

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 caterpil-
lar 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
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
crypic underside blends
into the vegetation.
Wingspan: 21mm - 22mm.

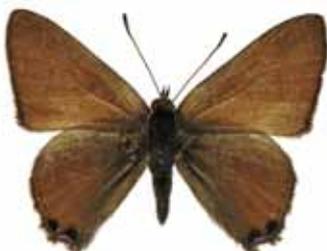
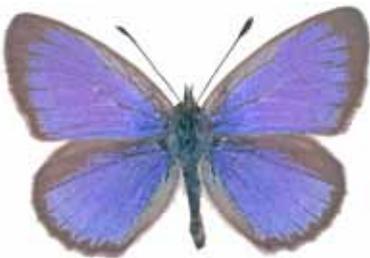
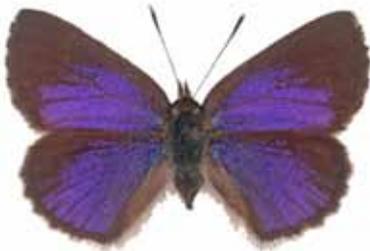
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Blotched Dusky-blue

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).

