

# BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION CHART Sheet 1

MY BUTTERFLY IS:  
MOSTLY BLUE

Small butterflies - less than 25mm wingspan



Upper side

Under side



## Double-spotted Line-blue

*Nacaduba biocellata* - common in fringe areas on the plains; rare in the hills. Has a small caterpillar that eats wattle, *Acacia* spp. buds. Wingspan: male 15mm, female 17mm.



## Bitter-bush Blue

*Theclinesthes albocincta* - Found in coastal areas. Adult butterflies in hot dry areas have reduced blue areas. Caterpillars feed on the bitter-bush *Adriana quadripartita*. Wingspan: 21 - 22mm.



## Wattle Blue

*Theclinesthes miskini* - widespread species often seen congregating on the tops of hills. Caterpillars eat the leaves of wattles *Acacia* spp. Wingspan: 22mm.



## Saltbush Blue

*Theclinesthes serpentata* - This small species is often found flying around saltbushes on which the caterpillars feed. At rest the cryptic underside blends into the vegetation. Wingspan: 21mm - 22mm.

# BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION CHART Sheet 2

## MY BUTTERFLY IS: MOSTLY BLUE

### Small butterflies - less than 25mm wingspan

Upper side

Under side



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#### Blotched Dusky-blue

*Candalides acasta* - common in undisturbed native vegetation areas. Caterpillars prefer to eat small, slender species of parasitic dodder-laurel *Cassytha* spp.. Wingspan: 22mm.

#### Common Grass-blue

*Zizina labradus* - often very common, seen flitting low in open grassy areas. Caterpillars feed on herbaceous pea plants and have adapted to clover. Wingspan: 20mm - 23mm.

#### Spotted Grass-blue *Zizeeria*

*karsandra* - The status of this butterfly in this state is debatable, it being only rarely collected. If as suggested it feeds on Caltrop then it should be common in the Riverland but it is not. Wingspan: 20mm.

#### Bronze Ant-Blue

*Acriodipsas brisbanensis* - These butterflies are ant parasites and are therefore limited in their range by their ant species host. First discovered in the state in 1994 five or six colonies have subsequently been discovered all in the upper south-east of South Australia. They are relatively small butterflies and fly rapidly at the top of the tallest local trees. Wingspan: male 22mm female 25mm. (See also the male in the 'brown' section).

