

New Zealand is blessed to have a range of colourful Butterflies that come in all sizes from small to large.

Have you noticed that NZ seems to have only a few Butterflies?

There are 17 native species in NZ & 10 of these are lowland species, so are fairly easy to spot. There are also two migrant species that get to our shores fairly often from Australia, another one that occasionally visits, plus three others that seldom visit us!

Take a closer look,
educate yourself &
conserve what we have

This guide is not intended for collecting. Please remember that native flora & fauna are protected by the Wildlife Act 1953 & a DOC permit is required for collecting from the Conservation Estate.

Aims of nzButterfly.info

1. To promote awareness of NZ Butterflies.
2. To provide comprehensive information on each species, including locations & lifecycles so you can spot or study these amazing creatures.
3. To promote Butterfly research.
4. To help people realise they can help.

Website features

- Full details on all NZ butterflies
- Flying this month
- Locations
- Lifecycles
- Plenty of pictures
- Identification Guide
- Possible migrants found in NZ
- Glossary
- Guestbook
- A forum to Discuss.nzButterfly.info
- Plus lots of 'other' information


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BUTTERFLY ID GUIDE

Learn how to identify each species
and encourage them to your place.



Red Admiral *Vanessa gonerilla*
Found; Bush & Forest
Caterpillar eats; Nettles



Yellow Admiral *Vanessa itea*
Found; Open areas & Gardens
Caterpillar eats; Nettles



Tussock *Argyrophenga* spp
Found; Tussocklands
Caterpillar eats; Tussock



Monarch *Danaus plexippus*
Found; Gardens
Caterpillar eats; Swan Plant & Milkweed



Glade Copper *Lycaena feredayi*
Found; Forest Glades
Caterpillar eats; Large-leafed Pohuehue



Forest Ringlet *Dodonidia helmsii*
Found; Forests
Caterpillar eats; Gahnia & Chionochloa



Long-tailed Blue *Lampides boeticus*
Found; Open areas
Caterpillar eats; Broome, Gorse & Legumes



White Butterfly *Pieris rapae*
Found; Open areas & Gardens
Caterpillar eats; Cabbage family



Black Mountain Ringlet *Percnodaimon merula*
Found; Scree
Caterpillar eats; Blue Tussock Grass



Butler's Ringlet *Erebiola butleri*
Found; Alpine scrub
Caterpillar eats; unknown?



Common Blue *Zizina otis labradus*
Found; Open areas & Gardens
Caterpillar eats; Clovers & Trefoils



Common Copper *Lycaena salustius*
Found; Open areas
Caterpillar eats; Pohuehues



Boulder Copper *Lycaena (Boldenaria) boldenarum*
Found; River beds & Paths
Caterpillar eats; Creeping Pohuehue



Rauparaha's Copper *Lycaena salustius*
Found; Coastal
Caterpillar eats; Pohuehue



Southern Blue *Zizina oxleyi*
Found; Open areas
Caterpillar eats; Clovers & Trefoils

