

# Flame Sedge-skipper (*Hesperilla idothea*)

**Other Common Names:** Flame Skipper.

**Family of Butterflies:** *Hesperiidae*, Skippers.

**Size:** Wingspan 36mm, male, 39mm, females..

**Local Records:** There is a single local record from Lyonville in the far south of our region.

**Distribution outside our region:** In Victoria most records are from the south of the state, in particular, the Grampians, Yarra Valley and West Gippsland and for East Gippsland. Outside Victoria this species has been recorded from the Adelaide Hills, Tasmania and coastal NSW.

**Larval Host Plants:** Saw sedges, *Gahnia spp.*

**Larval association with ants:** None

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** Most records are from November to February

**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 probably a rare species for our region but may be overlooked due to similarities to other members of this group.

**References and further reading:**

Atlas of Living Australia – [Hesperilla idothea](#), Flame Sedge-skipper.

iNaturalist Australia – [Hesperilla idothea ssp idothea](#), Flame Sedge-skipper.