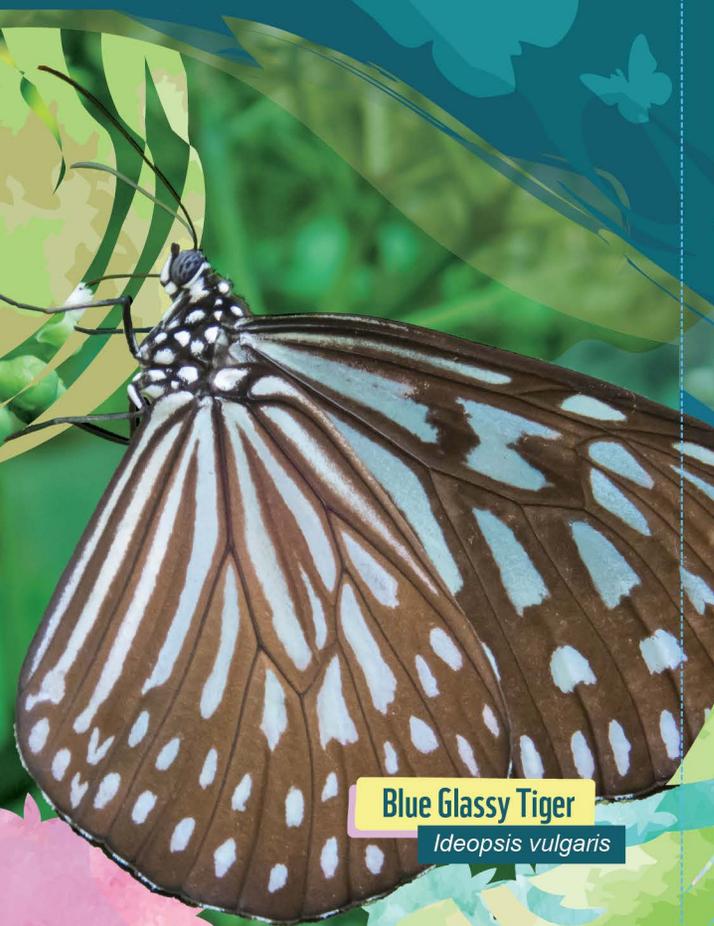


Butterflies of Singapore

An identification guide for common butterflies by WWF-Singapore



Blue Glassy Tiger

Ideopsis vulgaris

Nymphalidae

Brushfoots



Common Tiger

Danaus genutia

Wingspan: 70 - 80 mm

They have orange-yellow wings with white spots and black borders. They occur in parks and gardens as well as suburban and urban areas.



Common Palmfly

Elymnias hypermnestra

Wingspan: 70 mm

They have brown wings, usually with a white spot on the underside. Relatively common and found a wide range of habitats.



Archduke

Lexias pardalis

Wingspan: 90 mm

Males are dark with blue on the hindwing whereas females are brown with white or yellow spots. They are a forest species often found along shaded paths.



Chocolate Pansy

Junonia hedonia

Wingspan: 55 - 60 mm

Dark reddish-brown with eyespots on the hindwing. They are very common, often congregating in bright grassy spots.



Malayan Lascar

Lasippa tiga

Wingspan: 45 mm

They are black with broad orange bands. Found in nature reserves, parks, and gardens.



Dark Brand Bush Brown

Mycalesis mineus

Wingspan: 40 - 45 mm

Common butterfly with dark greyish-brown wings with eyespots and a white band on hind- and forewings.

Lycaenidae

Gossamer-winged Butterflies



Branded Imperial

Eooxylides tharis

Wingspan: 34 mm

Wings are reddish-orange on the underside with a long white tail on the hindwing. Usually found near their host plant, the Bearded Smilax.



Lesser Grass Blue

Zizina otis

Wingspan: 18 - 20 mm

Very small butterfly, wings are purplish-blue with dark spots. Often seen flying erratically near the ground along roadsides and fields.

Papilionidae

Swallowtails



Common Bluebottle

Graphium sarpedon

Wingspan: 90 mm

Wings have a triangular band ranging from blue to green. They sometimes congregate at one spot and are seen feeding at flowering bushes.



Common Rose

Pachliopta aristolochiae

Wingspan: 65 - 85 mm

Crimson body and black wings with a central white patch. They occur in forest, parks, and gardens, feeding on flowering plants.



Common Mormon

Papilio polytes

Wingspan: 90 - 100 mm

Males have a jet black body with a row of white spots on the hindwing. Females mimic the Common Rose, but have a black body.



Common Birdwing

Troides helena

Wingspan: 100 - 140 mm

Large butterfly with black forewings and golden yellow hindwings. Strong flyers that are often seen at the treetop level.

Pieridae

Whites and Yellows



Painted Jezebel

Delias hyparete

Wingspan: 70 - 80 mm

Wings are white with black veins, with distinct yellow and orange-red colouration on the hindwing. Usually found flying near the treetops.



Grass Yellow

Eurema sp.

Wingspan: 35 - 45 mm

There are at least 6 different species in Singapore, all with bright yellow wings with black borders and brown and black spots.



Striped Albatross

Appias libythea

Wingspan: 55 mm

Wings are white with black veins. Females also have a distinct yellow shading on the underside.



Lemon Emigrant

Catopsilia pomona

Wingspan: 50 - 70 mm

Ranges from creamy white to orange-yellow. Males have a thin black border on the forewing while females have markings and spots on the underside.

Hesperiidae

Skippers



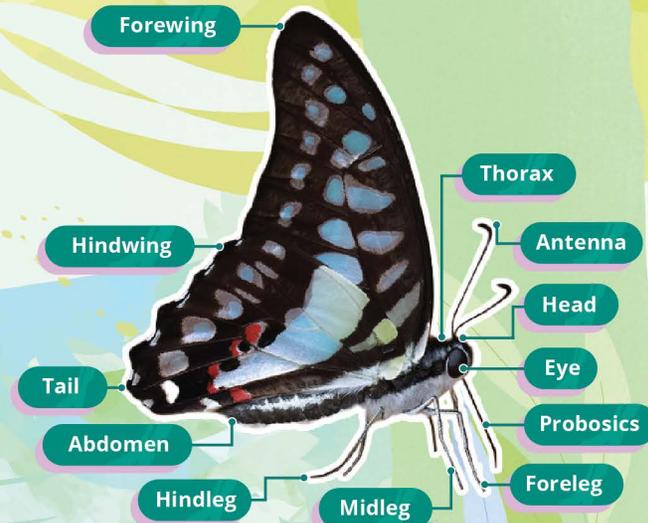
Lesser Dart

Potanthus omaha

Wingspan: 20 - 24 mm

Wings are dark brown with orange-yellow markings. When perching, their forewings are held at an angle while their hindwings are positioned flat.

Parts of a Butterfly



Lesser Jay

Graphium evemon

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