Indigenous Insects of Southern Bolleron

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wadawurrung People -Elders past, present, and emerging; the Traditional Owners of the land on which this diverse selection of 121 native insects (and invertebrates), featured herein, occur. Images are not to scale. Larvae are depicted in a split image for some species. Sizes are approximate body lengths and wingspan (ws) for butterflies/ moths, some damselflies.

Insects (and invertebrates) are often 'keystone' species, which means they provide critically important 'ecosystem services'. Pollination of plants by bees (and butterflies, wasps, etc.) and seed dispersal (e.g. by ants) ensure the reproduction of many flora species and vegetation communities. Other ecosystem services include nutrient recycling (e.g. by earthworms, dung beetles, etc.), cleansing of water (e.g. by freshwater mussels), and pest control (by spiders, lady beetles, etc.). Some insects are 'ecosystem engineers', which modify the environment in a way that facilitates habitat structures (e.g. termite nests) for many other fauna. As 'primary consumers' (i.e. the link in the food chain that follows the 'primary producers' (i.e. plants/algae), insects and their by-products (e.g. honey, honeydew, lerp, galls) sustain the higher 'trophic' levels above them. Thus, if insects become scarce, insectivore populations would suffer decline, which in turn threatens larger predators – a chain reaction known as 'bottom-up' ecosystem collapse (best conceptualised by imagining a Jenga tower upending upon the removal of a bottom block).

DID YOU KNOW???

- Some **native bees** (many unnamed and/or not identified to species level) have a symbiosis with native flowers whereby only their unique buzz stimulates flowers to open up access to nectar, encouraging pollination. Non-native bees cheat the system by piercing the petals to thieve nectar
- Endangered Bogong Moth, famous for its nocturnal migration to/from the Australian Alps (some covering distances of 965km), sustains many alpine fauna (e.g. critically endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum). Bogongs were a traditional food source for First Nations groups, and are iconic for having a town, mountain, mountain range, and plains, named after them
- Non-native omissions: Monarch, Cabbage White, Western Honey Bee, Woodlouse Pillbugs (aka 'Slater Beetle', a crustacean), earthworms, snails

- Abstain from toxic chemical applications (e.g. pesticides, herbicides); these are a leading threatening process to insect populations, particularly many vulnerable bees. Allow **biological control** by natural predators
- Retain valuable microhabitat resources, e.g. logs, rocks, debris, etc.
- Safety warning: Stings and bites may elicit allergic reaction and may require medical attention
- Record your insect sightings on online citizen science databases (e.g. iNaturalist, Atlas of Living Australia) to grow the species distribution dataset, used to inform researchers. Smart phone apps free!

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Ringed Xenica

Geitoneura acantha

Montane Ochre

Trapezites phigalioides

Butterfly, 3cm | (RR‡)

Barred Skipper

Dispar compacta

Butterfly, 3cm | (RR‡)

Yellow Admiral Vanessa itea Butterfly, 5cm | (RR‡)



Klug's Xenica Geitoneura klugii Butterfly, 4cm | (RR‡)



Orange Ochre Trapezites eliena

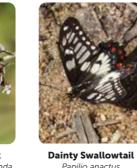
Ocybadistes walkeri

Small butterfly | (RR‡)



Green Grass-Dart









Red-spotted Jezebel

Delias aganippe

Butterfly, 6.5cm | (RR‡)

Varied Dusky-Blue

Canalides hvacinthinus

Butterfly, 3cm | (RR#)

Lampides boeticus

Butterfly, 3cm | (RR#)





Long-tailed Pea-Blue Common Imperial Blue



Chequered Blue

Butterfly, 1.8cm | (RR#)

Jalmenus evagoras

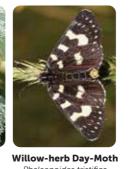
Butterfly, 4cm | (RR‡)

Theclinesthes serpentata



Caper White

Belenois java









Grapevine Moth

Phalaenoides alvcinae

5cm | (JE‡)

Showy Geometrid

Nicoteria macrocosma

Moth, 4cm | (DA‡)

Bright Twisted Moth

Parepisparis lutosaria

5cm | (MC‡)



Pink Arhodia

Arhodia lasiocamparia

Moth. 6.5cm | (MC‡)

Butterflies & Moths

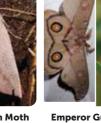
Australian Magpie Moth

Nvctemera amicus

Mid-sized moth | (RR‡)

Golden Sun Moth

Synemon plana (3.5cm)





Pink-bellied Moth

Oenochroma vinaria

5.8cm | (AM‡)

Black Geometrid

Melanodes anthracitaria

Moth. 4.5cm | (CT)

Golden Grass Carpet

Anachloris subochraria

Mid-sized moth | (RR‡)



Labyrinthine Ghost Moth Southern Moon Moth Abantiades labvrinthicus Dasvpodia selenophora 13cm | (MC‡)

Plantain Moth

Scopula rubraria

2cm | (RR‡)

Painted Cup Moth

Doratifera oxleyi

3.5cm | (DA‡; AM‡)



Butterflies & Moths

8.5cm | (RR‡)



Hvpobapta tachvhalotaria 4.3cm | (MC‡)



Variable Cutworm Agrotis porphyricollis





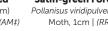








Satin-green Forester Pollanisus viridipulverulenta Moth, 1cm | (RR‡)



Butterflies & Moths Butterflies & Moths



Common Brown







Butterfly, 4cm | (RR#)

Meadow Argus Junonia villida













Butterfly, 7cm | (RR‡)

Olane Azure

Ogyris olane

Butterfly 4cm | (PE‡)

Common Grass-Blue

Zizina otis

Butterfly, 3cm | (RR‡)

Imperial Jezebel

Delias harpalyce

Butterfly, 7cm | (RR‡)

Comocrus behri 5.8cm | (RR‡)

Mid-sized moth | (RR‡)

Mid-sized moth | (MC‡)

Mnesampela privata 4cm | (RR‡)

Opodiphthera eucalypti 6.5cm | (DA‡; GH‡)

Heliotrope Moth Utethesia pulchelloides Small moth | (RR‡)

Orange-rimmed Satin-Moth (5cm) Thalaina selenaea | (AM‡)



Harmonia conformis 0.8cm | (RR‡)



Variegated Lady Beetle Eucalyptus Snout Beetle Honeybrown Beetle Hippodamia variegata

0.7cm | (RR+; SG+)



Christmas Beetles





Rhinoceros Beetles Southern Dung Beetle Genus Dasygnathus Onthophagus australis Mid-sized beetles | (RR‡) Mid-sized beetle | (RT‡)



Ecnolagria grandis

Golden Stag Beetle

Lamprima aurata

Click Beetles

Conoderus tabidus

Small beetle | (RR‡)



Dindymus versicolor

Long Broad-headed Bug

Mutusca brevicornis

Mid-sized bug | (RR‡)

Wingless Grasshopper

Phaulacridium vittatum

2cm | (RR‡)

Dicranolaius bellulus 8mm | (RR‡)

Harlequin Bug (diff ages) Orange Assassin Bug Eucalyptus Tip-wilter

Gminatus australis

Redeye Cicada

Psaltoda moerens

Bug, 6cm | (RR‡)

Grasshoppers, Katydids & Crickets

Bark-mimicking

Grasshopper

Coryphistes ruricola | (RR‡) Grasshopper | (RR‡)



Bug | (RR‡)

Amorbus obscuricornis

Gumleaf Grasshopper

Goniaea australasiae

Chauliognathus lugubris Gastrimargus musicus Grasshopper | (RR‡)



Yellow-winged Locust Giant Green Slantface Acrida conica



Torbia viridissima Mid-sized katydid | (IB)

Gryllotalpa australis



Blue Flower Wasp Spitfire Sawfly Austroscolia soror 3cm | (RR‡)



Loveable Leioproctus Cellophane Bee | (RR‡) Leioproctus amabilis Small bee | (KR‡)

Exoneura bicolor

Small bee | (RR‡)



Blue-banded Bees

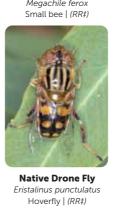
Genus Amegilla

Small bee | (RR‡)













Tau Emerald

Blue-spotted Hawker

Dragonfly | (CT)

Australian Emerald Hemicordulia australiae Dragonfly | (RR‡)



Australian Emperor

Blue Skimmer **Wandering Percher** Adversaeschna brevistyla Orthetrum caledonicum Diplacodes bipunctata Dragonfly, 4.5cm | (CT) Dragonfly, 3.5cm | (RR‡)

Austrolestes leda





Green Mantis

Orthodera ministralis

4cm | (RR‡)















Mussel | 3cm

Ants, Wasps, Bees & similar





1cm | (RR‡)

Tyde's Sand Wasp

Podalonia tydei

Wasp | (RR‡)

Australian Common

Caedicia simplex | (RR‡)



Garden Katydid (4cm) Teleogryllus commodus



Orchid Dupe Wasp

Lissopimpla excelsa

3.5cm | (RR‡)



Black Field Cricket Southern Mole Cricket

Wasp, 3cm | (RR‡; RR‡)

White-spotted

Icheunomid | (3cm)

Lissopimpla excelsa | (RR‡)



Small bee | (RR‡)

Littler's Masked Bee

Hylaeus littleri

Elegant Hairy-

Trichocolletes venustus



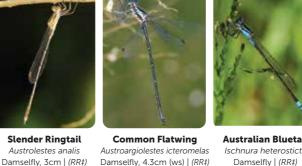












Blue Ringtail



Damselfly, 3cm (ws) | (RR‡) Mid-large damselfly | (RR‡)







Balonne Freshwater

Insect (16cm) | (AM‡)

Ctenomorpha marginipennis

Purple-winged Mantis Margin-winged Stick-

Tenodera australasiae

8cm | (RR‡)