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 atala*
Found: Open areas & Gardens
Caterpillar eats: Nettles

Tussock *Agrothosa spp*
Found: Tussocklands
Caterpillar eats: Tussock

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

Glade Copper *Lycaena festiva*
Found: Forest Grades
Caterpillar eats: Large-leaved Pohuehue

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

Butterfly *Periondanessa marginata*
Found: Scrub
Caterpillar eats: Blue Tussock Grass

Black Mountain Ringlet *Periondanessa marginata*
Found: Scrub
Caterpillar eats: Blue Tussock Grass

Butter's Ringlet *Erebia buten*
Found: Alpine scrub
Caterpillar eats: unknown?

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

Common Copper *Lycaena salustius*
Found: Open areas
Caterpillar eats: Pohuehue

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

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

Common Blue *Zizina olieri labradus*
Found: Open areas & Gardens
Caterpillar eats: Coves & Trelfis

Southern Blue *Zizina oleria*
Found: Open areas
Caterpillar eats: Coves & Trelfis