

Discover the Common Butterflies of Western Australia - A Colorful and Enchanting World



Western Australia, with its diverse ecosystems, is home to a wide variety of butterfly species. These delicate creatures bring beauty and wonder to the natural landscapes of the region. From vibrant colors to intricate wing patterns, each butterfly has its own story to tell. In this article, we will explore some of the common butterflies found in Western Australia and learn more about their characteristics, habitats, and behavior.

1. Swallowtail Butterfly (*Papilio machaon*)



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The Swallowtail Butterfly, known for its elegant appearance, is one of the most recognizable butterflies in Western Australia. With its distinct yellow and black

wings, it is a sight to behold. This species is commonly found in open woodlands and coastal regions. It feeds on nectar and is attracted to flowers such as the coastal wattle and banksia. The Swallowtail butterfly undergoes a fascinating metamorphosis and goes through various stages, from egg to caterpillar to pupa and finally emerges as a beautiful adult butterfly.

2. Blue Argus Butterfly (*Junonia orithya*)



The Blue Argus Butterfly is a colorful creature that enchants observers with its striking blue and black wing pattern. It is commonly found in grasslands and coastal dunes across Western Australia. This species has a strong association with its host plants, especially the *Myoporum parvifolium*. The Blue Argus butterfly engages in territorial behavior, defending its chosen area from other butterflies. It can often be seen basking in the sun, displaying its vibrant wings.

3. Common Crow Butterfly (*Euploea core*)



The Common Crow Butterfly, with its black wings adorned with white spots, is a common sight in Western Australia. It can be found in various habitats ranging from forests to urban gardens. This species is known for its long lifespan and strong flight capabilities. The Common Crow butterfly is attracted to different flowering plants, including the lavender and lantana. Its distinct wing pattern serves as a warning to predators, indicating its unpalatability due to toxic compounds present in its body.

4. Orange Nymph Butterfly (*Hypolimnas bolina*)



The Orange Nymph Butterfly, with its vibrant orange coloration and intricate patterns, adds a touch of beauty to Western Australia's landscapes. This species can be found in tropical and subtropical regions, including parts of Western Australia. The Orange Nymph butterfly has a preference for dense vegetation and can often be spotted near rivers and wetlands. It feeds on various plant species, including milkweed. The males of this species possess territorial behavior and engage in aerial fights to defend their territory.

5. Wanderer Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)



The Wanderer Butterfly, also known as the Monarch Butterfly, is a migratory species that occasionally visits Western Australia. This butterfly is famous for its long annual migration, covering thousands of kilometers. It is attracted to milkweed plants, where it lays its eggs. The vibrant orange and black wing pattern of the Wanderer butterfly serves as a warning to predators due to the toxins it absorbs from milkweed plants. Its migratory behavior and stunning appearance make it a favorite among butterfly enthusiasts.

Exploring the world of butterflies in Western Australia reveals a kaleidoscope of colors, patterns, and fascinating behaviors. These delicate creatures play an

essential role in ecosystems as pollinators and indicators of environmental health. Learning about the common butterflies found in Western Australia allows us to appreciate the beauty and diversity of nature. Next time you venture into the great outdoors, keep an eye out for these enchanting winged creatures and take a moment to marvel at their elegance.

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This e-book is intended as an to the butterflies that can be found in Western Australia. This book only contains some examples of species to be found in this family. About 100 species are represented in Western Australia with about 390 species in the whole of the Australian mainland. The species illustrated are a selection of those that one could be expected to find with ease. It is the hope of the author that this e–book will add to the enjoyment of those travelling in Western Australia and will enable identification of the genera and species in the butterfly family and will awaken an interest in general in butterflies in Western Australia.

All photographs in this e-book are original and have been taken in the wild by the author.

The photographs are in colour and are best viewed with a colour e-reader.

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The relationship between the blue butterflies and ants and mimicry between species to avoid predation is described in the book.

The book includes a complete check list of species to be found in Western Australia.



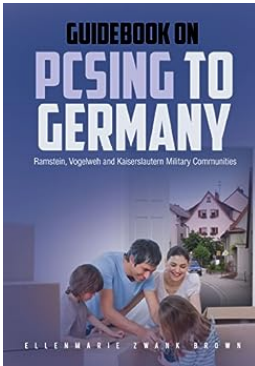
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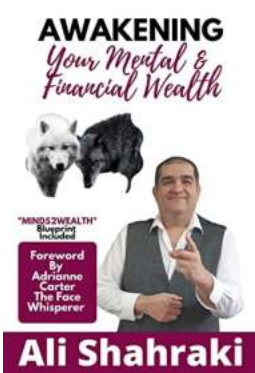
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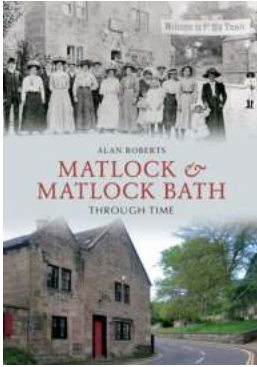
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