

Acraea



30 mm

A glasswing feeding at an Everlasting. Part of the flower is visible through the transparent fore-wing.

Glasswing

Acraea andromacha

The Glasswing is quite common north of Sydney, but is only an occasional visitor to the NSW South Coast and ranges. It looks rather like the Delicate Swallowtail, both in size, gliding flight, and black and white markings, but is readily distinguished by its clear (glassy) fore-wings. Its caterpillars eat Native and introduced Passion Vines.



Underside of the Glasswing



A Glasswing warming in the sun