

Solander's Brown (*Heteronympha solandri*)



Solander's Brown, *Heteronympha solandri*, upper, left, and lower, right. Photos: Euan Moore

Other Common Names: None.

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

Size: Wingspan 48mm.

Local Records: There is a single record of this species in our region from near Lyonville and some nearby records from Mt Macedon.

Distribution outside our region: Victorian records are mainly from the higher montane areas although this species also occurs in the Grampians and Otway ranges. Outside Victoria there are records from high country areas in NSW to as far north as the ACT.

Larval Host Plants: *Poa spp.*, Wiregrass, *Tetrarrhena juncacea*.

Larval association with ants: None.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: January to April, peaking in 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 species generally occurs above 500m although it has been recorded at lower altitudes in the Grampians and Otway Ranges. In our region it only occurs in the higher, wetter forests to the south.

References:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Heteronympha solandri](#), Solander's Brown.

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