

# Silver Xenica (*Oreixenica lathoniella*)

**Other Common Names:** Common Silver Xenica.

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

**Size:** Wingspan 29mm.

**Local Records:** All records from our region are from the higher areas to the south near Lyonville.

**Distribution outside our region:** In Victoria, most records of this species are from wetter areas of the south-west, Grampians and eastern highlands. Outside Victoria there are records from the Great Dividing Range in NSW, the far south-east of South Australia and Tasmania.

**Larval Host Plants:** Grasses including *Microlaena stipoides*, *Poa ensiformis* and *P. labillardiere*.

**Larval association with ants:** None.

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** February to April with most records in March.

**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 species favours tall open montane forests with a grassy understory.

**References:**

Atlas of Living Australia – [Oreixenica lathoniella](#), Silver Xenica.

iNaturalist Australia – [Oreixenica lathoniella](#), Silver Xenica.



Silver Xenica, *Oreixenica lathoniella*, upper, from Lyonville. *Photo: Euan Moore*