

Two-spotted Line-blue (*Nacaduba biocellata*)



Two-spotted Line-blue showing the underside of the wings. *Photo: Mez Woodward*

Other Common Names: Double-spotted Line-blue, Double Spotted Blue

Family of Butterflies: *Lycaenidae* (Blues and Coppers)

Size: Wingspan 17mm.

Local Records: There are two local records on Atlas of Living Australia, an undated record from Castlemaine and a recent record from Glenluce. There are no additional records on iNaturalist.

Tony Morton's records of Two Spotted Line-blue from the local area (between 2000 to 2013):

Date	Location	Notes
1-Nov-2006	Kalimna Ridge	
19-Sep-2003	Vaughan walk	
5-Oct-2002	Vaughan	flying round one Wirilda outside house in Vaughn

Distribution outside our region: Victorian records are from around Melbourne and from drier areas, mainly the north-west of the state. This species is found in all mainland states..

Larval Host Plants: Larvae feed on the flower buds of wattles (*Acacia* spp.).

Larval association with ants: Larvae often associated with small ants from the *Iridomyrmex* genus.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: It is believed to have almost continuous breeding through the year, with adults being seen in flight in Victoria in all months except June and July.

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: Expected to be moderately common in the Mount Alexander Shire. Larvae are well camouflaged, as they look like wattle flowers.

References and further reading:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Nacaduba biocellata](#), Two-spotted Line-blue

iNaturalist – [Nacaduba biocellata](#), Two-spotted Line-blue