

Bank's Brown (*Heteronympha banksii*)



Bank's Brown, *Heteronympha banksii*, showing upper, left, and underside, right. Babbington Hill, Lyonville. Photos: Euan Moore.

Other Common Names: None.

Family of Butterflies: *Nymphalidae* (Browns and Nymphs).

Size: Wingspan 48mm.

Local Records: This species is mainly found in the far south of our region in the taller forests around Lyonville. There is also a museum record from near Malmsbury.

Distribution outside our region: Most Victoria records are from the Yarra Ranges, Otway Ranges and coastal areas of Gippsland. The population in the Grampians is a different sub-species to that found in the rest of Victoria. Outside Victoria Bank's Brown occur along the east coast of Australia to as far north as Brisbane and inland to the ACT.

Larval Host Plants: *Poa tenera* and Wiregrass, *Tetrarrhena juncea*.

Larval association with ants: None.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: Peak flying is in March although there are a few records from as early as January and as late as May.

Conservation Status:

[The Action plan for Australian Butterflies:](#) Vulnerable in Australia

[Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999:](#) Not listed

[Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 – Threatened List:](#) Not Listed

Other Notes: This is a species of cool wet forests below 900m with a grassy understory.

References:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Heteronympha banksii](#), Bank's Brown.

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