



*Lycaena dispar @Csaba Vizauer*

## Romania, Continental and Pannonian Bioregions



## Field Guide for butterfly identification

The **European Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (eBMS)** collects data to promote the monitoring and conservation of diurnal butterflies. The eBMS network relies on thousands of volunteers who systematically collect field data using a standardised methodology, thereby helping science and policy to better understand the environmental status.

This field guide aims to facilitate the identification of **131 common butterfly species in the continental and Pannonian bioregions of Romania**. It is also a useful tool for those involved in butterfly monitoring using methods standardized by eBMS for the whole of Europe.

*This Field Guide can be found and download on the eBMS website:*

[www.butterfly-monitoring.net/field-guides](http://www.butterfly-monitoring.net/field-guides)

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

## Romanian butterflies

The continental and panonic bioregions of Romania cover most of the country's territory. In these areas, we find a very large diversity of butterfly species. They are easily recognizable species and are present mainly in open habitats, such as meadows, watercourses, forest edges, clearings, and agricultural fields.

### Why monitor butterflies?

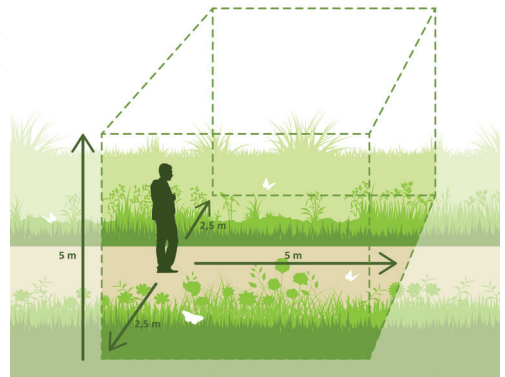
Monitoring the abundance of butterfly populations is an important method for measuring changes in the environment. It provides regular, standardised data to assess the conservation status of butterflies and produces Butterfly Indicators that can inform European environmental and agricultural policies. Collecting data for butterfly monitoring is an interesting and relaxing way to spend some of your spare time while helping to understand the conservation status of Romanian's butterflies.

### How to count butterflies?

Butterflies can be counted everywhere: in the meadow, in the forest, park, garden, along communication routes or on the so-called wastelands, both in the countryside and in the city. Wherever it is, every count is important. As part of the European Butterfly Monitoring Program (eBMS), data is most often collected during the "Butterfly Walk", called **transect**.

This is a fixed route where butterflies are counted regularly, preferably once a week or two. It will be most convenient to mark your transect near your home or work so that you can visit it often.

Another option is to register the butterflies during the "**15-min Count**". It consists in counting butterflies for 15 minutes in a given area. It can be a path, a restricted area (e.g. a garden) or just a specific point. For these methods, you need to recognise the most common butterfly species, this guide will help you.



#### Basic rules when counting butterflies:

- Count all the butterflies of each species you encounter in an imaginary cube: 2.5m to the left and right, and 5m in front of and above you.
- Walk through the transect/area at a slow, steady pace
- Make observations with good weather (sunny and warm, no rain and strong wind)
- Submit your data to the eBMS database or to the BMS coordinator.

#### Beaufort scale - wind speed

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 0 Calm            | Smoke climbs vertically                                   |
| 1 Light air       | Direction shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes      |
| 2 Light breeze    | Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; wind vane moved by wind |
| 3 Gentle breeze   | Leaves and small twigs in constant motion                 |
| 4 Moderate breeze | Raises dust and loose paper; small branches moved         |
| 5 Fresh breeze    | Small trees in leaf begin to sway                         |

## Where to send data?

You can use the eBMS mobile app, [ButterflyCount](#), to record the “15-min Count” or “eBMS Transect”. The application can be installed on [Android](#) or [iOS](#) devices and allows you to count butterflies from anywhere in Europe. Turn on GPS and the app will draw your route while counting butterflies. You will need to create an account on the eBMS website and sign-in on the app to record butterflies with the app.

You can register a transect with the help of the coordinator. More information on the eBMS website: [www.butterfly-monitoring.net](http://www.butterfly-monitoring.net)



Butterfly  
Count  
App

## How to use this Field Guide

This identification guide presents **131 easily recognizable and widespread species of butterflies** in the continental and pannonic regions of Romania, 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.

In most species, the underside and upperside of the wings are shown, while some species with pronounced sexual dimorphism, males and females are shown separately. The bars below each species show the months when they occur in purple, and the butterfly symbols show approximate the size (large, medium or small). Endangered and Vulnerable species are show after the species name with a colored letter. Butterfly identification is often best done using photographs. Check the diagnostic characteristics highlighted in this guide with the arrows or circles and the remarks to help you with the identification. Check the legend in the back cover of the Field Guide for further information.

**Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias crocea*

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**Berger's Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias alfariensis*

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**Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias erate*

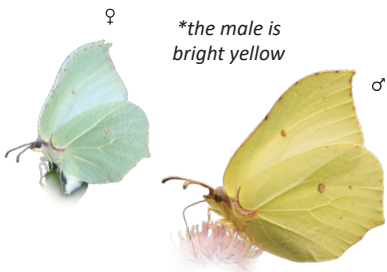
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**Pale Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias hyale*


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**Danube Clouded Yellow**  
*Colias myrmidone*

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\*the male is bright yellow

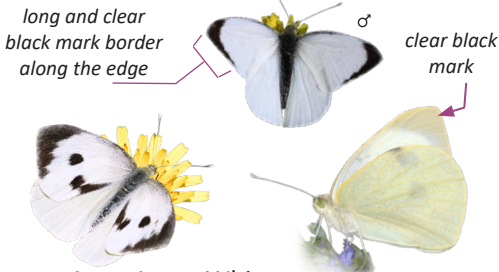
**Brimstone**  
*Gonepteryx rhamni*   


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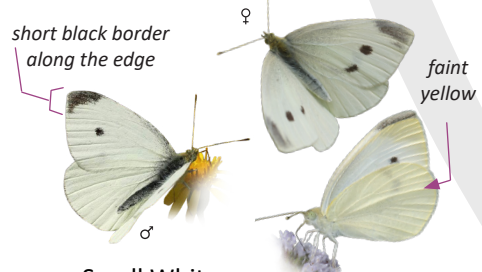
**Real's/Cryptic Wood White**  
*Leptidea sinapis/juvernica*   


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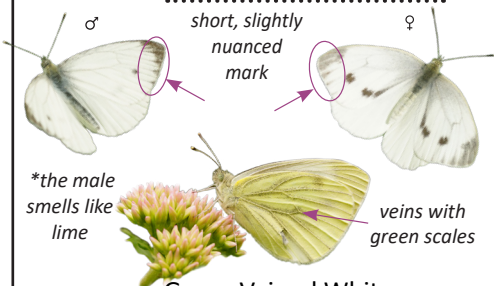
**Large White**  
*Pieris brassicae*   


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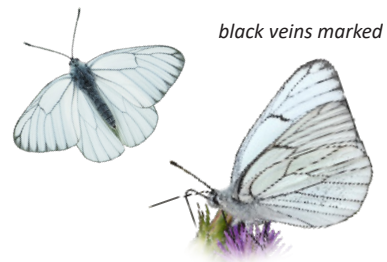
**Small White**  
*Pieris rapae*   


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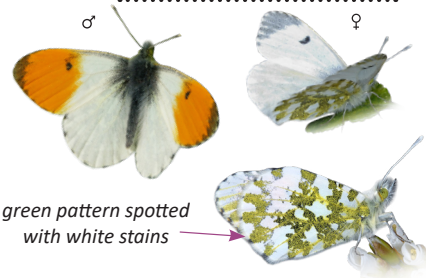
**Green Veined White**  
*Pieris napi*   


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**Black Veined White**  
*Aporia crataegi*   


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**Orange Tip**  
*Anthocharis cardamines*   

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**Bath White**  
*Pontia edusa*   

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**Purple Hairstreak**  
*Favonius quercus*

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green wings; upper wing page brown



**Green Hairstreak**  
*Callophrys rubi*

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chocolate colour

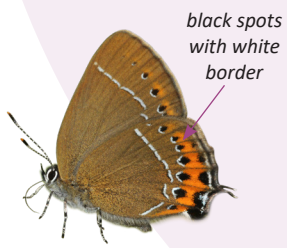
flying on the top trees; better search eggs



**Brown Hairstreak**  
*Thecla betulae*

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light color like cinnamon



**Black Hairstreak**  
*Satyrium pruni*

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white W-shaped line



**Ilex Hairstreak**  
*Satyrium ilicis*

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white line dashed, red spots smaller and darker

short tail



**Sloe Hairstreak**  
*Satyrium acaciae*

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small blue-silver dot



**White-letter Hairstreak**  
*Satyrium w-album*

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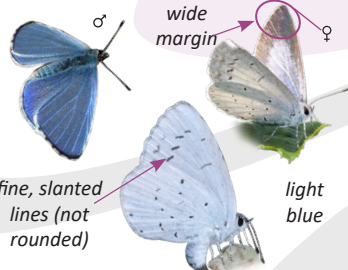
short tail and well-defined large blue silver dot



**Blue Spot Hairstreak**  
*Satyrium spini*

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thick white line



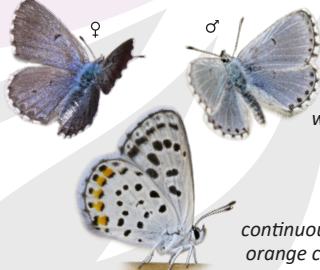
**Holly Blue**  
*Celastrina argiolus*

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wide margin

fine, slanted lines (not rounded)

light blue



**Eastern Baton Blue**  
*Pseudophilotes vicrama*

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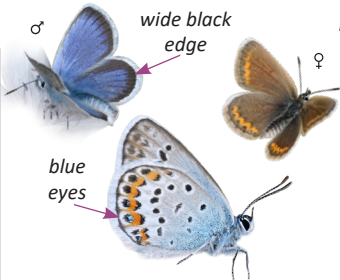
orange stripe and on the front wing

well-defined striped fringes

continuous row of orange crescents

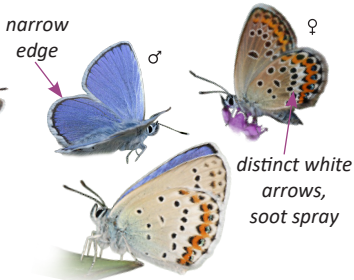
**Chequered Blue**  
*Scolitantides orion*

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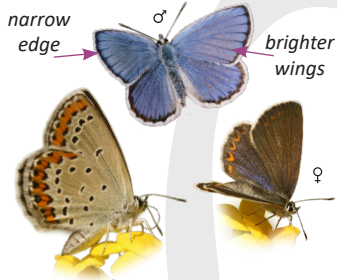
**Silver Studded Blue**  
*Plebejus argus* ♀

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**Idas Blue**  
*Plebejus idas* ♀

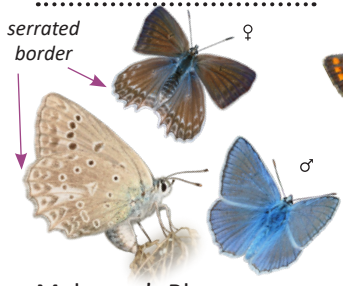
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**Reverdin's Blue** ♂

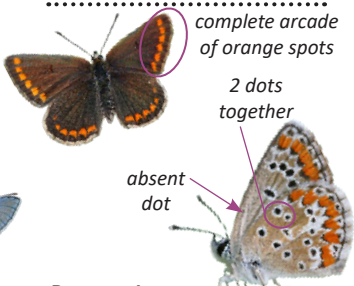
*Plebejus argyrognomon* ♀

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**Meleager's Blue**  
*Polyommatus daphnis* ♀

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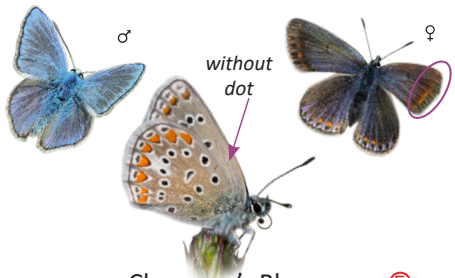
**Brown Argus**  
*Aricia agestis* ♀

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**Genarium Argus**  
*Eumedonia eumedon* ♀

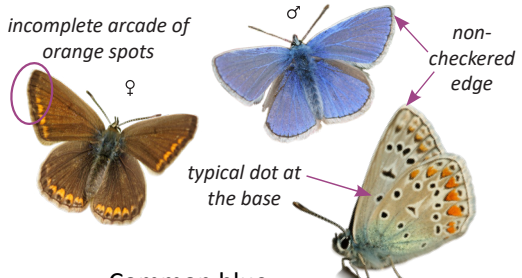
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**Chapman's Blue** ♂

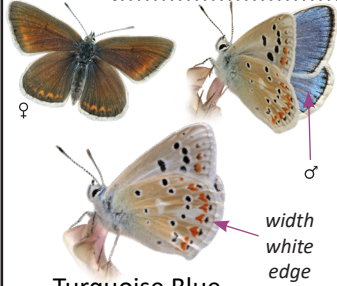
*Polyommatus thersites* ♀

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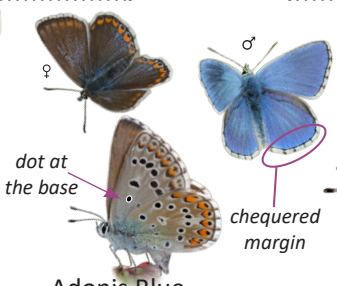
**Common blue**  
*Polyommatus icarus* ♀

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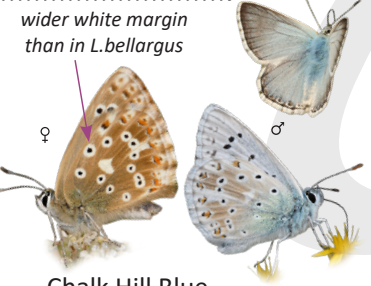
**Turquoise Blue**  
*Polyommatus dorylas* ♀

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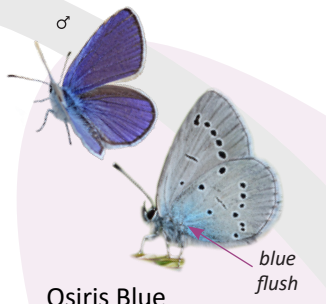
**Adonis Blue**  
*Lysandra bellargus* ♀

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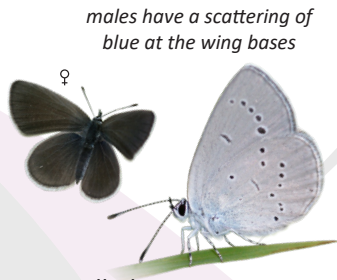
**Chalk Hill Blue**  
*Lysandra coridon* ♀

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**Osiris Blue**  
*Cupido osiris* ♀

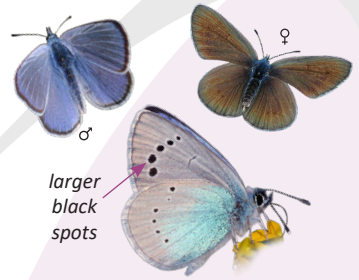
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**Small Blue**  
*Cupido minimus* ♀

males have a scattering of blue at the wing bases

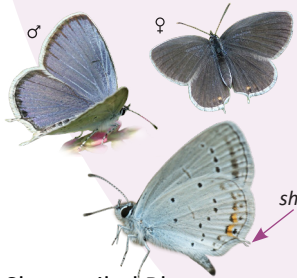
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**Green Underside Blue**  
*Glaucopsyche alexis* ♀

larger black spots

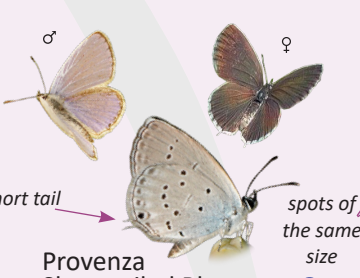
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**Short-tailed Blue**  
*Cupido argiades* ♀

short tail

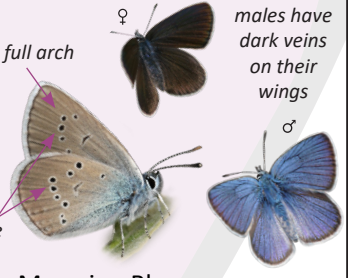
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**Provenza Short-tailed Blue**  
*Cupido alcetas* ♀

spots of the same size

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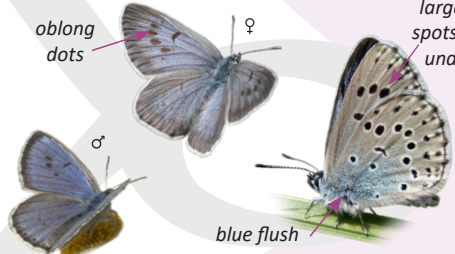


**Mazarine Blue**  
*Cyaniris semiargus* ♀

full arch

males have dark veins on their wings

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**Large Blue**  
*Phengaris arion* ♀

oblong dots

large black spots in grey underside

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**Scarce Large Blue**  
*Phengaris teleius* ♀

greyish-brown underside

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**Dusky Large Blue**  
*Phengaris nausithous* ♀

brown underside with no submarginal spots

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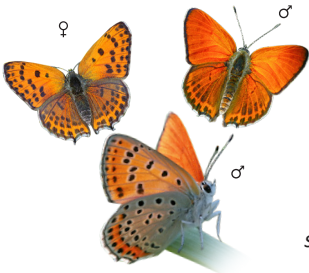



**Alcon Blue**  
*Phengaris alcon* ♀

marked submarginal spots

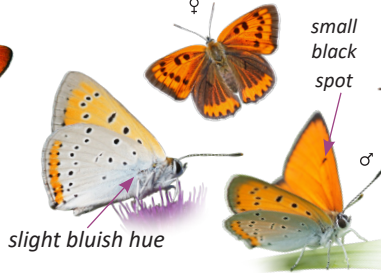
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LYCAENIDAE - BLUES



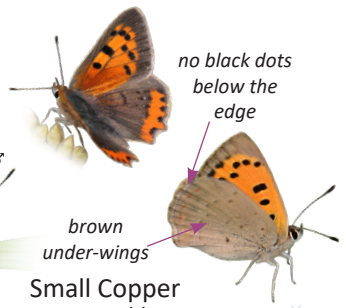
Lesser Fiery Copper  
*Lycaena thersamon*   


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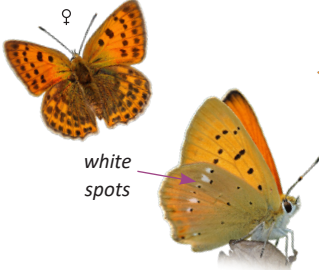
Large Copper  
*Lycaena dispar*   


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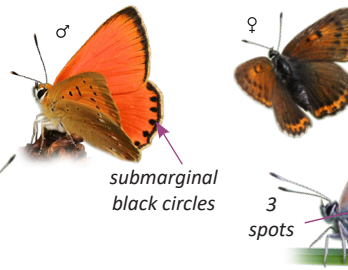
Small Copper  
*Lycaena phlaeas*   

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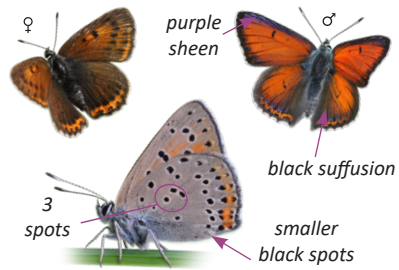
Scarce Copper  
*Lycaena virgaureae*   

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Purple Edged Copper  
*Lycaena hippothoe*   


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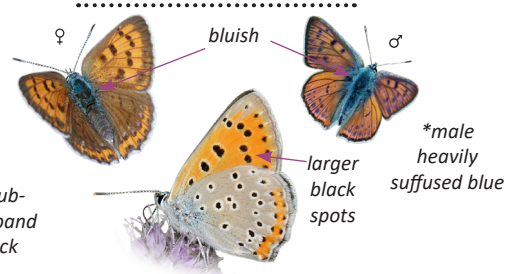
Purple Shot Copper  
*Lycaena alciphron*   


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Scooty Copper  
*Lycaena tityrus*   

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Purple Shot Copper  
*Lycaena alciphron*   

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Admiral  
*Vanessa atalanta*   


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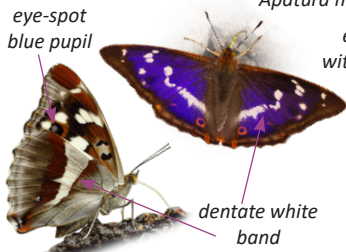
Painted Lady  
*Vanessa cardui*   

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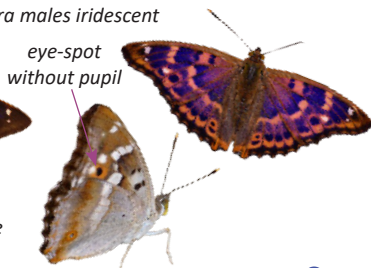
European Peacock  
*Aglais io*   

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Purple Emperor  
*Apatura iris*

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Lesser Purple Emperor  
*Apatura ilia*

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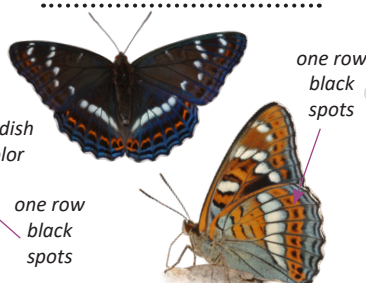
Camberwell Beauty  
*Nymphalis antiopa*

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Southern White Admiral  
*Limenitis reducta*

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Poplar Admiral  
*Limenitis populi*

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White Admiral  
*Limenitis camilla*

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Hungarian Glider  
*Neptis rivularis*

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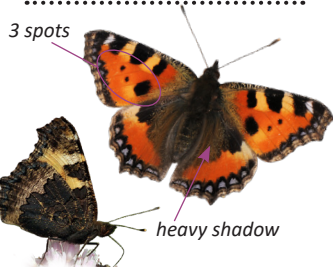
Common Glider  
*Neptis sappho*

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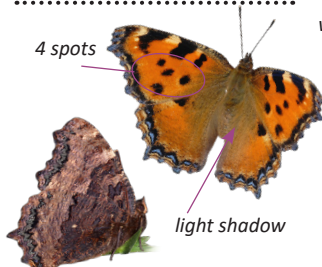
Map  
*Araschnia levana*

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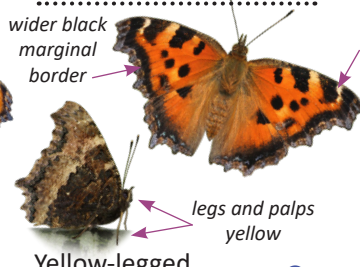
Small tortoiseshell  
*Aglais urticae*

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Large Tortoiseshell  
*Nymphalis polychloros*

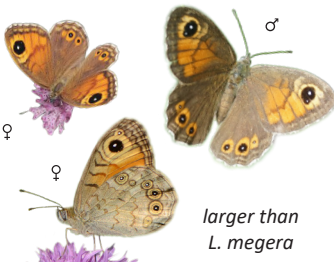
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Yellow-legged Tortoiseshell  
*Nymphalis xanthomelas*

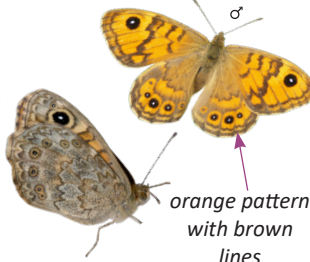
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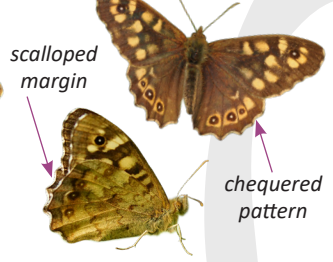
larger than *L. megera*  
**Large Wall Brown**  
*Lasiommata maera*   


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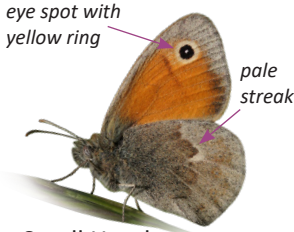
**Wall Brown**  
*Lasiommata megera*   


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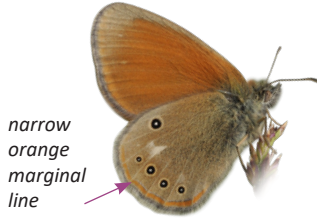
**Speckled Wood**  
*Pararge aegeria*   


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**Small Heath**  
*Coenonympha pamphilus*   


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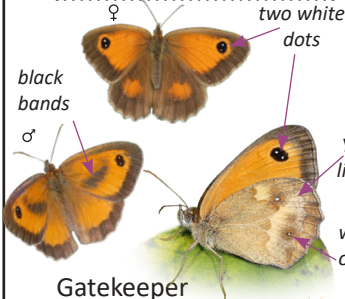
**Chestnut Heath**  
*Coenonympha glycerion*   


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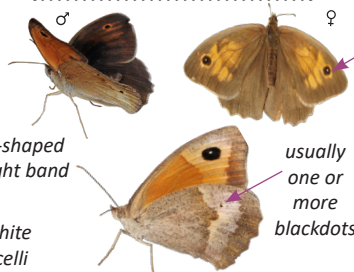
**Pearly Heath**  
*Coenonympha arcania*   


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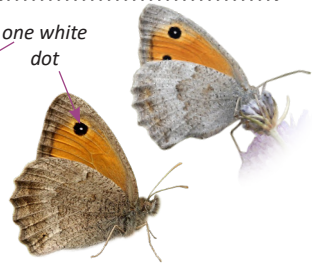
**Gatekeeper**  
*Pyronia tithonus*   


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**Meadow Brown**  
*Maniola jurtina*   


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**Dusky Meadow Brown**  
*Hyponephele lycaon*   


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**Arran Brown**  
*Erebia ligea*   


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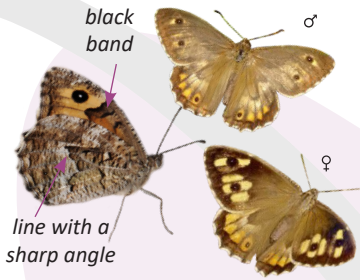
**Large Ringlet**  
*Erebia euryale*   

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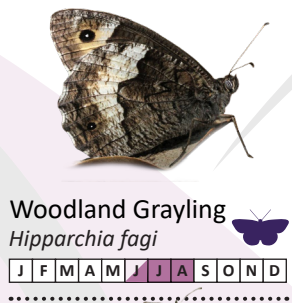
**Scotch Argus**  
*Erebia aethiops*   

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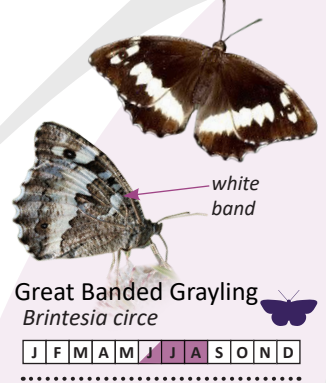
**Rock Grayling**  
*Hipparchia semele*

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**Woodland Grayling**  
*Hipparchia fagi*

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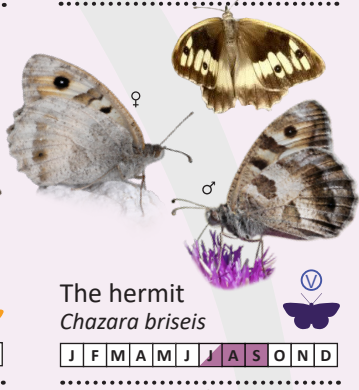
**Great Banded Grayling**  
*Brintesia circe*

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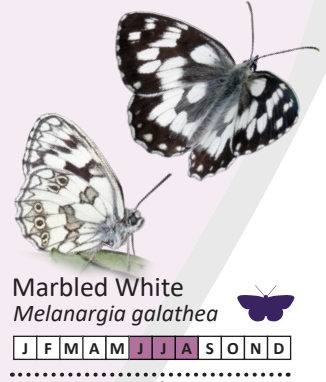
**False Grayling**  
*Arethusana arethusa*

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**The hermit**  
*Chazara briseis*

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**Marbled White**  
*Melanargia galathea*

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**Great Sooty Satyr**  
*Satyrus ferula*

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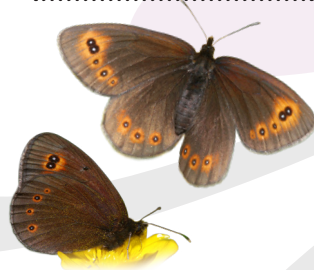
**Dryad**  
*Minois dryas*

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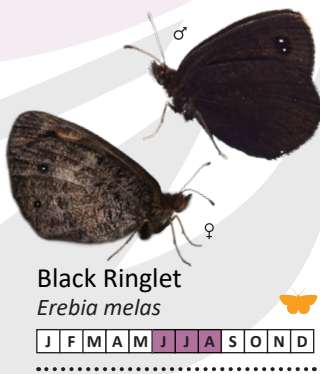
**Woodland Brown**  
*Lopinga achine*

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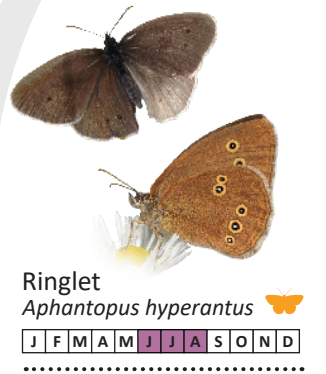
**Woodland Ringlet**  
*Erebia medusa*

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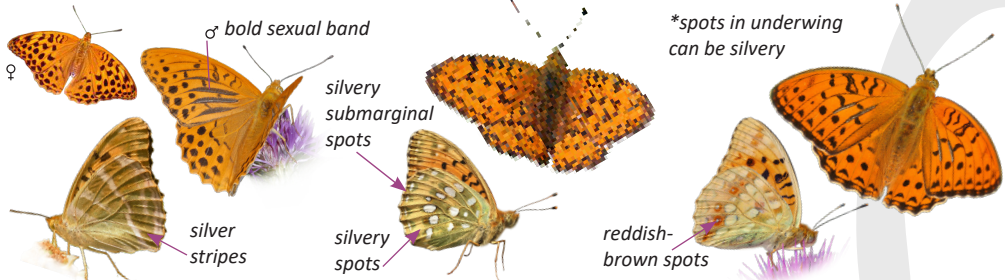
**Black Ringlet**  
*Erebia melas*

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**Ringlet**  
*Aphantopus hyperantus*

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**Silver Washed Fritillary**  
*Argynnis paphia*

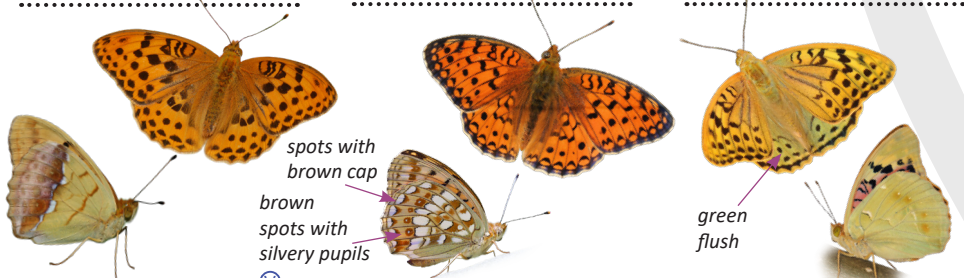
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**Dark Green Fritillary**  
*Speyeria aglaja*

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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**High Brown Fritillary**  
*Fabriciana adippe*

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**Pallas' Fritillary**  
*Argynnis laodice*

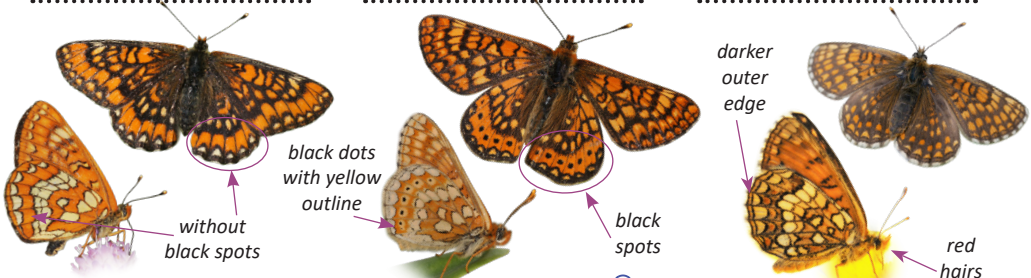
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**Niobe Fritillary**  
*Fabriciana niobe*

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**Cardinal**  
*Argynnis pandora*

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**Scarce Fritillary**  
*Euphydryas maturna*

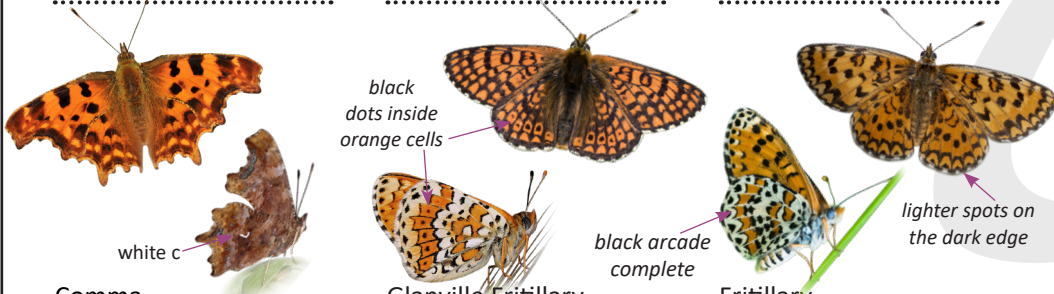
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**Marsh Fritillary**  
*Euphydryas aurinia*

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**Nickerl's Fritillary**  
*Melitaea aurelia*

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**Comma**  
*Polygonia c-album*

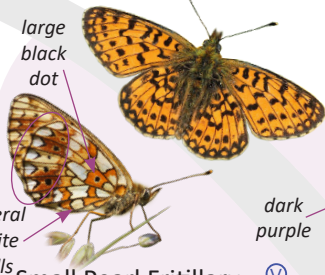
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**Glanville Fritillary**  
*Melitaea cinxia*

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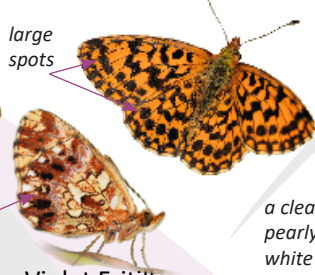
**Fritillary**  
*Melitaea trivia*

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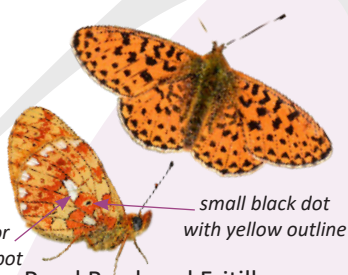
Small Pearl Fritillary  
*Boloria selene*

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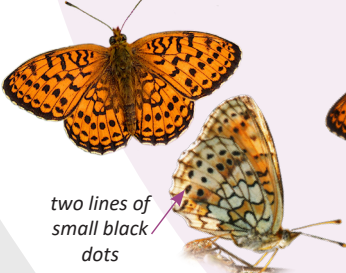
Violet Fritillary  
*Boloria dia*

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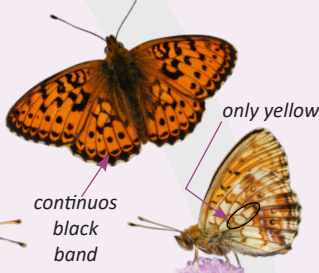
Pearl Bordered Fritillary  
*Boloria euphrosyne*

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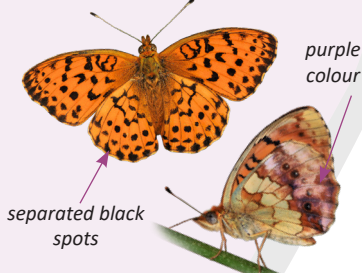
Twin Spot Fritillary  
*Brenthis hecate*

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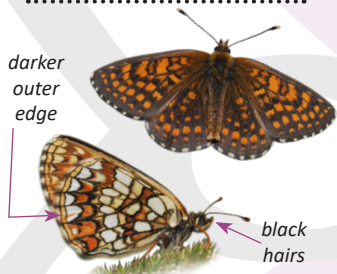
Lesser Marbled Fritillary  
*Brenthis ino*

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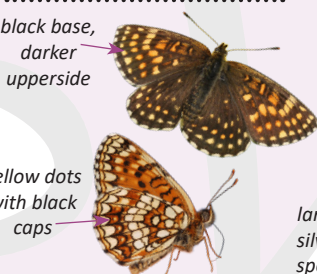
Marbled Fritillary  
*Brenthis daphne*

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Assmann's Fritillary  
*Melitaea britomartis*

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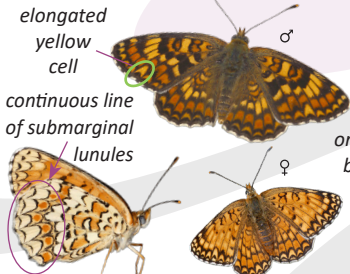
False Heath Fritillary  
*Melitaea diamina*

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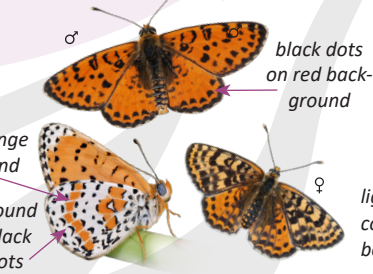
Queen of Spain Fritillary  
*Issoria lathonia*

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Knapweed Fritillary  
*Melitaea phoebe*

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Spotted Fritillary  
*Melitaea didyma*

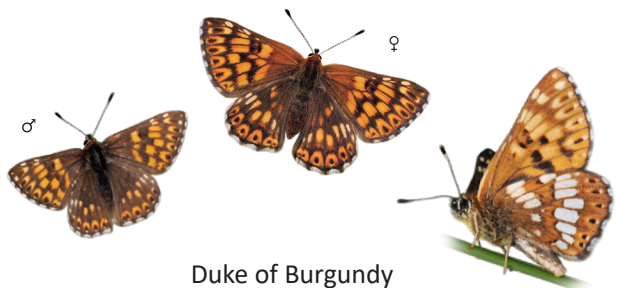
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Heath Fritillary  
*Melitaea athalia*

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\*\* unique species of the Riodinidae family in Europe



Duke of Burgundy  
*Hamearis lucina*

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Apollo  
*Parnassius apollo*

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Clouded Apollo  
*Parnassius mnemosyne*

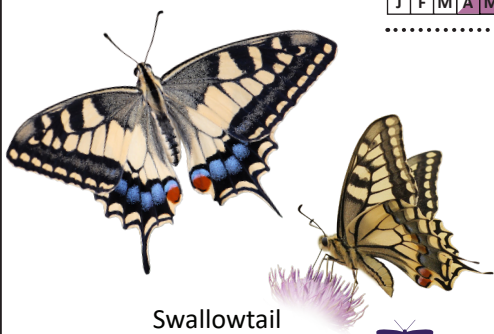
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oval black spot in the center

Southern Festoon  
*Zerynthia polyxena*

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Swallowtail  
*Papilio machaon*

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Scarce Swallowtail  
*Iphiclides podalirius*

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small white spots

Dingy Skipper  
*Erynnis tages*

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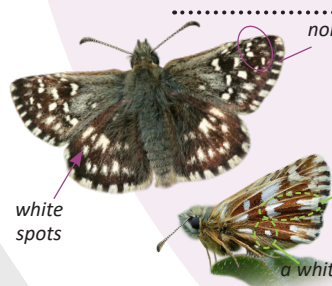


hooked antenna tip

ochre coloration

Mallow Skipper  
*Carcharodus alceae*

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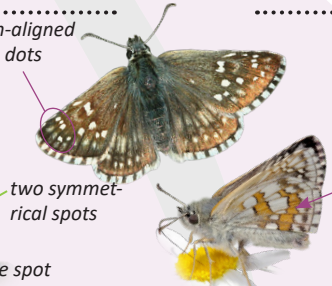


non-aligned dots

white spots

Grizzled Skipper  
*Pyrgus malvae*

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two symmetrical spots

a white spot

Obethur's Grizzled Skipper  
*Pyrgus sidae*

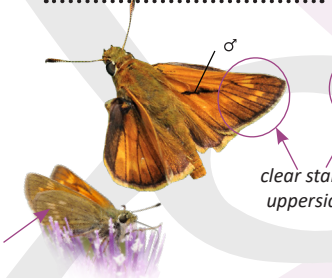
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two orange lines

Large Chequered Skipper  
*Heteropterus morpheus*

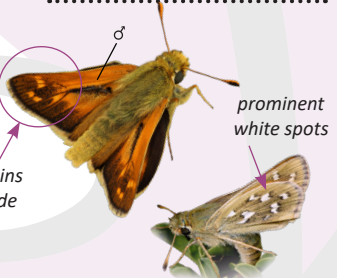
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clear stains upperside

Large Skipper  
*Ochlodes sylvanus*

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prominent white spots

Silver Spotted Skipper  
*Hesperia comma*

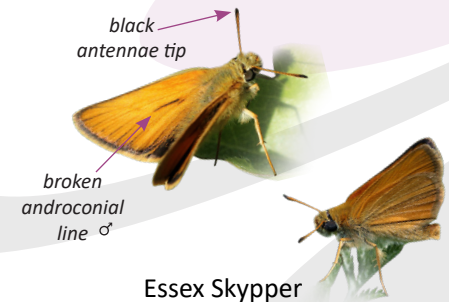
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orange antennae tip

Chequered Skipper  
*Carterocephalus palaemon*

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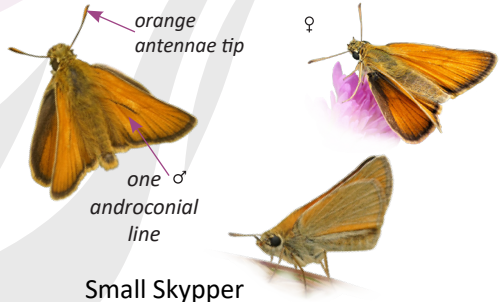


black antennae tip

broken androconial line ♂

Essex Skipper  
*Thymelicus lineola*

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orange antennae tip

one ♂ androconial line

Small Skipper  
*Thymelicus sylvestris*

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Conservation status in Romania (Red List):



 Vulnerable  Endangered  Extinct

Protected species by:  Romania  Europa

Flight period: months when butterflies are seen

**J F M A M J J A S O N D**


Butterfly size:

 Small  Medium  Large

Sex:

♀ Female ♂ Male

Symbols:

→  Specific characteristics to identify the species

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