

Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi* subsp. *heathi*)



Rayed Blue, underside, showing the diagnostic black spots along the trailing edge of the wings. *Photo: Euan Moore, Fryers Ridge*

Other Common Names: None

Family of Butterflies: *Lycaenidae* (Blues and Coppers)

Local records: There is a 2021 record of this species from Fryers Ridge.

Tony Morton's records of Rayed Blue from the local area (between 2000 to 2013): Four

Date	Location	Notes
12-Nov-2011	Tower, Tunnel Hill Tk., Elphinstone	one only, <i>Derwentia</i> not seen
4-Nov-2011	Garden, Fryerstown	4 tiny larvae (of this sp.?) taken for Vaughan garden
13-Oct-2011	Garden, Fryerstown	sporadic
23-Nov-2009	Garden, Fryerstown	larva on <i>Derwentia perfoliata</i>

Distribution Across Victoria: In Victoria, there are groups of records from Hattah-Kulkyne, the Brisbane Ranges and You Yangs and Mt Buller-Stirling with occasional records from other areas. Outside Victoria it occurs in all mainland states.

Larval Host Plants: Derwent Speedwell (*Derwentia derwnetiana*); Snowy Mint-bush (*Prostanthera nivea*); Stiff Westringia (*Westringia rigida*) and Plantains (*Plantago* spp.)

Larval association with ants: None.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: In Victoria, peak in October to December (particularly November), but with some adults seen in flight from August to April.

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: Records from Tony Morton represent a range extension for the species within Victoria. Status in the Mount Alexander Shire is uncertain.

References and further reading:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Candalides heathi](#), Rayed Blue

iNaturalist - [Candalides heathi](#) Rayed Blue