

# White-banded Grass-dart (*Taractroceria papyria* subsp. *papyria*)

**Other Common Names:** White Grass-dart

**Family of Butterflies:** *Hesperiidae* (skippers)

**Wingspan:** 19-20mm

**Local Records:** The closest records to this area shown on [Atlas of Living Australia](#) are from the Macedon – Gisborne area although Tony Morton recorded this species locally on a number of occasions (see below). More recently it has been seen in the Taradale and Maldon areas. There are no local records on iNaturalist although it may be relatively common in the region.



White-banded grass-dart showing the white band on the underside of the wing.

Photo: *Brian Bainbridge*

## Tony Morton's records of White-banded Grass-dart from the local area (between 2000 to 2013)

Date	Location	Notes
8-Nov-2000	Rotunda, Kalimna Park	
14-Nov-2000	Rotunda, Kalimna Park	
21-Nov-2000	Vaughan	
25-Nov-2000	Rotunda, Kalimna Park	
24 Feb 2003	Vaughan	on Buddleia in garden
24-Feb-2011	Garden, Fryerstown	
18-Oct-2011	Vaughan walk	
18-Nov-2011	Kalimna Point	
30-Oct-2012	Garden, Fryerstown	
24-Nov-2012	Garden, Fryerstown	

**Distribution outside our region:** In Victoria records are concentrated in the Melbourne – Geelong area with scattered records across the rest of the state. Nationally there are records of this species in all states across eastern and southern Australia.

**Larval Host Plants:** Numerous grasses, including natives (e.g. Wallaby Grass *Austrodanthonia* spp., Weeping Grass *Microlaena stipoides*, Phragmites, Tussock Grass *Poa* spp.) and introduced species (e.g. Couch grass *Cynodon dactylon*, *Paspalum dilatatum*).

**Larval association with ants:** None

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** Possibly two generations annually, with peaks in adults occurring in late spring (Oct to Dec) and early autumn (Feb-March). Adults observed flying in Victoria from September to April. Ref Field 2013 and [iNaturalist](#).

**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

**References and further reading:**

Atlas of Living Australia – [Taractroceria papyria](#), White-banded grass-dart

iNaturalist - [Taractroceria papyria](#) White-banded Grass-dart