on *Grevillia huegii* and *Hakea* spp. which are widely spread in the semi-arid regions and this may indicate a wide, but low density distribution. Wingspan: male 27mm, female 28mm.

## Long-tailed Pea-blue

*Lampides boeticus* - often common around its hostplants of small pea flowering herbs, shrubs and vines. Caterpillars feed on pea flowers and immature pods. Wingspan: 25mm - 27mm



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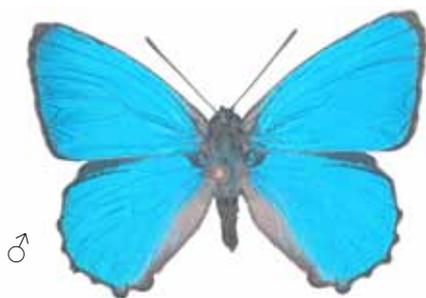
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### Fiery Jewell

*Hypochrysops ignita*- this species has an intimate association with the ant *Papyrius* sp. The caterpillar feeds on a wide range of dissimilar plant species Wingspan: 26mm - 27mm.



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### Satin Azure

*Ogyris amaryllis meridionalis* - the bright metallic blue upper side is usually only seen when flying. At rest only the underside is seen. Caterpillars feed on mistletoe, only *Amyema* spp. Wingspan: male and female 34mm



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### Southern Purple Azure

*Ogyris genoveva* - the bright upper side is only seen when flying. At rest only the underside is seen. Caterpillars feed on yellow mistletoe *Amyema* spp. growing on Eucalypts. Associated with an attendant ant *Camponotus* sp. Wingspan: male 47mm female 53mm.



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## Small Bronze Azure

*Ogyris otanes*

This butterfly has an intimate association with the ant species *Camponotus terebrans*. It is rare and fractionated in its distribution. Caterpillars feed on *Choretrum glomerulatum*. to survive and we are alarmed at the A reduction in the population of these plants in areas where they were once common is of concern. Wingspan: male 35mm, female 40mm

## Dark Purple Azure

*Ogyris abrota* - This butterfly is rare in SA and is restricted to the lower SE of South Australia. Although occurring over a widish area they are nowhere common being restricted by the mistletoe species upon which the caterpillars feed. Having suffered from land clearance in the past their continued existence in SA relies on maintaining the mistletoe species (and their host plants). Wingspan: male 39mm, female 42mm.

## Silky Azure

*Ogyris oroetus*

The distribution of this species is not well known. It seems to be a butterfly of the eastern mallee regions including north of Renmark and to the east of Swan Reach. Wingspan: 36-38mm



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## Large Brown Azure

*Ogyris halmaturia*  
Recently recognised as a separate species it is thought to live intimately with *Camponotus terebrans* ants. Little is known of its life cycle. The species is known from only three very restricted widely separated localities and has not been seen in the last 10 years. Bushfires and over-collecting are dangers to this species. Wingspan: male (photo LFHunt) and female 46mm.

## Arid Bronze Azure

*Ogyris subterrestris*  
A mallee species that lives an intimate subterranean existence with the ant species *Camponotus terebrans*. The exact nature of this relationship is still not known. Land clearance and local over-collecting are dangers to many populations. Wingspan: male and female 36mm

## Broad-margined Azure

*Ogyris olane* - the bright metallic blue upper side is usually only seen when flying. At rest only the underside is seen. Caterpillars feed on yellow mistletoe *Amyema* spp. growing on Eucalypts. Wingspan: 34 - 36mm.



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### Bright Purple Azure

*Ogyris barnardi*

Though not rare the butterfly has a restricted distribution being confined to upper Eyre Peninsula. The mistletoe on which the caterpillars feed live almost exclusively on Western Myall. The caterpillars live in borer holes on the tree and though associated with ants are not dependent on them for their survival.

Wingspan: male 32mm, female 34mm.



### Amethyst Hairstreak or Icilius Blue

*Jalmenus icilius* - now rare in the Adelaide area. Occurs in small colonies in woodland areas near its host plant. Caterpillars feed on certain *Acacia* species and are associated with small black ants.

Wingspan: 26 - 29mm.



### Waterhouse's Hairstreak

*Jalmenus lithochroa*

South Australia's only endemic butterfly occurs in the Lower Flinders Ranges. Caterpillars feed on wattle, *Acacia victoriae*.

Locally common.

Wingspan: 29 - 32mm

