



## Slovenian Butterflies 1

### Field Guide for butterfly identification

The **European Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (eBMS)** aims to collect data to promote the monitoring and conservation of this group of insects. The eBMS network relies on thousands of volunteers who systematically collect field data following a defined methodology.

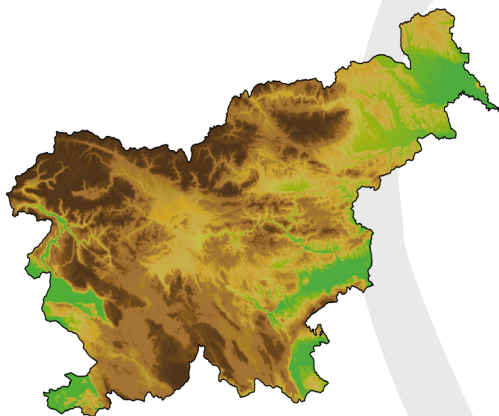
This Field Guide aims to facilitate the task of field identification of **100 most common Slovenian butterfly species**. This guide also serves as a support tool for those involved in the monitoring of butterflies through the methodologies standardized by eBMS for all of Europe.

*This Field Guide can be found and download on the eBMS website:  
[www.butterfly-monitoring.net/bms-materials](http://www.butterfly-monitoring.net/bms-materials)*

***Counting butterflies will help to protect them!***

## *Slovenian butterflies*

The species diversity of butterflies in Slovenia is extremely large, given the size of the country. A total of **181 species of butterflies** live in Slovenia. Some species are specialized and are found only in certain parts of the country, while some are widespread and can be found almost everywhere, even in the home garden. This brochure presents 100 species of butterflies, which are easily recognizable and/or are widespread in Slovenia.

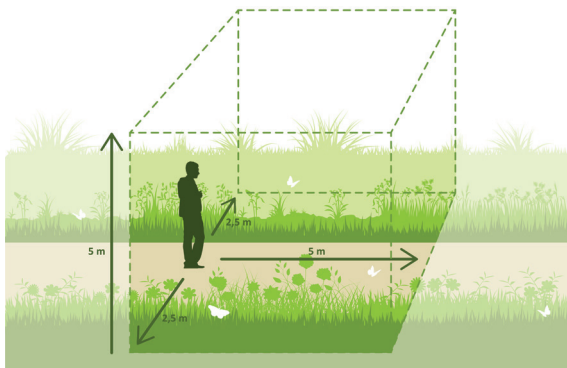


## *Butterfly monitoring*

The transect method is used to monitor the condition of butterflies along a fixed route. Following the selected route, the recorder walks at a slow pace and records all specimens of butterflies in an imaginary box, 2.5 m to each side and 5 m in front and above you. The monitoring transects are walked once every one or two weeks (preferably), in sunny weather and in the warmest part of the day, at a minimum temperature of 15 °C.

You can also count butterflies with the app **ButterflyCount**, doing 15-minute Counts at any location while the GPS follows you.

If you want to join the butterfly monitoring network, visit [www.butterfly-monitoring.net](http://www.butterfly-monitoring.net) or the website of the Society for the Study and Conservation of Butterflies of Slovenia [www.facebook.com/metulji](https://www.facebook.com/metulji).




## *How to use this Field Guide*

This identification guide presents 100 easily recognizable or widespread species of butterflies of Slovenia, some of which can be found in gardens or urban areas. The species are arranged systematically by families and together with similar species, which facilitates their identification.

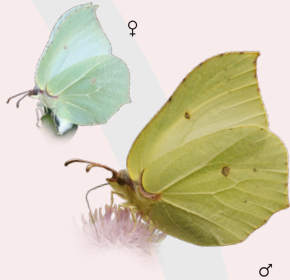
However, the guide does not present all 181 species of diurnal butterflies occurring in Slovenia, as certain species are so specialized that they are found only in certain areas, for example in high mountains. If you come across a butterfly that you are in doubt about when determining the species or you do not find it in this brochure, you can use the follow-up identification guide, where an additional 63 species are presented (Slovenia Butterflies 2).


In most species, the underside and upper side of the wings are shown, while some species with pronounced sexual dimorphism, males and females are shown separately. Each species is named with the English and scientific name. For species whose names are colored red, the exact species determination must be checked in the follow-up identification guide, which shows other similar species. The bars below each species show the months when they occur in red, and the butterfly symbols show approximate size (large, medium or small). Endangered and Vulnerable species are show after the species name. The features to pay special attention for determining the species are highlighted and marked with arrows and circles.



**Black Veined White**  
*Aporia crataegi* 

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**Brimstone**  
*Gonepteryx rhamni* 


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**Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias crocea* 


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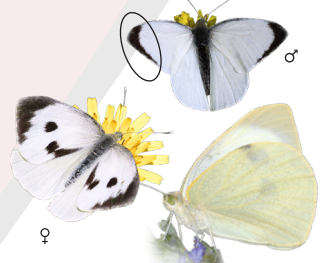
**Green Veined White**  
*Pieris napi* 

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**Small White**  
*Pieris rapae* 

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**Large White**  
*Pieris brassicae* 


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**Orange Tip**  
*Anthocharis cardamines* 


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**Bath White**  
*Pontia edusa* 

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**Real's/Cryptic Wood White**  
*Leptidea sinapis/juvernica* 

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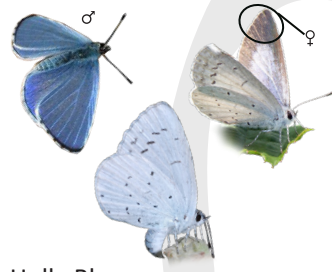
**Small Blue**  
*Cupido minimus*

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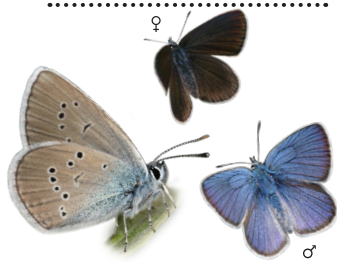
**Short-tailed Blue**  
*Cupido argiades*

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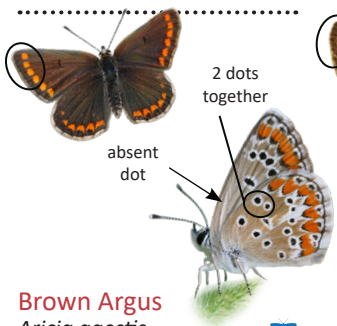
**Holly Blue**  
*Celastrina argiolus*

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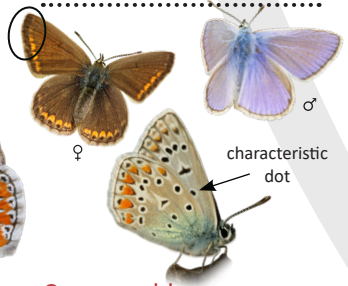
**Mazarine Blue**  
*Cyaniris semiargus*

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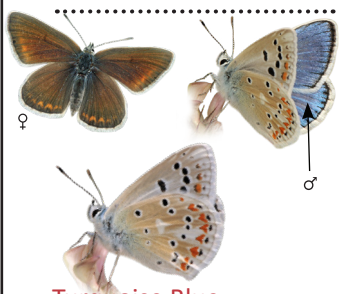
**Brown Argus**  
*Aricia agestis*

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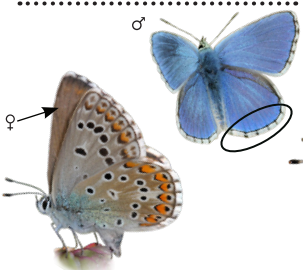
**Common blue**  
*Polyommatus icarus*

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**Turquoise Blue**  
*Polyommatus dorylas*

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**Adonis Blue**  
*Lysandra bellargus*

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**Chalk Hill Blue**  
*Lysandra coridon*

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**Silver Studded Blue**  
*Plebejus argus*

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**Scarce Large Blue**  
*Phengaris teleius*

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Purple Hairstreak  
*Favonius quercus*

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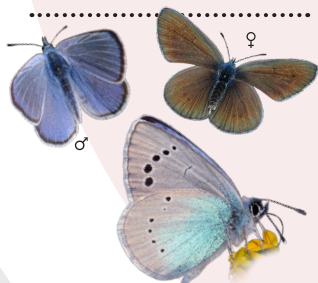
Green Hairstreak  
*Callophrys rubi*

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Blue Spot Hairstreak  
*Satyrium spini*

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Green Underside Blue  
*Glaucopsyche alexis*

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Chequered Blue  
*Scolitantides orion*

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Eastern Baton Blue  
*Pseudophilotes vicrama*

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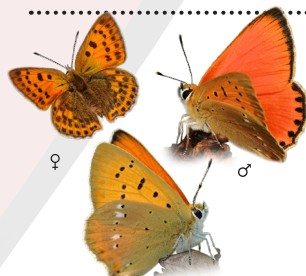
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*Lycaena phlaeas*

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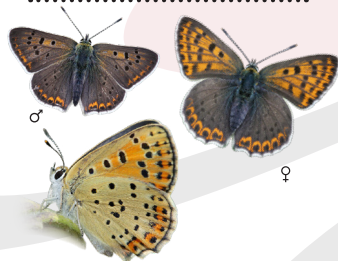
Large Copper  
*Lycaena dispar*

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Scarce Copper  
*Lycaena virgaureae*

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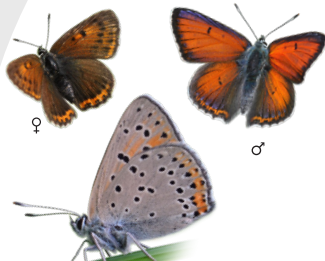
Sooty Copper  
*Lycaena tityrus*

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Purple Shot Copper  
*Lycaena alciphron*

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Purple Edged Copper  
*Lycaena hippothoe*

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Purple Emperor  
*Apatura iris*



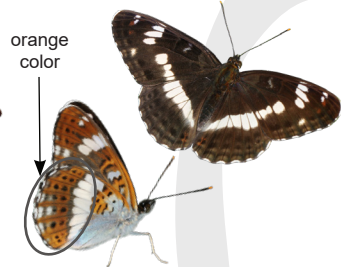
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Lesser Purple Emperor  
*Apatura ilia*



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White Admiral  
*Limenitis camilla*



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Hungarian Glider  
*Neptis rivularis*



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Southern White Admiral  
*Limenitis reducta*



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Poplar Admiral  
*Limenitis populi*



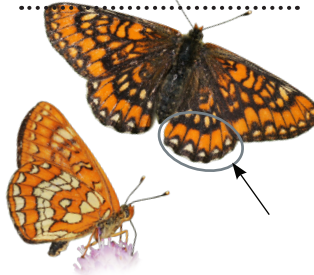
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Common Glider  
*Neptis sappho*



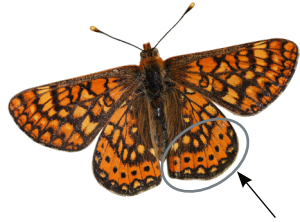
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Scarce Fritillary  
*Euphydryas maturna*



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Marsh Fritillary  
*Euphydryas aurinia*



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Nettle Tree Butterfly  
*Libythea celtis*



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*Polygonia c-album*



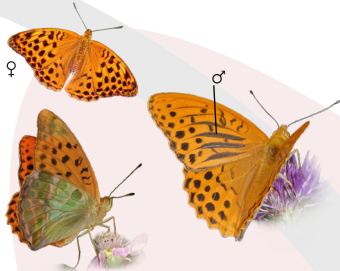
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Glanville Fritillary  
*Melitaea cinxia*



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**Silver Washed Fritillary**  
*Argynnis paphia*



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**Dark Green Fritillary**  
*Speyeria aglaja*



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**High Brown Fritillary**  
*Fabriciana adippe*



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**Queen of Spain Fritillary**  
*Issoria lathonia*



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**Violet Fritillary**  
*Boloria dia*



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**Pearl Bordered Fritillary**  
*Boloria euphrosyne*



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**Twin Spot Fritillary**  
*Brenthis hecate*



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**Lesser Marbled Fritillary**  
*Brenthis ino*



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**Marbled Fritillary**  
*Brenthis daphne*



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**Knapweed Fritillary**  
*Melitaea phoebe*



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**Spotted Fritillary**  
*Melitaea didyma*



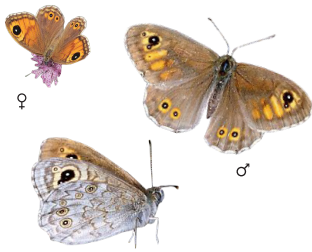
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**Heath Fritillary**  
*Melitaea athalia*



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**Large Wall Brown**  
*Lasiommata maera*

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**Wall Brown**  
*Lasiommata megera*

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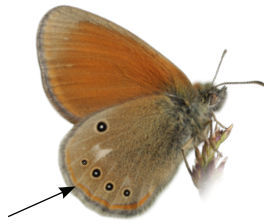
**Speckled Wood**  
*Pararge aegeria*

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**Small Heath**  
*Coenonympha pamphilus*

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**Chestnut Heath**  
*Coenonympha glycerion*

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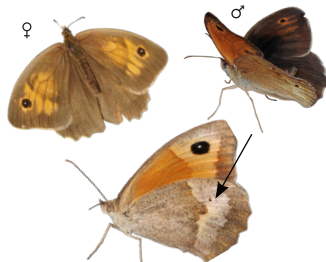
**Pearly Heath**  
*Coenonympha arcania*

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**Gatekeeper**  
*Pyronia tithonus*

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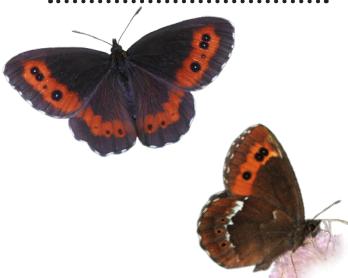
**Meadow Brown**  
*Maniola jurtina*

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**Woodland Ringlet**  
*Erebia medusa*

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**Arran Brown**  
*Erebia ligea*

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**Large Ringlet**  
*Erebia euryale*

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**Scotch Argus**  
*Erebia aethiops*

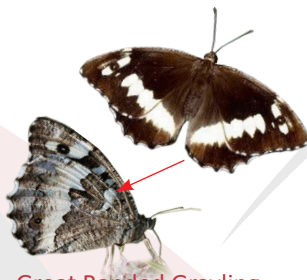
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Woodland Grayling  
*Hipparchia fagi*

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Great Banded Grayling  
*Brintesia circe*

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Marbled White  
*Melanargia galathea*

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Great Sooty Satyr  
*Satyrus ferula*

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Dryad  
*Minois dryas*

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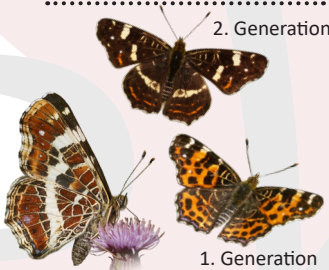
False Grayling  
*Arethusana arethusa*

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Woodland Brown  
*Lopinga achine*

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Map  
*Araschnia levana*

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Small Tortoiseshell  
*Aglais urticae*

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Ringlet  
*Aphantopus hyperantus*

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Camberwell Beauty  
*Nymphalis antiopa*

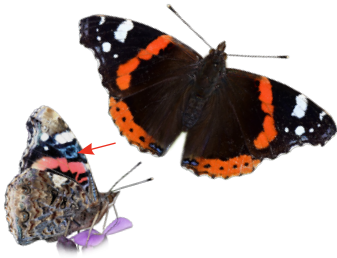
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Large Tortoiseshell  
*Nymphalis polychloros*

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**NYMPHALIDAE**



Admiral  
*Vanessa atalanta*



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Painted Lady  
*Vanessa cardui*



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European Peacock  
*Aglais io*



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**PAPILIONIDAE - SWALLOWTAILS**



Apollo  
*Parnassius apollo*



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Clouded Apollo  
*Parnassius mnemosyne*



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Swallowtail  
*Papilio machaon*



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Scarce Swallowtail  
*Iphiclides podalirius*



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Southern Festoon  
*Zerynthia polyxena*



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**METALMARKS**



Duke of Burgundy  
*Hamearis lucina*



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**RIODINIDAE**



Dingy Skipper  
*Erynnis tages*

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Mallow Skipper  
*Carcharodus alceae*

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Grizzled Skipper  
*Pyrgus malvae*

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Obethur's Grizzled Skipper  
*Pyrgus armoricanus*

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Red Underwing Skipper  
*Spialia sertorius*

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Large Chequered Skipper  
*Heteropterus morpheus*

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Chequered Skipper  
*Carterocephalus palaemon*

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Silver Spotted Skipper  
*Hesperia comma*

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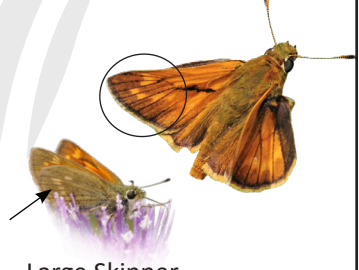
Essex Skipper  
*Thymelicus lineola*

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Small Skipper  
*Thymelicus sylvestris*

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Large Skipper  
*Ochlodes sylvanus*

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Visit the eBMS website, [www.butterfly-monitoring.net](http://www.butterfly-monitoring.net) to find out more information about butterfly monitoring and how to submit your butterfly data. If you would like to participate in monitoring butterflies in Slovenia, contact the Society for the Study and Conservation of Slovenian Butterflies (DPOMS) by email: [info.metulji@gmail.com](mailto:info.metulji@gmail.com) or in Facebook: [www.facebook.com/metulji](http://www.facebook.com/metulji). DPOMS includes members who are united by an interest in butterflies. We deal with all butterflies in Slovenia, especially their distribution and ecology, as well as with the promotion of butterflies among the general public. You are invited to join us!

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Conservation status in Slovenia (Red List):




 Vulnerable  Endangered

The names of butterflies in red color mean there are similar species that you can confuse for identification. To check similar species check the follow-up key (Slovenian Butterflies 2).

Flight period: months when butterflies are seen

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Butterfly size:

 Small  Medium  Large

Sex:

♀ Female ♂ Male



Symbols:

→ ○ Specific characteristics to identify the species

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