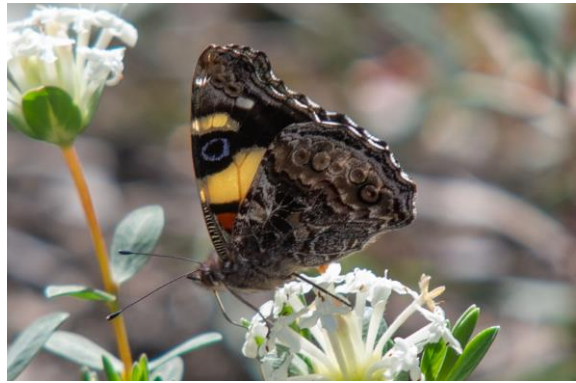
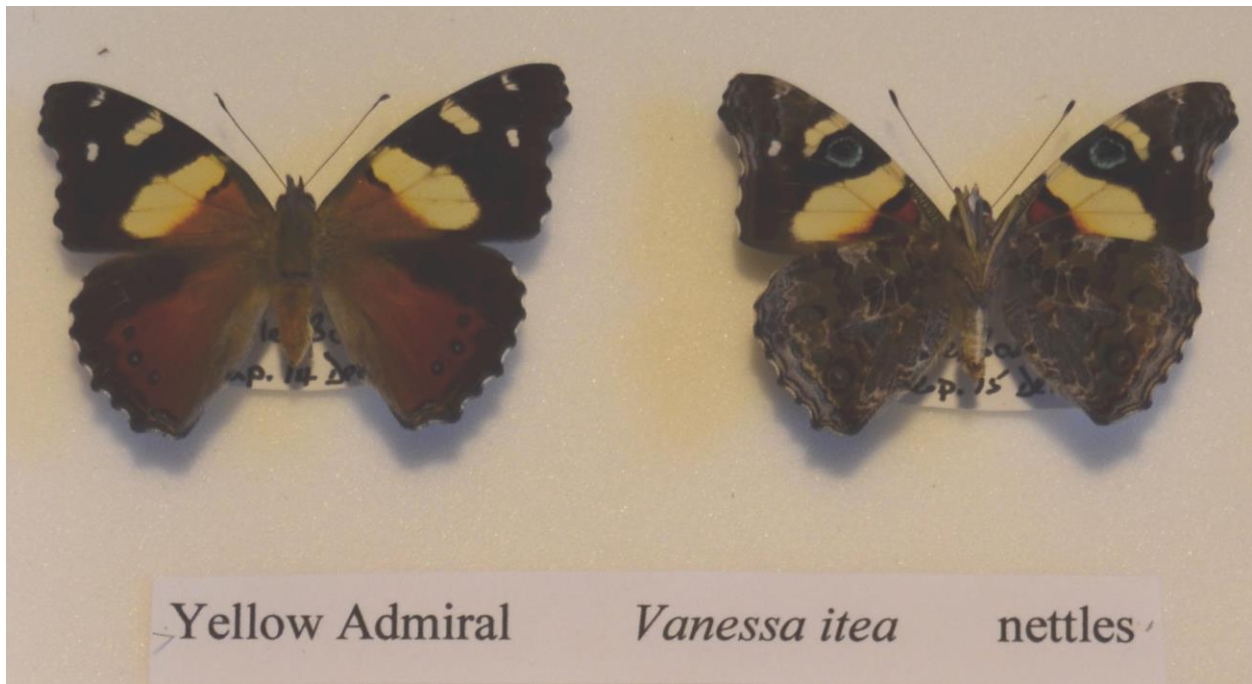


# Yellow Admiral (*Vanessa itea*)



Yellow Admiral, *Vanessa itea*, upper (left), lower (right). Photo: Euan Moore



Museum specimens. Photo: Tony Morton.

Note 1: The upper side of wings shown in butterfly on the left. The underside of the wings shown in the butterfly on the left. Males and females are similar.

Note 2: The plant name on the bottom right refers to the plants upon which the butterfly larvae (caterpillars) feed.

**Other Common Names:** Australian Admiral, Admiral

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

**Size:** Wingspan 50mm

**Local observations:** There are several records of this species from across the Mount Alexander region on both Atlas of Living Australia and iNaturalist.

**Tony Morton's documented records of Yellow Admiral from the local area (between 2000 to 2013):**

Date	Location	Notes
29-Aug-2013	Vaughan garden	
27-Mar-2012	Kalimna Point	on sap oozing from Small Sugar Gum(?)
Between Jan 2005 to Oct 2006	Kalimna Park	
5-Sep-2005	Vaughan walk	fresh
17-Oct-2003	Vaughan	
28-Sep-2000	Irishtown Track, Irishtown	
21-Sep-2000	Vaughan	

**Distribution outside our region:** In Victoria, most records are from the south of the state, particularly around Melbourne and Geelong. There are records from most other areas although few records from the drier areas of north-west Victoria. Outside Victoria records are mainly from south-east Queensland, eastern NSW, south-east South Australia and the west coast of Western Australia. This species also occurs in New Zealand.

**Larval Host Plants:** Shade Pellitory (*Parietaria debilis*) and nettles, including the introduced Stinging Nettle (*Urtica urens*)

**Larval association with ants:** None.

**Adult Flight Times in Victoria:** Adults have been recorded during all months in Victoria, with a peak from September to January. Usually one of the first spring butterflies in Victoria. They fly fast, and close to ground and will bask with wings open. Several generations completed each year.

**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:** Likely to be resident and moderately common the Mount Alexander Shire, particular in urban areas and wetter locations supporting nettles.

**References and further reading:**

Atlas of Living Australia – [Vanessa itea](#), Yellow Admiral

iNaturalist – [Vanessa itea](#), Yellow Admiral.