

# Varied Sword-grass Brown (*Tisiphone abeona*)



Varied Sword-grass Brown, *Tisiphone abeona*, showing upper, left, and underside, right.

Photos: Euan Moore

**Other Common Names:** Sword-grass Brown.

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

**Size:** Wingspan 52mm male, 59mm female.

**Local Records:** There are many records of this species from the higher, southern parts of our region. Most records are from the vicinity of Lyonville although there are a few records from Wombat Forest to the north of Lyonville.

**Distribution outside our region:** There are many records of this species from southern Victoria, particularly wetter areas closer to the coast. There are also records from the Grampians and the northern slopes of the Great Dividing Range. Outside Victoria this species is found along the east coast south of Hervey Bay and the far south-east of South Australia.

**Larval Host Plants:** *Gahnia* spp. particularly *G. sieberiana* in Victoria.

**Larval association with ants:** None.

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** Victorian records range from October to May with peak flying time 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:**

**References:**

Atlas of Living Australia – [Tisiphone abeona](#), Swordgrass Brown.

iNaturalist Australia – [Tisiphone abeona](#), Varied Sword-grass Brown.