

Ringed Xenica (*Geitoneura acantha*)



Ringed Xenica, *Geitoneura acantha*, upper, left, lower, right. Photo: Euan Moore.

Other Common Names: Eastern Ringed Xenica, Southern Ringed Xenica.

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

Size: Wingspan - 39mm male, 44mm female.

Local observations: There are records of this species on Atlas of Living Australia from Barringhup and Glenlyon. Our region is at the northern/inland limit for this species in Victoria.

Tony Morton's documented records of Ringed Xenica from the local area (between 2000 to 2013).

Date	Location	Notes
6-Feb-2006	Glen Luce springs	river very dry
26-Dec-2005	Glen Luce springs	one only
23-Feb-2001	Gully, Chewton/Fryerstown Road	female
16-Jan-2001	Green Gully Rd. walk	
29-Feb-2000	Vaughan walk	

Distribution outside our region: In Victoria this species is found in southern and eastern areas. Outside Victoria this species is found in the Adelaide Hills, eastern NSW and south-eastern Queensland.

Larval Host Plants: Grasses such as Weeping grass (*Microlaena stipoides*) and *Poa sieberiana*.

Larval association with ants: None.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: Adults have been recorded from November to May, and most commonly from January to March.

Conservation Status:

[The Action plan for Australian Butterflies](#): No conservation significance

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

[Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act – Threatened List](#): Not listed

Other Notes: There is one generation per year, with larvae overwintering. It is common in moist shady gullies and wet eucalypt forests.

References and further reading:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Geitoneura acantha](#), Ringed Xenica

iNaturalist – [Geitoneura acantha](#), Ringed Xenica