## **Dull-purple Azure (Ogyris olane)**

Other Common Names: Broad-margined Azure, Olane Azure

Family of Butterflies: Lycaenidae (Blues and Coppers)

Size: Wingspan 35mm.

**Local Records:** The only local record on Atlas of Living Australia or iNaturalist is north of Trentham.

Tony Morton's records of Dull-purple Azure from the local area (between 2000 to 2013):

Date	Location	Notes
24-Oct-2012	Chewton Bushlands	
7-Mar-2012	Vaughan garden	possible eucalypts on 'flat bit'
24-Dec-2011	Kalimna Point	1 possible seen
15-Nov-2011	The Monk, Chewton	
15-Dec-2002	The Monk, Chewton	
4-Dec-2000	Irishtown Track, Irishtown	
21-Nov-2000	Red Knob, Vaughan	
14-Nov-2000	The Monk, Chewton	
29-Feb-2000	Vaughan walk	

**Distribution outside our region:** There are documented observations from across much of Victoria except the far north-west and the alpine region. The closest records to our region are at Maryborough, Inglewood and Macedon. Outside Victoria this species occurs in eastern NSW and Queensland and south-eastern South Australia..

**Larval Host Plants:** Box Mistletoe (*Amyema miquelli*) and Drooping Mistletoe (*A. pendula*).

**Larval association with ants:** Larvae and pupa often associated with ants from the genera of *Iridomyrmex, Anonychomyrma, Crematogaster* and *Froggattella*.

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** In some parts of its range (particularly around Melbourne), two generations may be completed annually – with adults in flight around mid spring and in late summer/early autumn. Adults seen in flight in Victoria in almost all months of the year, but with highest numbers from October to February.

## **Conservation Status:**

<u>The Action plan for Australian Butterflies:</u> Vulnerable in Australia <u>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</u>: Not listed <u>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 – Threatened List</u>: Not Listed

**Other Notes:** Probably moderately common in Mount Alexander Shire.

Adults known to undertake hill-topping.

## References and further reading:

Atlas of Living Australia – <u>Oqyris olane</u>, Dull-purple Azure

iNaturalist – <u>Ogyris olane</u>, Dull-purple Azure

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